

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WINCHCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT ABBEY FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BACK LANE, WINCHCOMBE AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024.

PRESENT: Ms S Sturgeon (Vice Chair) Mr R Wakeford
 Mr D Chandler The Clerk
 Mr M Lennard Deputy Clerk
 Mr S Maughan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PRIOR TO MEETING COMMENCING.

Residents Cathy and Jason introduced themselves to the council as they will be taking over the management of Long Shot coffee kiosk, which operates from Winchcombe Park, in October. Clerk to issue a permission letter. Councillors stated they were very pleased that the business would be continued.

Peter Griffiths on behalf of the organisers of the Midsummer Festival organisers wishes to express sincere thanks for the kind donation from WTC, without which the festival may not have gone ahead. Cllr M Lennard stated that the event is one of the best offerings in the town and to thank the organisers.

1. TO NOTE APOLOGIES.

Apologies received from Cllrs J Mason, H Clarke, R Parker, D Gray, G Madle.

Non-attendance recorded for Cllrs O Madle and W Marlow.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllr D Chandler declared on Item 8.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

a) PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 3 JULY, 7 AUGUST AND 21 AUGUST 2024.

b) COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2024.

Items 3a and 3b deferred to October meeting as members present were inadequate in number to be quorate.

4. TO RECEIVE MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

Councillor Retirement	WTC wishes to express an official vote of thanks to Cllr Valerie Dean for her years of service to the town and residents. Valerie was a member of many council committees and will be greatly missed. Councillors presented Valerie with a card and Recognition of Community Service Award.
20 is Plenty Campaign	Letter sent to GCC requesting 20mph speed limits in Winchcombe and across the county.

5. TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION SERVICES TO SUPPORT DELIVERY OF WTCS CIL/FOUR-YEAR PLAN CONSULTATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY.

Mr Rafe Spies, a local resident and communications professional, presented to councillors on how he could support plans to improve community engagement. Councillors were agreed that professional services would be beneficial in driving forward consultation on how our residents want to engage with their council, and in readiness for consultations on CiL and the Four-Year Plan. Rafe to provide WTC with a formal proposal and costs for consideration at the October council meeting. Clerk to arrange meeting with Rafe to provide background information.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WINCHCOMBE YOUTH CENTRE BUILDING (THE OLD BOYS SCHOOL).

Item 6 deferred to October meeting as Cllr G Madle not present.

7. TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF SPEEDING ON THE RESURFACED GRETTON AND EVESHAM ROADS.

Cllr D Chandler raised concerns that since the resurfacing of the above-mentioned roads, traffic speeds have increased. Cllr R Wakeford offered to meet with GCC Councillor D Gray to discuss potential solutions such as calming or VAS, the work already completed by the Highways Working Group following the WTC Highways Public Consultation and possible funding. Cllr R Wakeford to schedule the meeting and invite Cllr S Sturgeon and J Mason.

8. TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING 40% AFFORDABLE HOUSING), OFF EVESHAM ROAD, GREET. AS THIS IS AN OUTLINE APPLICATION MATTERS APART FROM VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE EVESHAM ROAD ARE RESERVED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.











Members agreed for Cllr R Wakeford to draft a response to the application, incorporating the key concerns presented by residents. The draft response to be shared with all members for approval prior to submission.

9. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A REVISED APPROACH TO PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Members discussed the potential for holding planning committee meetings once per month, rather than twice per month. Agreed to test over coming months and call extraordinary meetings as and when required to meet TBC planning deadlines. Decision to be proposed to full council for approval at October meeting.

Clerk to contact all members with a plea for at least one more member to join the Planning Committee.

10. CIRCULARS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

NALC	<p> NALC NEWSLETTER 31/07/24</p> <p> CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN 01/08/24</p> <p> STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2024</p> <p> CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN 08/08/24</p> <p> NALC NEWSLETTER 14/08/24</p> <p> CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN 15/08/24</p> <p> NALC NEWSLETTER 21/08/24</p> <p> CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN 22/08/24</p> <p> NALC WEBSITE Launch of new website from 7 October</p> <p> NALC EVENTS</p> <p>The future of neighbourhood plans 25 September 2024 — 12.00 – 13.15</p> <p>Mastering emergency planning 23 October 2024 — 12.00 – 13.15</p> <p>The quest for devolution in local governance 20 November 2024 — 12.00 – 13.15</p> <p>Empowering the young councillors of tomorrow 13 December 2024 — 12.00 – 13.15</p> <p>Navigating rural realities 29 January 2025 — 12.00 – 13.15</p>
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	<p>Is the fight for standards a losing battle? 26 February 2025 — 12.00 – 13.15</p> <p>Breaking the mould of local councils 26 March 2025 — 12.00 – 13.15</p>
Your Community Alerts	<p>Our News August 2024.pdf (ourwatch.org.uk)</p> <p>A Ford Transit van was broken into and a quantity of tools were stolen in Gretton Road in Winchcombe, overnight from the 20th into the 21st August.</p>
GAPTC	<p>August 2023 GAPTC Newsletter (mailchi.mp) (This is the Aug 2024 newsletter!)</p> <p>August 2024 Planning Newsletter (mailchi.mp) Special Edition</p>
Tewkesbury Borough Council	<p>A new web page specifically aimed at supporting and signposting armed forces personnel and veterans. Armed forces - Tewkesbury Borough Council. It is signposted through the Community page here: Community - Tewkesbury Borough Council</p> <p>Developers and community groups come together to sign Garden Communities Charter (mailchi.mp)</p> <p>Parish Matters 2024 issue 3 (mailchi.mp)</p> <p>Council helps to optimise infrastructure delivery within Garden Communities (mailchi.mp)</p> <p>Fly-tipping at Bishop's Cleeve bring banks sees removal this September (mailchi.mp)</p>
GCC	<p>Councils Connected - August 2024 (govdelivery.com) A familiar face features in this edition!</p>
SLCC	<p>SLCC New Guidance: Responding to Online Abuse</p> <p>SLCC Local Government Pay Claim 2024/25 – Update</p> <p>SLCC Government seeking views of proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Consultation closes 24 September</p> <p>News Bulletin - 15 August 2024</p> <p>SLCC Meeting with MHCLG</p> <p>SLCC Civility & Respect</p>
Rural Services Network	<p>The Rural Bulletin - 30 July 2024 (mailchi.mp)</p> <p>The Rural Bulletin - 6 August 2024 (mailchi.mp)</p> <p>RSN Rural Funding Digest - August 2024 Edition (mailchi.mp)</p> <p>The Rural Bulletin - 13 August 2024 (mailchi.mp)</p> <p>The Rural Bulletin - 20 August 2024 (mailchi.mp)</p>
CPRE North Cotswolds	<p>Awards Ceremony 2024 at Elmore Court – book tickets</p> <p>August newsletter (mailchi.mp)</p> <p>Enter our photography competition for a chance to win £100! (mailchi.mp) Entry deadline 30 September</p>

	{user_data~First Name~Friend} , make your voice heard on the government's planning changes (cpre.org.uk)
Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme	https://gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk/ latest newsletter showing impact on young people, our new & improved website and the future of GMP.
Gloucestershire Constabulary	<p>Most of us would have seen the news over the past few days which has understandably left some people feeling concerned and worried about further disorder. We know people will be worried about this happening locally, and we are aware of posts circulating on social media. Reassurance patrols have been taking place across the county, and keeping people safe is our priority.</p> <p>We would like to take this time to remind people that if there are incidents locally, we will take robust action and anyone identified as engaging in disorder will be met with the full force of the law. The Constabulary will not hesitate to take action against those who seek to commit offences. Our advice to anyone considering in engaging in disorder is not to do so – you risk time in prison, and we have already seen people being charged, put before the courts and jailed in other parts of the country. If found guilty of violent disorder, you risk spending up to five years in prison.</p> <p>We know lots of disinformation has been spread on social media across the country, and we would urge people to think twice about what you read and share online. If anyone has any information regarding pre-planned disorder or criminality, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. You can also call us on 101 or provide non-urgent information online here: https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/</p> <p>In the case of an emergency dial 999. Assistant Chief Constable, Operations & Local Policing, Donna Lawton</p>

11. ACCOUNTS FOR REPORTING AND SETTLEMENT.

Item 11 deferred to October meeting as members present were inadequate in number to be quorate.

Meeting closed 9.06pm.