

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Tuesday 24th January 2012,
at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell, Gibbs and Wiseman, Apologies: None Clerk: C Loch <i>There was one member of the public present for part of the meeting.</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest – Cllr. Castle declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Youth Centre. Cllr. Wiseman declared a personal interest in the matter relating to Lions</p>
A12/01	<p>Minutes of meeting on 20th December 2011 agreed to be a true record and signed</p>
A12/02	<p>Matters Arising: Elmfields Gate Parking: The Deputy Clerk reported that he had not encountered any cars parked on hatched areas of the PHCP although was not able to monitor the car park at all times. Cllr. Eatwell volunteered to assist and the Deputy Clerk would also supply the Groundsman with notices.</p>
A12/03	<p>Public Hall Car Park Barrier – Members noted that the barrier had been repaired at an approved cost of £125.00. Further analysis of CCTV images would be carried out to track the source of the damage.</p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council: None</p>
A12/04 A12/05 A12/06	<p>Street Furniture Welcome Planter/Signs (A11/198): Noted that now awaiting date for the refurbishment work. Salt Bin – Church Walk. Members heard that the grit left in Church Walk was not in a container and rapidly was dispersed, damaging the surrounding plants and not being available when required RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a small grit container at an approximate cost of £60 after checking if one was available from BCC. . Dog Bin – footpath adjoining Burial Ground. Members noted a request for a bin at the Furze Lane end of this path and RESOLVED to defer the matter until it could be considered in the context of the landscaping associated with the new Business Park and the transfer of land to the Council.</p>
A12/07	<p>Landscaping and Trees Sports Club Entrance – Members noted that the trees adjacent to the main entrance gates were causing pressure on the gates. Cllrs Barry and Eatwell would raise the matter at the next Sports Club meeting.</p>
A12/08 A12/09 A12/10	<p>Burial Ground: Transfer of Land: (A11/194) Noted that the transfer was still awaiting release from a Deed of Grant in favour of Southern Gas Board to enable them to lay mains and pipes. It was hoped that the transfer could be finalised within two to three weeks. Landscaping of transferred land: This would be considered in conjunction with the Lion's tree planting at the next meeting. Burial Fees: Members considered the fees which were last reviewed in 2010 and RESOLVED to implement a 5% increase (rounded up) as from April 1st 2012 .The fees would be reviewed annually thereafter.</p>
A12/11	<p>Playground: Leaf Blower: Noted that the leaf blower was now operational. A risk assessment and PPE were in place.</p>
A12/12	<p>Jubilee Games Area (A11/198): Cllr Barry reported on progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works were progressing well. Some problems with removal of spoil but not significant, and since resolved. • Electrical work was complete but required testing by the BCC approved contractor. • The litter bin was on order and would be installed (position to be agreed with BCC) after completion. • Signage to be agreed – draft to be prepared by the Deputy Clerk after checking on other like facilities in the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official opening proposed for Saturday March 31st - timing to be around midday. Cllr Barry would look into getting suitable sports people to attend. • Opening and closing each day. After detailed discussion on staffing this role it was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that Council employ a person for this specific role to also include checking the Community Shelter and that a job description be prepared as soon as possible. Further discussion was deferred to the end of the meeting as it was seen to be confidential, • The matter of rates would be finalised on completion. <p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 1943 to allow members of the public to speak</i> A member of the public spoke on behalf of Lions in respect to the Tree Planting scheme being undertaken in conjunction with the Council and the Sports Club. <i>The meeting reconvened</i></p>
A12/13	Tree Planting – Lions International. (A11/192) Members RESOLVED that a working party of Cllrs. Barry, Castle, Wiseman and Gibbs with representatives of Lions and the Sports Club would meet on Tuesday 31 st . Jan to recommend a planting scheme for the Sports Club and Burial Ground for approval by Council on Thursday 2 nd February.
A12/14	Fitness Trail: RESOLVED to defer this item to the February meeting. Members would gather ideas and funding for the type of equipment and location for consideration. The Committee would provide a time-line and budget as soon as the research was completed.
A12/15	CCTV Upgrade: (A11/200) Noted that the Order for the Broadband lines had been confirmed and the installation for the centralised system would start in January.
A12/16	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies</p> <p>BSNAG: Minutes would be circulated when issued.</p> <p>Friends of Winslow Youth Centre: Cllr. Castle reported that the committee had met 23rd. Jan. A report would be circulated. A letter was being sent to Council regarding future plans.</p> <p>Youth Cafe: Cllr. Castle had met 4th. Jan. They had approved a merger with FOWYC in the event that WTC took on the lease of the Youth Centre. A subscription would be introduced to assist with funding.</p> <p>Winslow Charities: Had met in December for the AGM and the accounts were presented.</p>
	Correspondence: <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items. None</i>
	<p>Other Items for information: <i>None</i></p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.48pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>