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WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL

Thursday 6th. July 2023, at 7.00pm, in the Council Offices, High Street, Winslow. MK18 3HF

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

Absent: Cllrs. Castle, Cornell, Goss and Onley. Apologies accepted.

Clerk: C Loch Deputy Clerk: S Carolan

In attendance: Bucks Cllrs. J Chilver and B Stanier. Two members of the public. No press were present.

23/47 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

None

23/48 Minutes of Meetings held 1st. June 2023:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Street scene: WAG had advised that the flags in the High St. would be taken down on Friday 7th July. Development would continue to monitor how Buckinghamshire Council were dealing with any planning considerations.

23/49 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting: If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

None

23/50 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:

Authorisation of payments: Members considered the payments listing totalling £46,710.41 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment.

VAS: Members heard that to move the damaged VAS on Buckingham Road to a new site nearer to the edge of the 30mph limit would cost approximately £5,050 plus possible further fees in the region of £719 from Buckinghamshire Council. Bucks Cllr. Chilver would investigate the possibility of avoiding the Buckinghamshire Council fees and the Deputy Clerk would seek contributory funding from the Community Board. The expenditure was approved subject to receiving decisions on the fees and Community Board funding.

23/51 Correspondence Received: If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

Community Meeting: WTC had received an invitation to a community meeting to be held on July 26th at Calvert to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour with the Neighbourhood Police. Cllr. Hamley was delegated to attend and all councillors were asked to submit priorities on ASB to the Clerk as soon as possible so they could be collated before the meeting.

23/52 Reports from Outside Bodies

AVALC. It was noted that AVALC had concerns about the running of the Community Board and would be discussing this further with the new Cabinet member. Members expressed a concern that there was an overlap between organisations such as BALC and AVALC although it was accepted that they did deal with differing geographical areas. They then heard a report on a recent meeting of BALC's Parishes Liaison Meeting at which it was noted that the Boundaries Commission recommendations for Bucks wards are expected to go before parliament in the next few weeks, parishes were reminded to return the Town and Parish Council survey and it was noted that a Town and Parish Council webinar about Local Nature Recovery Strategy was planned for 25 July.

Rogers Educational Trust: No matters were raised.

23/53. Committees

Amenities:

The proposal for a new barrier at the main entrance to the Public Hall car park could not be progressed as the supplier was unable to install. A better barrier had been identified and it was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £5,650 plus a mileage charge for this project. The drain across the entrance now required a permanent repair and it was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £3,200 for the work to be done by a local contractor as they had assisted with the urgent emergency repair and could do the work without

needing to close the car park for several days. Work to improve the East entrance to the public hall car park would be done in the next week. Hoggins to complete the installation of the Renshell park bench was to be purchased and the surplus of the required minimum quantity would be used for path repairs and extension.

Development:

No items were raised for discussion.

Events:

Attendance at the June market was good although traders had commented that actual trade was lower than normal.

Finance & Resources:

The recruitment of an Estates Assistant had been recommended by both the Amenities and Finance and Resources Committees and it was RESOLVED that recruitment be progressed.

23/54 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Buckinghamshire Cllr. Chilver reported on works to be progressed for paving repairs in the Market Square, the drain at the corner of Vicarage Road, flooding outside the Co-Op and damage to the pavement in Elmfields Gate. The 30 mph signage had now been moved beyond the Furze Lane junction. The public consultation on the proposal to move the Furze Down 6th form to Buckingham had opened. There was nothing further to report on the Winslow Centre Development although the Cabinet Report was still expected to be considered in the autumn. An update meeting would be arranged. A further town walk around with the Local Area Technician was also proposed. Bucks Cllr. Stanier noted that the Community Board had funding available for suitable projects.

Community Board Matters

The next Community Board meeting would be on Wednesday 19th July.
Rural Economic Uplift Task and Finish Group: No further information.
Winslow Action Group: There was no further information.

23/55 Current Strategic Issues

East west Rail

A local representatives meeting had been held recently and confirmed that full service was expected to commence late 2024 or early 2025 with 2 trains per hour the expected frequency. As yet a business case had not been established for the Aylesbury link. A number of road works would soon commence to repair and reinstate road surfaces impacted by construction works. Buckinghamshire Council were requested to progress the re-opening of the footpath adjacent to the line from Buckingham Road as quickly as possible.

Community Facilities

WTC representatives had met with the Sports Club and it appeared that a refurbishment programme for the pavilion would be more acceptable than a major rebuild and extension. Funding possibilities were being considered.

Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub.

There had been no further developments.

Items for Information:

It was noted that repairs to the Addington path and the steps to the rear of Rudds Close would be undertaken by Buckinghamshire Council.

The next meeting would be held on Thursday August 3rd.

Meeting Closed 19.59 pm.

Signed: (Chair) at Meeting (date)