

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Tuesday 19th February 2013**, at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell and Wiseman.  <b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs Gibbs. Accepted  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch  <i>There were no members of the public or press present.</i></p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None</p>
A13/08	<p><b>Minutes</b> of meeting on 15th January 2013 agreed to be a true record and signed.  <b>Matters Arising:</b>  JGA: Resolved that the Deputy Clerk arrange for suitable grass matting at the Winslow Centre gate to help prevent mud being carried into the area.  <b>Community Shelter:</b> Members considered the damage to the shelter where paint had been stripped off. Advice would be taken from the supplier as to the best remedial action.</p>
	<p><b>Items Deferred.</b> <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i></p>
	<p><b>Items delegated by Council:</b> None</p>
A13/09	<p><b>Street Furniture</b>  <b>Dog Bins Contract:</b> (A13/02) RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting to enable the AVDC proposal to be assessed in detail. Members would also review the current usage to assess if additional bins were needed. Deputy Clerk will provide site plan of bins in Winslow for Members.  <b>CCTV:</b> Members heard that all equipment was now in place and working without problems. After a suitable trial period the positioning of cameras would be reassessed.</p>
A13/10	<p><b>Landscaping and Trees</b>  <b>Jubilee Tree:</b> (A13/03) The potted tree had now been given a temporary site at the newly acquired land adjacent to the council Burial Ground until a permanent site was finalised. It was noted that it would need to be watered during the dryer months.  <b>Transition Group:</b> Members noted the proposal to plant fruit trees in the area where the outdoor fitness area was planned. This would need to be coordinated once final plans were in place for the OFFA.  Apologies were received from Transition Group for being unable to attend the meeting; if necessary they will attend the March Committee.</p>
A13/11	<p><b>Burial Ground:</b>  <b>Maintenance:</b> The Deputy clerk was asked to ensure that all routine maintenance due this year was completed and that the replacements for the south hedge were planted before the next growing season.</p>
A13/12	<p><b>Public hall Car Park:</b>  <b>Line Marking:</b> (A13/05) Further quotes were awaited before any decision could be made. Minor repairs to a drain outside the Bowls Club were needed but any work would not be considered before the weather improved.  <b>Snow Clearance:</b> Members considered the possibility of doing some snow clearance to improve conditions in the Public Hall Car Park during heavy snow. RESOLVED to Recommend to Council that a hand operated grit spreader is purchased and arrangements made to operate it as necessary.</p>
A13/13	<p><b>Playground:</b>  <b>Refurbishment Expenditure:</b> (A13/06) Reported that one potential funder would not consider a second request for that site (an application for the outdoor gym has already been submitted). Other sources would be followed up but RESOLVED that the working party phase the works to best use such funds as become available. A consultation exercise would continue to collect ideas for the project, starting at the Combined School on Feb 25th.</p>
A13/14	<p><b>Outdoor Fitness Area:</b> (A13/07) Members noted that the WI had submitted an alternative grant application for funding towards the project. WREN had requested further information which would be submitted before the due date.</p>
	<p><b>Reports of Outside Bodies</b>  <b>BSNAG:</b> The next bi-monthly meeting would be on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013  <b>Winslow Charities:</b> Next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013.</p>
	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items.</i>  <b>Play Around the Parishes:</b> Members noted that this event had been booked.</p>
	<p><b>Other Items for information:</b>  <b>Street Signs:</b> Members noted a number of street name signs in the town that required repair and</p>

requested that the appropriate authority be advised.

**Youth Centre:** Members noted that the transfer of Youth Centre building from BCC to WTC had been completed 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013; the responsibility for the provision of Youth Services had also been agreed.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)      Date: .....

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