

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Tuesday 28th May 2013**, at 6.45pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HF

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Wiseman (Chairman), Castle, Eatwell, and Gibbs. Cllr Barry (ex officio) Apologies: Cllrs. Chambers and Monger. Accepted Clerk: C Loch <i>There were no members of the public or press present for the meeting.</i></p>
A13/32	<p>Election of Chairman: Cllr. Wiseman was elected chairman unopposed. Members expressed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman Cllr. Barry for his hard work.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
A13/33	<p>Minutes of meeting on 16th April 2013 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: JGA: (A13/23) The Grass Matting was awaiting installation during a dry period.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred. <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i></p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council: <i>None</i></p>
A13/34	<p>Street Furniture Dog Bins Contract: (A13/25) The contract had been circulated and RESOLVED that subject to noting some minor items the new service agreement be approved. The Deputy Clerk would investigate the cleansing of bins. Bench-Cycle Path: (A13/25) Timber had been obtained and the work would be done as soon as possible. Street Furniture Maintenance: (A13/25) The Deputy Clerk reported that the audit of street furniture was almost complete and having considered the works required, Members RESOLVED that the work be done in house on an ad hoc basis with the Clerk to arrange the purchase of materials within budget and to monitor progress.</p>
A13/35	<p>Landscaping and Trees Welcome Planters: (A13/26) Arrangements had been made to clean and seal the Welcome Planters and work would be done when the weather was suitable. Jubilee Oak: Members noted a concern that the oak given to WTC by AVDC had not come into leaf after the winter and may have failed. The Deputy Clerk would monitor and report back.</p>
A13/36	<p>Burial Ground: Litter Bin: Members considered the abuse of the car park litter bin which was constantly filled with litter from sources unconnected with the Burial Ground. RESOLVED that if practical, the bin be removed for a trial period of two months with a review at the end of the initial period. Memorials: Members noted that a number of memorials were leaning and although the responsibility of the owners of the Exclusive Right of Burial, the Deputy Clerk would obtain a quote to establish the approximate cost of rectifying a memorial. The owners were being written to.</p>
A13/37	<p>Public hall Car Park: Line Marking: (A13/28) As the chosen contractor had not responded and was proving impossible to contact RESOLVED that an alternative from the existing quotes be engaged to do the work on the same basis as already minuted. Snow Clearance: Resolved that purchase of the equipment would be finalised by Cllr Barry and the Deputy Clerk as already approved.</p>
A13/38	<p>Playground: Refurbishment: (A13/20) Members heard that the the first stage of refurbishment funding had been finalised and would enable the purchase of equipment to complete most of the required work. However, the Nest Swing would have to be deferred as well as the installation of a wet pour safety surface. Having considered the need to upgrade the existing bark surface, members RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that S106 funds be used to fund the installation of the nest swing and safety surface to enable the project to be effectively finalised. RoSPA Inspection: The report from the inspection had not yet been received.</p>
A13/39	<p>Outdoor Fitness Area: (A13/21) Members noted that as yet the decision from WREN regarding funding had not been received. Although the WI had not been successful in obtaining funding, the Council had submitted an application for LAF Priority Budget funds to help replace the shortfall.</p>
A13/40	<p>Best Kept Village 2013: Members noted that Winslow had been entered in the competition and that judging would be held in June. Although there was little time to prepare this year the principle of the competition was</p>

	about ongoing commitment to keeping the town tidy and entry this year would serve to inform any entry in following years. The event had been publicised and there would be further publicity in the coming week.
A13/41	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies</p> <p>BSNAG: Minutes of the meeting held 15th May 2013 had been circulated. Resolved that Cllr. Gibbs be appointed as the Council representative</p> <p>Winslow Charities: Next meeting to be held in June.</p>
	Correspondence: None not dealt with under relevant agenda items
	<p>Other Items for information: <i>None</i></p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.56pm. Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>