

WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Tuesday 7th March 2023, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

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

Absent: None

Clerk: C Loch:

In attendance. No members of the public were present.

23/01 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

None

23/02 Minutes of Meetings held 8th. December 2022:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Members heard progress on establishing EV charging points in the town. It was agreed that Cllr. Slevin would continue to investigate options and report back in due course.

23/03 Items deferred from previous meetings: not elsewhere on the agenda.

None

23/04 Items delegated by Council - not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda

Members noted the request to Council from the Breathe Easy Group for use of space at the Council office. It was now reported that they would be able to continue at the Bowls Club and no further action was needed.

23/05 Winslow Centre and Sports Hub Development:

A further meeting was being arranged with Buckinghamshire Council representatives.

23/06 Property and Assets

The business case from Amenities for work on the burial ground extension was awaited before this could be discussed further.

Public Hall Parking. Once construction work on the hall was completed the barrier could again be locked. The Clerk was asked to discuss the provision of a more convenient locking system with Amenities.

23/07 Council Offices

No items were raised.

23/08 Administration and Finance:

Recruitment:

The Clerk reported that an Administrator had been appointed and was expected to start work in the week after Easter. The salary would be based on SCP9.

Grants:

Current applications were considered and it was RESOLVED as follows:

Autism Early Support:	Grant of £1,000.00 approved from War Memorial Trust.
North Bucks Breathe Easy Group:	Grant of £1,000.00 from the War Memorial Trust.
Winslow Players:	Grant of £610 from the War Memorial Trust

A request from the Lions for support for the annual Winslow Fire Works display was considered and it was RESOLVED that the Council would undertake to fund any loss made on the event up to a maximum of £1,000.00. It would be considered further once figures for the 2023 event were available.

The closed burial ground was discussed. Funding to assist with tree works had been previously approved prior to the pandemic but as yet had not been progressed. Some assistance with work on trees to the North of the Church and a leaning tree to the South side would be made available from the Farmers Market Community reserve subject to current quotes being obtained along the necessary planning and faculty approvals.

An application from the Royal British Legion towards roof repairs to the club building was considered. The application could not be determined until the club had decided on the final proposal for necessary works and how the total project would be funded, as grants over £1,500 would only be made in exceptional circumstances and the estimated cost would be well in excess of any grant.

Management Accounts

The provision of Ear Marked Reserves for the year end accounts was considered and it was RESOLVED that the initial provision be:

Legal and Appeal Costs Planning	£34,000.00
Street Lighting	£ 6,500.00
Farmers Market Reserve	£ 5,722.00
Youth Services Provision	£ 6,400.91

Web site ticker modification: A sum of £50 was approved for this modification.

23/09 Outside Bodies

Winslow Sports and Social Club:

A request to spread payment of the lease over the year was considered and it was RESOLVED to offer quarterly payments. The Clerk would write a side letter to that effect if the Sports Club took up the offer.

Public Hall Trustees:

There would be a management meeting on March 8th. The Council representatives would be requiring progress on the accounts and would also raise the need to update the Trust Deed.

23/10 Correspondence – None not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Items to Report: for information only.

Next meeting Tuesday June 13th. 2023

Meeting Closed 20.24 pm.

Signed: (Chair) at Meeting (date)