

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Tuesday 18th September 2012**, at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Eatwell, and Gibbs. Apologies: Cllrs Chambers and Wiseman. Accepted Clerk: C Loch <i>There were no members of the public or press present.</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
A12/102	<p>Minutes of meeting on 21st August 2012 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: Litter Bin (A12/90) Noted that the Council had received confirmation that a litter bin on the cycle path near Swanbourne Road could be emptied and the project could now be progressed. Skate Park (A12/101) Noted that AVDC had been notified of the support of WTC for this project and for it to be included in the detailed planning of Phase 3 of the Verney Road development. AVDC Tree Planting: (A12/101) Noted that the Clerk had written to AVDC to confirm support for the current scheme and to note the recent "Jubilee" tree planting project.</p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council: <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i></p>
A12/103	<p>Street Furniture War Memorial: (A12/90) Members noted that an article re consultation on the proposal to add to the memorial itself a plaque bearing the names of civilians who died when a Wellington bomber crash landed in the High St would appear in the next Parish Magazine. Information would be gathered to draw up a specification and obtain quotes for the rack to hang wreathes after the Remembrance Day service.</p>
A12/104	<p>Benches – Magpie Way: Members considered a residents request for a bench on Magpie Way. RESOLVED to defer the item to the next meeting after suitable sites had been investigated.</p>
A12/105	<p>Landscaping and Trees Lions Bulb planting (A12/91): Members considered a planting scheme and RESOLVED to approve the following sites. (BCC approval had already been obtained). Sheep St approach, Sheep St /Little Horwood Rd, Western Lane (but possibly on the corner the other side of the road rather than the site indicated), Parsons Close, Verney Road, Buckingham Road planter (but about 10-12 metres further back to allow them to be seen from both carriageways), Great Horwood junction, and Sports Field entrance in Elmfields Gate. It was noted that VAT on the purchase of bulbs by Lions would be payable.</p>
A12/106	<p>Burial Ground: Landscaping of Transferred Land: (A12/93) Arrangements were being finalised with the developer. The grass along the fence line had been strimmed and work would start on the fence as soon as possible. It was also noted that several privet plants would need replacing and this would be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
A12/107	<p>Reserved and unmarked plots: (A12/94) RESOLVED to defer further discussion on the markers for previously reserved plots and to mark those graves which after 10 years have no prospect of a monument being installed until a report on alternatives was received from Cllr. Chambers.</p>
A12/108	<p>Future allocation of plots (A12/95) Members considered a request to reserve a plot that could impact on plans for future access to the land recently acquired for expansion. RESOLVED not to allocate the plot as it would be too close to the existing pavilion and potentially cause congestion in the future. However, members agreed that every effort should be made to find a suitable alternative for the enquirer.</p>
A12/109	<p>Entrance to New Area: Members noted that in due course there would need to be an entrance to the new area and this should be kept in mind when allocating plots or undertaking any works. Bins: In view of the new arrangements for collection rubbish by AVDC it would be necessary to request the required bins and also RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £36 for the supply of a brown bin for green waste.</p>
A12/110	<p>Playground: Replacement Expenditure: Proposals from some potential suppliers were still awaited. Once received the working party would pull together a proposal for the committee to consider as well as consulting with playground users. The removal of some existing equipment had been delayed due safety issues during the school holidays.</p>

A12/111	<p>Five Year Plan (A12/97) Refresh/republish details of local walks: Cllr Barry would approach Winslow Ramblers re progressing this project and report to the next meeting.</p>
A12/112	<p>Outdoor Fitness Area: (A12/98) Members considered an analysis of a “pros and cons” exercise on this project and RESOLVED that the basic plan be to provide a path running from Piccadilly to the High St entrance with improved gates at either end and that the exercise equipment to be sited towards the Elmfields Gate end of the area as indicated on the tabled plan. Final details would have to be determined after further consultation with relevant parties but it was also noted that any plan should include suitable lighting.</p>
A12/113	<p>CCTV : (A12/99) Members noted that the service report had been received. It was expected that the new CCTV system would be finalised on 20th Sept. although some minor repairs were needed before work would be complete. Members also considered a proposal to move the RBL equipment to the side of the Public Hall to improve the coverage of the Greyhound Lane car park. RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that this work be done either from reserves or for inclusion in the next Budget. A quote would be obtained to determine the cost.</p>
A12/114	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies BSNAG: Members heard a report on the meeting and noted that travellers had left the site near Winslow and that a recent speed control exercise by TVP had resulted in seven tickets being issued. The Committee noted that a key to the pedestrian gate at the Avenue Road entrance was now in the possession of the Council and the gate was being locked/unlocked at the same time as the JGA if not already done by other key holders. Members made the point that at the Amenities meeting in June 2012 (A12/74) it was agreed that the Winslow Centre was responsible for locking and unlocking all entrances except the JGA which is the Council's only responsibility. The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate and return the key to Winslow Centre unless there was a valid explanation for the key being in the Council's possession.</p>
	<p>Correspondence: <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items. None</i></p>
	<p>Other Items for information: Precept 2013-14: Members were asked to submit proposals for the next Budget exercise at the next meeting. X'mas Lights: Members noted the plans for X'mas lighting in the Church yard adjacent to the High St. As circulated by the Clerk.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.06pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>