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## **WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL**

Thursday 7th. November 2024, at 7.00pm, at 28 High Street Winslow MK18 3HF

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

**Absent:** Cllrs Goss. Apology accepted.

**Clerk:** C Loch:

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

#### **24/77 Election of Chair:**

Members heard that Cllr. Bishopp had resigned as Chairman and having called for nomination for the Chair and the Deputy Chair of the Council, members voted and RESOLVED that Cllr. Wiseman be elected as Chairman and Cllr. Keys elected as Deputy Chairman.

#### **24/78 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**

Cllr. Wiseman declared a personal interest in the Winslow Concert Band.

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

None

#### **24/79 Minutes of Meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup>. October 2024:**

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** None

#### **24/80 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:**

**Authorisation of payments:** Members considered the payments listings for October totalling £22,617.13 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment.

**Grants:** Members considered a recommendation from the Finance and Resources Committee to award a grant of £3,400 for the purchase of new uniforms. It was RESOLVED that the grant be approved.

**NJC Award:** The Clerk reported that the NJC award for 2024-25 had been finalised and was as already implemented by Council.

**Newsletter:** Members considered a suggestion to publish a regular newsletter. It was agreed as an idea worth pursuing, but in the first instance, the feasibility of including it in the Parish News would be investigated.

**24/81 Correspondence Received:** If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

**Mayor's Cadet:** Council had been notified that Corporal Gabriel Marina had been chosen as the Mayors' Cadet for 2024 and it was RESOLVED to approve the award.

#### **24/82 Reports from Outside Bodies**

**AVALC.** There had been no further meetings.

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

#### **Winslow Association of Business and Community:**

The next meeting would be on Wed, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

#### **24/83. Committees**

##### **Amenities:**

The committee was progressing plans for the playground and having visited numerous sites and reviewed a number of concept plans were ready to go to the procurement stage. The WABC group were proposing the use of CCTV in some parts of the town and it was RESOLVED that the unused WTC CCTV equipment would be made available to WABC for their monitoring project if it proved suitable.

##### **Development:**

It was reported that while Addington were not interested in joint activity in respect of possible development in the area west of Winslow, they would undertake to keep WTC informed of any relevant development matters and WTC would do likewise.

##### **Events:**

Members heard that plans for the annual Christmas Fair were well in hand and that this year it would be extended into the section of Horn St. adjacent to the George Hotel. The Fair would be held on Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Finance & Resources:**

The revised Public Hall Trust Deed would soon be ready to go to the Trustees and Council for approval and would then be followed by a second stage of getting Charities Commission approval.

**Biodiversity Steering Group:** It was reported that the group had met on October 15<sup>th</sup> and had dealt with a number of matters including Jericho Woods, drawing up a generic list of trees in relation to planning applications and sourcing disease resistant Elms to replaced those lost on the Sports Ground.

**24/84 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors**

Buckinghamshire Councillor J Chilver reported on a number of highways issues including the coned off drain near Mill Close, replacement bollards outside the Co-op (scheduled to be done before Christmas), and the damaged pavement in the Market Square. He was also asked to chase the removal of the abandoned car in Lowndes Way.

**Community Board Matters**

The Proud of Bucks Awards being presented at the University of Buckingham was noted.

**24/85 Current Strategic Issues**

**East west Rail**

It was announced in the recent budget that there would be continued support for EWR and consultation would soon start on the next stages east of Bletchley. There had been test trains running recently and this was expected to continue in the new year, mainly for driver training. It was also noted that there were still some issues with signage at Furze Lane.

**Community Facilities Phase II; Recreation Ground Project.**

The working group had met on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and would meet again mid-December. The current focus was on the changing rooms element and plans for the playground as well as what funding would be available.

**Parking:** A response from Buckinghamshire Council was still awaited after repeated attempts to engage with them. It was now expected that there would be a response in the next week, after which it is hoped to open negotiations about affordable support from WTC for some aspects of parking in Winslow. It was noted that from this Sunday, the all-day Sunday charge for parking in the Market Square would be 70p.

**E V Charging:**

Confirmation of the power supply from National Grid was still awaited before the project could proceed.

**Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub.**

The meeting scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. had been cancelled as Buckinghamshire Council were not ready to provide a more detailed update and there had been no further progress. Cllr. Bishopp made the point to Bucks. Cllr. Chilver that after some six years the project was no further advanced, and this also applied to the promised Sports Hub. It was a disgrace and appalling that nothing worthwhile had been achieved in that time.

**Items for Information:**

At the end of the meeting Cllr. Bishopp announced that he was resigning as a Councillor for personal reasons and would be moving from Winslow. He thanked councillors for their support during his time as Chairman and said that it had been a pleasure to work with them. Councillors then made a vote of thanks to Cllr. Bishopp for his very significant contribution to the work of the Council.

Members noted that a local farmer had put considerable effort and expense into draining water away from the blockage on the Buckingham Road near Hanover Farm. It was for Buckinghamshire Council to fix the problem but his efforts in alleviating the situation were very much appreciated.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councillors were asked to note that Remembrance Day would be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Meeting Closed 20.10 pm.

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