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WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL

Thursday 5th. September 2024, at 7.00pm, at 28 High Street Winslow MK18 3HF

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

Absent: Cllrs Goss. Monger . Apologies accepted.

Clerk: C Loch:

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

24/61 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

None.

Consideration of Applications for Dispensation:

None

24/62 Minutes of Meetings held 22nd. August 2024:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: None

24/63 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:

Co-option: Members considered the recommendation of the interviewing panel and RESOLVED that Mr. Terry Ives be appointed councillor to fill the casual vacancy.

Authorisation of payments: Members considered the payments listings for June and July totalling £31,206.21 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment.

External Audit: The Clerk reported that the Annual Return and Audit for 2023-24 had been cleared by the External Auditor and that no issues or comments had been raised.

24/64 Correspondence Received: If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

Winslow MP: Mr. Callum Anderson, the newly elected MP, had written to suggest a meeting with Councillors. It was Resolved that in the first instance it would be best for Mr. Anderson to attend a full Council meeting. The Clerk was asked to issue an invitation.

Buckinghamshire Council: Members noted the forthcoming consultation on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Cllrs Slevin and Cawte planned to attend briefing sessions.

24/65 Reports from Outside Bodies

AVALC. A meeting was being planned in the near future.

Rogers Educational Trust: There were no matters to report.

Winslow Association of Business and Community:

Mr Simon Wilkinson spoke on behalf of the WABC and highlighted the rapid progress being made in establishing the organisation as well as achievements already made on matters such as shoplifting and plans to reinvent Winslow commercially. They would also lead a plan to extend and enhance the annual Christmas Fair.

Councillors RESOLVED to join the organisation.

24/66. Committees

Membership of Committees

Council considered this matter and RESOLVED that T Ives be appointed to the Development Committee to replace Cllr. Wiseman.

Amenities:

The committee was currently busy with plans for the Playground and Burial Ground. Having helped to establish the Biodiversity working group, this would now report to Council. The notes for the first meeting held on Sept 2nd and the draft Terms of Reference would be circulated to members and formal approval would be given at the next meeting. Members were invited to comment.

Development:

The previous month had centred on the planning consent for 92 High St. and the related parking issue. There had been no further progress on Community Governance and discussions with Addington

Events:

Members heard how the Committee planned to work with WABC to extend the Christmas Fair by passing the organisation to relevant community groups so that it would continue as a major feature of the Winslow year. Council approved the proposal to close the High St. from Greyhound Lane to the Bell Hotel. Once consent was received from Buckinghamshire Council the detailed planning would commence through a Christmas Fair working party.

Finance & Resources:

BDB had sent a revised draft Trust Deed. Representatives of the Trust and Council would meet to discuss the draft and agree any required amendments.

The Bowls Club now had estimates for building works for new changing rooms. The matter was referred to the Finance & Resources Committee to discuss further and make a recommendation on the use of s106 funds.

The Sports Club had requested landlords consent for the erection of an additional stand as required by the FA. As this needed to be considered in the context of permitted development, the matter was referred to the Development Committee. It was also RESOLVED that in future, any development which is thought to be Permitted Development should be scrutinised by the Development Committee to satisfy the Committee that it does fall within Permitted Development.

24/67 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

No Buckinghamshire Councillors were in attendance.

Community Board Matters

There was no report from the Community Board.

Members expressed some concern at how grants were determined and RESOLVED to recommend to the Board that the policy be changed so that grants for a parish were limited to 10% of the allocated fund unless there was clear benefit to a wider area or very special circumstances.

24/68 Current Strategic Issues

East west Rail

The line was now owned by Network Rail as the construction project was complete. There would be an excursion train running in November and there was approval for trains to run each way every half hour from December for testing and driver training purposes.

Community Facilities Phase II; Recreation Ground Project.

There would be a further meeting with the Sports Club on Sept 11th.

E V Charging:

The lease had now been signed and the order for equipment was expected to be placed in the next week.

Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub.

There would be an update meeting with the Buckinghamshire Council project manager on Sept. 10th.

Items for Information:

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday October 3rd.

Meeting Closed 20.19 pm.

Signed: (Chair) at Meeting (date)