

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on  
**Tuesday 17th April 2012,**  
at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell, Gibbs and Wiseman,  <b>Apologies:</b> None  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch  <i>There were no members of the public or press present.</i></p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> – Cllr. Castle declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Youth Centre.</p>
A12/42	<p><b>Minutes</b> of meeting on 20th March 2012 agreed to be a true record and signed</p>
A12/43	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b>  The Chairman noted that this was the last meeting of the Council year and thanked the Committee for their work during a very successful year.  <b>Elmfields Gate Parking:</b> Members heard that disabled spaces were often being used for general parking. The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate how parking restrictions could be enforced and ways to encourage users of the car park to respect the restrictions designed for the general good of the public  <b>Recreation Ground Planting:</b> Members noted that it had been necessary to provide clarification and make some adjustments to the planting scheme to meet the concerns of neighbouring residents.  <b>Cricketers Row:</b> Noted that the relevant authorities had now been contacted on three occasions regarding damage to the verge.</p>
	<p><b>Items delegated by Council:</b> None</p>
A12/44	<p><b>Street Furniture</b>  <b>Welcome Planter/Signs</b> (A12/30): The refurbished signs were now back in place and much improved. The height had been adjusted to meet the original specification.</p>
A12/45	<p><b>Landscaping and Trees</b>  <b>Landscaping Contract:</b> Work had begun on the beds for the current year and the planters would be established once the weather was favourable. It was agreed that the planting scheme should be as for the previous year as it had proved successful.</p>
A12/46	<p><b>Burial Ground:</b>  <b>Landscaping of Transferred Land:</b> (A12/36) The planting had been done as planned in early April. The deputy Clerk was asked to press the Developer for an answer as to a contribution to fencing so that a plan could be finalised. An indicative quote for a suitable fence had been requested. Members also considered any further work required and RESOLVED that subject to Budget considerations expenditure of up to £120 be approved to have the large triangle mowed and a temporary wind screen erected to protect the new trees.  Mowing and any future maintenance would require a suitable access gate from Furze Lane and the Deputy Clerk was asked to provide possible solutions for consideration at the next meeting.</p>
A12/47	<p><b>Playground:</b>  <b>Expenditure:</b> Members heard that Cllrs. Gibbs and Eatwell had prepared a report on the playground equipment. A draft plan for new / replacement equipment would be prepared for consideration at the June meeting. Plans for the new Play Area at the Verney Road Development would need to be borne in mind.</p>
A12/48	<p><b>Jubilee Games Area</b> (A12/38): Cllr Barry reported on progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RESOLVED to approve £72 for Artwork to enable approval of the signage.</li> <li>• The JGA had proved very popular and was being well used. The Coaching day organised with MK Dons had been very successful and it was hoped to have further such events.</li> <li>• There were still some problems with the daily maintenance but nothing serious and should settle down in due course.</li> <li>• The site would be inspected on May 4<sup>th</sup> to determine the basis for rates.</li> </ul>

A12/49	<b>Outdoor Gym:</b> Members heard that a number of sites were being considered for this facility. Cllr. Barry and the Deputy Clerk would prepare a draft proposal for consideration at the June meeting. The WI had expressed an interest in this project and they would, if possible, be included in formulating a draft plan.
A12/50	<b>CCTV Upgrade:</b> (A12/40) Members heard an update report from Cllr. Chambers. Alternatives quotes had been received for the work on the Public Hall Car Park installation which confirmed that the existing proposal provided the lowest cost and best value solution. RESOLVED that the Committee confirm to Council that the original proposal to use the existing proven and responsive local contractor for this work provides an holistic and integrated approach with both short and long term best value.
A12/51	<b>Reports of Outside Bodies</b> <b>BSNAG:</b> A report had been circulated <b>Friends of Winslow Youth Centre / Youth Cafe:</b> Cllr. Castle noted the report already circulated and that a decision by WTC on the lease was awaited before further plans could be determined. <b>Winslow Charities:</b> The next meeting would be in May.
	<b>Correspondence:</b> <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items. None</i>
	<b>Other Items for information:</b> <b>Sports Club:</b> Members noted that Cllrs. Barry and Eatwell had attended the AGM on April 16 <sup>th</sup> .  Meeting closed at 8.31pm.  Signed: ..... (Chairman)      Date: .....