

## WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL

Thursday 11th. July 2024, at 7.00pm, at 28 High Street Winslow MK18 3HF

**Present:** Cllrs. Bishopp (Chair), Cawte, Castle, Cornell, Hamley, Keys, Monger, Slevin, and Wiseman.

**Absent:** Cllrs Onley. Apology accepted. Cllr. Goss apologised for being delayed and attending only the end of the meeting.

**Clerk:** C Loch: Deputy Clerk S Carolan

**In attendance:** Apologies from Bucks Cllrs. J Chilver and Stanier. Two members of the public were present. No press attended.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Monger to the Council.

#### **24/47 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**

None.

#### **Consideration of Applications for Dispensation:**

None

#### **24/48 Minutes of Meetings held 16th. May 2024:**

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** None

#### **24/49 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:**

**Authorisation of payments:** Members considered the payments listings for June and July totalling £31,396.86 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment.

**Co-option:** Members discussed the current casual vacancy and RESOLVED that the process for co-option would be to appoint a panel made up of Cllrs. Monger, Keys and Cornell to hold informal interviews and make a recommendation to Council for consideration and approval. Details of the applicants as supplied would be circulated to councillors in time for them to make comments to the panel which was asked to recommend in time for the Council meeting in September.

**Biodiversity:** Having considered the requirements of the 2021 Environment Act and the obligation for all Committees to have a focus on biodiversity, it was RESOLVED to set up a steering group comprised of councillors and residents as appropriate to oversee the implementation of the Biodiversity Policy. Cllr. Cawte would lead the group and Cllrs. Castle and Wiseman would be initial members. The group would report back to the next meeting on the way forward.

**Digital Inclusion:** It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would investigate opportunities for promoting digital inclusion, possibly working with Cloudy IT and TSB bank. Other relevant groups in the town would be involved as appropriate.

**NJC Award:** Members heard that the Employers had made an offer of £1.290 on all scale points from 2 to 43. As it might not be finally settled until later in the year, it was RESOLVED that this offer be implemented as soon as possible and, if necessary, considered again when the negotiation was finalised.

**Winslow Show:** Members discussed the Winslow Show and RESOLVED to take a stand if till available. The stand would aim to promote the work of the Council and the Farmers Market and Councillors were asked to assist in manning the stand on a rota basis.

**BMKALC:** It was noted that the Council no longer had a Board Member at BMKALC. It was agreed to keep this matter open for the present.

**24/50 Correspondence Received:** If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

**East West Rail:** Members noted a request to continue to carry out Environmental and Non-intrusive surveys in the burial ground for which a fee of £500 would be received. It was RESOLVED to grant permission for this activity.

**Winslow Association of Business and Community:** WABC had advised of a meeting held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Council representatives had attended and reported on the meeting.

**Buckinghamshire Council:** Members heard that it was planned to hold a review of the Conservation Area starting in August. Further details would be made available in due course.

#### **24/51 Reports from Outside Bodies**

**AVALC.** There were no matters to report.

**Rogers Educational Trust:** There were no matters to report.

## **24/52. Committees**

### **Membership of Committees**

Council considered this matter and RESOLVED that L Monger be appointed to the Development Committee. It was also RESOLVED that Cllr Monger would represent Council on NBPCC and BC Parish Liaison.

### **Amenities:**

Discussions with potential playground suppliers were continuing. Potential biodiversity sites had been identified and this would now be progressed by the new steering group. There were also plans to do further development work in the park.

### **Development:**

The Committee continued to raise the issue of car free planning applications with Buckinghamshire Council as, despite the shortage of parking in the town, the same public spaces were being used over and over to back planning applications.

The Chairman had held initial discussions with Adstock on the matter of Community Governance and would report further in due course.

### **Events:**

The July Farmer Market had been very successful. The Committee were giving support to the Winslow Concert Band 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert in the park as well as the North Bucks Bike Ride, both to be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Finance & Resources:**

A response to the second draft of the revised Trust Deed for the Public Hall Trust had been submitted and a reply from BDB was awaited.

The Bowls Club had an estimate for ground works but until there was also an estimate of costs for the building works it could not be considered further for s106 support.

## **24/53 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors**

No Buckinghamshire Councillors were in attendance to report.

### **Community Board Matters**

There was no report from the Community Board

## **24/54 Current Strategic Issues**

### **East west Rail**

The process of handing back land used to widen Furze Lane during construction work had begun.

### **Recreation Ground Project**

The Steering Group reported that they had met with PCMS who they were recommending to manage the Recreation Ground project, comprising work on the Sports Pavilion and changing rooms, a new play area and additional parking. Two firms had been invited to submit bids. It was RESOLVED that PCMS be appointed and that Cllr. Keys join the Steering Group. Cllr Monger abstained from voting on the resolution. The next step would be to instigate further discussions with the Sports Club.

### **E V Charging:**

There would be a further meeting with the provider to finalise contract details on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was hoped to have the facility installed in September/October.

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

There was no further information available.

### **Items for Information:**

No meeting was planned for August and the next meeting would be held on Thursday September 5th.

Meeting Closed 20.08 pm.

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