

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Tuesday 19th August 2014, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs Wiseman (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell and Gibbs. Cllr Barry attended for part of the meeting. Apologies: Cllr Monger Deputy Clerk (“Clerk”): K Oddey There were no members of the public or press present.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
A14/74	<p>Minutes of Meeting 15th July 2014. The committee RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true record. Matters Arising: Opening/closing times for the OFFA – the Clerk was asked to clarify the times compared to expectations (eg. dusk versus 8pm). Croquet Pitch: It was noted that teenagers had been seen on the pitch, the Clerk agreed to follow up with users of the sports field and to advise the Croquet Club. Parking at Barbara Brown: a vehicle had been blocking the access. The Clerk was asked to clarify who owns the road and locate previous correspondence on the issue to determine the best course of action.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred not covered elsewhere on the agenda – None</p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council – not covered elsewhere on agenda – none</p>
A14/75	<p>Landscaping and Trees Devolution of Grass cutting and related services. A draft recommendation was presented. The Committee agreed to take the proposal to Council subject to some minor amendments to clarify local contractors and need to have people based in Winslow. AVDC Tree Planting Consultation – agreed “no comments” other than to highlight a general preference for native trees and ensuring the location is suitable to support sustained growth of the tree. War Memorial: A grant could not be obtained as the state of repair wasn’t considered severe enough. The Clerk was asked to seek advice on cleaning from the previous cleaner</p>
A14/76	<p>Footpaths: Improvements grant: the Clerk confirmed an application had been submitted (minute A14/71) Circular Walk: A small working party has been formed with Cllrs Barry, Chambers, Laws and Wiseman. Cllr Laws is carrying out a review of current paths to highlight possible changes that are necessary. Previous feedback from the Big Society would be considered (Clerk to circulate)</p>
A14/77	<p>Public Hall Car Park Barrier: various ideas where discussed, the Clerk agreed to obtain a quote for a “stronger and improved” version of the previous barrier design and to follow up with AVDC contact for advice. Use of Car Park: Correspondence presented at the last meeting (15th July) that highlighted the apparent overnight parking and the difficulty of parking for morning events at the Hall was discussed. Various possible solutions where discussed. The Clerk agreed to identify companies who could advise and manage possible parking schemes to address the issue. CCTV: Cllr Chambers provided an updated on the options recently provided by the current supplier. The Committee agreed to arrange a meeting for the supplier to present possible options and provide additional information to members of the Council. A request to provide 24hr cover for Police Access had been received. This requirement would be considered as part of the review of options.</p>
A14/78	<p>Street Furniture Verney Road Phase 1 - Dog Bins: The Clerk was awaiting an answer from Banner Homes. Dog Bin Fitting and Community Shelter Cleaning have been initiated</p>
A14/79	<p>Burial Ground: Gate and Notice Board: To be considered as part of the Budget process for 2015/16</p>
A14/80	<p>Playground: Wet Pour Cleaning at Playground and OFFA – A quote for the work was considered and it was agreed to consider as part of 2015/16 budget Toddler Climbing Frame relocation – A quote for the work was considered, it was agreed to</p>

	<p>look at alternative options to improve cost effectiveness.</p> <p>Fence Lowering: The updated quote was considered. The Committee RESOLVED to go ahead with the work provided it could be carried out within the budget, the Clerk agreed to progress accordingly.</p> <p>“Jeep”: The Clerk advised the matter had been expedited</p>
A14/81	<p>Outdoor Family Fitness Area (OFFA):</p> <p>Landscaping: Supplier quotes were summarised and the Clerk agreed to expedite outstanding responses.</p> <p>Wet Pour Cleaning – A quote for the work was considered and it was agreed to consider as part of 2015/16 budget</p> <p>Bench and Litter Bin: Fitting had been arranged and is due to be completed in September.</p> <p>Fence: The Clerk advised that rather than reinforce the side fencing, it would be left and the contractors had agreed to fix it (at their cost) should any problems occur.</p>
A14/82	<p>Youth Centre Area: this item was postponed to a future meeting.</p> <p>The Committee RESOLVED to support the cutting of hedges in the car park and to ask the regular contractor to progress.</p>
A14/83	<p>Allotments:</p> <p>Community Allotment: The Committee RESOLVED to progress this and request BCC pay the prevailing fee.</p> <p>“Coordination Group” and Allotment Management/Maintenance: Cllr Wiseman provided an update from the meeting of Winslow Charities. Based on the number of survey responses (received from approximately one third of the Allotment holders) WC asked The Committee to arrange a meeting of Allotment Holders to discuss the idea further. The Clerk agreed to draft an invitation letter for Cllr Wiseman to discuss further with WC.</p>
A14/84	<p><i>Attendees agreed to extend the meeting beyond 2 hours.</i></p>
	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies</p> <p>Winslow and District Neighbourhood Action Group: No update, next meeting 17/9/14</p> <p>Winslow Charities: see allotments earlier</p>
A14/85	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The following issues were raised:</p> <p>Bollard on Little Horwood Road needs repair</p> <p>Beamish Way Trees and Hedges – Cllr Castle will highlight the overgrown area (with photo) to Bucks County Council (BCC)</p> <p>Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust path is becoming an eye soar</p>
	<p>Other Items for information:</p> <p>The damaged bollard on the Cycle path had been highlighted with BCC</p> <p>The Vicarage Road tree that was over hanging/damaged had been repaired by Cllr Wiseman</p> <p>The Best Kept Village Sign would be removed (date to be confirmed)</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 9:11pm</p> <p>Next meeting: 16th Sept 2014</p> <p>Signed:(Chairman) Date: 16th Sept 2014</p>