

## WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. March 2024, at 7.00pm, in the Council Offices, High Street, Winslow. MK18 3HF

**Present:** Cllrs. Bishopp (Chair), Castle, Cawte, Cornell, Goss, Hamley, Keys, Onley, Slevin, van de Poll, and Wiseman.

**Absent:** Cllrs. Cawdell. Apologies accepted.

**Clerk:** C Loch

**In attendance:** Buckinghamshire Cllr. P Gomm representing the Community Board. One members of the public and no press were present. Apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllrs. Chilver and Stanier.

#### **24/19 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**

None

#### **24/20 Minutes of Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup>. February 2024:**

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

#### **Matters Arising:**

None

#### **24/21 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting:** If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

None

#### **24/22 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:**

**Authorisation of payments:** Members considered the payments listing totalling £18,292.18 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment.

**Annual Town and Council Meetings.** The Chairman requested Committee reports to be with him by the end of March. Mr. Hugh Ellerton would be invited to speak on environmental matters.

#### **24/23 Correspondence Received:** If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

None

#### **24/24 Reports from Outside Bodies**

**AVALC.** There had been no further meeting. A date would be set for the AGM.

**Rogers Educational Trust:** No items were reported.

#### **24/25. Committees**

##### **Amenities:**

Members noted that there had been some concerns on public media over the tidying of the Burial Ground. However, it is essentially a lawn cemetery, and the rules are provided when a burial plot is purchased and also published on the burial ground notice board. It is difficult to maintain the site unless remembrance items are restricted and kept only on the memorial plinths, and the general appearance of the site must be maintained out of respect for all. Even so, there has been some leeway given and graves dealt with as sensitively as possible.

##### **Development:**

No items were raised.

##### **Events:**

The next meeting would be on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Finance & Resources:** There had been no further meeting.

The "Yes for Winslow" group were now planning to wind up as there was no longer a need for the activity and they had asked if WTC would hold any remaining funds to be used for a community benefit. It was RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to hold the funds until a use was agreed with the group.

## **24/26 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors**

Bucks Cllr. D Goss explained the process for the Community Governance Review being conducted by Buckinghamshire Council. In view of possible significant development on the western boundary of Winslow, it was agreed that WTC would discuss the review with relevant neighbouring parishes as to how best to deal with development pressures and possibly request consideration in phase II of the review.

Members noted the improved lighting and road markings in the Market Square. They again expressed their concern that not only had the Parking Consultation been poorly communicated and handled but in the event the response of WTC had been totally disregarded and not even acknowledged. The Parking and Travel Plan, which is a condition of the station opening, just 14 months away, was still outstanding and attempts by WTC to discuss the plan were also getting a poor response from Buckinghamshire Council.

### **Community Board Matters**

A concern over the organisation and publicity for the first Dementia Bus event was addressed by Bucks Cllr. P Gomm who explained that such initiatives were driven by input from the whole Community Board area and was the start of a series of initiatives which would be expanded in due course. Members did not agree with funding for another Dementia Bus visit as it was not felt that it responded to the local need. The Board would of course take note of the issues raised.

## **24/27 Current Strategic Issues**

### **East west Rail**

Members noted that in the Budget papers £240m had been released to allow the Bletchley to Bedford section of the line to go ahead. A limited service was expected to start in 2030. There had also been a ceremony to mark the laying of the last 10 metres of track.

### **Community Facilities.**

The meeting considered outline plans for the recreation ground that would provide additional car parking as well as a new playground area and enhanced facilities for the Sports Club. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs. Bishopp and Slevin be delegated to progress the project to have detailed plans drawn up as well as a full costing. This would then provide the basis for the Sports Club and WTC to seek funding and, in due course, apply for planning permission.

### **E V Charging.**

The contractual documentation was expected imminently.

### **Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub.**

No further information was available. The Clerk had written to the local MP to ask for assistance in getting the DfE to de-register the site. Council was yet to receive a response.

### **Items for Information:**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. As the Annual Council Meeting would be later than usual on May 16<sup>th</sup>, there would be no June meeting. Finance & Resources would meet on that date.

Meeting Closed 19.46 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chair) at Meeting ..... (date)