

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Tuesday 13th August 2013**, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Castle (Chairman), Chambers, Eatwell and Gibbs. Cllr. Barry (ex officio) Councillor Castle was elected Chairman for the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllrs. Wiseman and Monger. Accepted Clerk: C Loch <i>There were no members of the public or press present for the meeting.</i></p>
	Declarations of Interest: None
A13/61	<p>Minutes of meeting on 16th July 2013 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: <i>Not covered elsewhere on the agenda</i> Burial Ground grass cutting: Noted that having been inspected it was considered that the grass on the new land was now too difficult to cut this season and would be organised for around June next year. Overhanging Shrubs: Noted that a list of sites where there was overhanging growth obstructing pavements had been prepared and the relevant owners would be written to.</p>
	Items Deferred. <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i>
	Items delegated by Council: <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda</i>
A13/62	<p>Street Furniture Benches: Members considered recent damage to the wooden benches on the cycle path near Swanbourne Road. RESOLVED that subject to budget two benches be purchased and installed on concrete slabs flush with the ground. Alternative quotes had been received and the most suitable chosen. Shelter: Noted that graffiti required removal</p>
A13/63	<p>Landscaping and Trees Twinning Garden: Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting AVDC Annual Tree Planting Consultation: Noted that the suggested site had now been published. Members noted that there were three dead trees in the Spinney to report to AVDC and a replacement due for one off Offas Lane.</p>
A13/64	<p>Burial Ground: Memorials: A quote for potential repair work to memorials was awaited.</p>
A13/65	<p>Public Hall Car Park: Hedge: Members heard that the variety of the hedge was Lonicer Nitida. There was some uncertainty as to the advisability of cutting back hard such a mature hedge and an inconspicuous area would be tested before any work was done to reduce the width where it was growing over the pavement. Barbara Brown Garden: Expert opinion on how to refresh this area had been requested and once a plan was in place the project could be formally scoped and approved.</p>
A13/66	<p>Playground: Refurbishment: Members considered the refurbishment and the problem of finding that when the equipment was dismantled the steel multiplay for the older children was rusting badly and not suitable for repair. Although further equipment for older children was to be considered as a further phase of the refurbishment, this needed addressing immediately and RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that an amount of money be allocated to deal with this issue. If approved, equipment could be selected in consultation with users. Members noted that the hedge was to be restored by the contractor. Members noted that arrangements had been made for the fencing supplier to visit the site and discuss options for eliminating the gap at ground level. Playground Signage: RESOLVED to purchase signs to indicate that skate boards were not permitted in the area.</p>
A13/67	Outdoor Fitness Area: The contract from WREN had not been received and therefore no progress could be made. Once the exact funding details were formalised the working party would finalise the plan for approval by the Committee.
A13/68	<p>Best Kept Village 2013: The deputy Clerk was requesting the details of the presentation. RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that the sign be erected at the High St. edge of the Market Square.</p>

A13/69	<p>CCTV: Members heard of damage to the cameras in the Market Square. RESOLVED to purchase suitable replacement equipment subject to Budget.</p>
	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies BSNAG: The next meeting would be held 18th September 2013. Winslow Charities: Noted that the shields had been presented for the annual allotment prizes.</p>
	<p>Other Items for information: VAHT: Members noted that a date was yet to be arranged for a walkabout with VAHT representatives but they would be invited to comment on progress against the last report.</p> <p><i>Meeting closed at 8.32pm.</i></p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>