

WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL

Thursday 1st. June 2023, at 7.00pm, in the Council Offices, High Street, Winslow. MK18 3HF

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

Absent: Cllrs. Cornell, Keys. Apologies accepted.

Clerk: C Loch Deputy Clerk: S Carolan

In attendance: Apologies from Bucks Cllrs. J Chilver and B Stanier. No public or press were present.

23/38 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

Cllr. Hamley noted that he was now a member of the PCC.

23/39 Minutes of Meetings held 11th. May 2023:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

None

The meeting was adjourned to hear a report from the Neighbourhood Police.

PCSO Andrew Piotrowski reported that although a lack of staff and the larger area to cover because of the revised Council boundaries had been a significant challenge, 2 additional PCSO's had been recruited and would start on June 19th. Crime remained at a low level although he did warn that there was a surge in rural crime at present. It was possible that TVP might be able run a local weekly surgery in the future.

The meeting was reconvened.

23/40 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting: If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

None

23/41 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:

Authorisation of payments: Members considered the payments listing totalling £4,758.91 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment.

Policy: The Chair raised a concern that there was an increasing amount of street clutter in the town and while there was no wish to inhibit community events or trade, it was important to preserve the look of the town and also avoid unwarranted signage or items on the pavements which could be a hazard. All Committees were asked to consider the current policy and what else, if anything, could be done.

23/42 Correspondence Received: If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

Members noted that the new Chair of the Community Board was Bucks. Cllr. Phil Gomm and that he would be meeting with the WTC Chair on June 5th to have an initial discussion on how the Board could best assist and work with WTC.

23/43 Reports from Outside Bodies

AVALC. There were no items to report.

Rogers Educational Trust: The next meeting would be in June or July.

23/44. Committees

Amenities:

The East entrance to the public hall car park would now be improved with a slope constructed to provide a safe walkway. A new barrier at the main entrance would be installed to enable the operator to unlock the barrier at ground level. The drain across the entrance required urgent repair and it was RESOLVED that this be authorised. A new bench for the park was being installed and would have an extended hard surface to allow for a wheelchair to join another using the bench.

Development:

No items were raised for discussion.

Events:

The Chair noted how pleasing it was that the Coronation celebration had brought so many groups together and thanked all those concerned. He also noted that the new 3Bs community radio had attended the Farmers Market and were planning to also attend the Christmas Fair.

Finance & Resources:

The next meeting would be on June 13th.

23/45 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Buckinghamshire Cllr. Goss noted that there had been a complaint about rubbish at the site of the Market Square bank development and that Buckinghamshire Council were looking into it. The revised Council boundaries had now been published. There would now be just one Buckinghamshire Councillor for Winslow.

Community Board Matters

The new Community Board year had started mid May and P Gomm was now the Chair. D Goss would now Chair the Bucks. Standards and General Purposes Committee.

23/46 Current Strategic Issues

East west Rail

There were no items to report.

Community Facilities

There was a meeting on 1st June to review and finalise any snagging items which would be raised with PCMS . Stage II would be considered as details of the Winslow Centre Development became clearer.

Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub.

There had been no further developments.

Items for Information:

The next meeting would be held on Thursday July 6th.

Meeting Closed 19.43 pm.

Signed: (Chair) at Meeting (date)