

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 24th May 2018**, at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

Present: Cllrs Wiseman (Chair), Chambers, Knight, and Morton (ex officio)

Clerk: S Carolan

Absent: Cllr Castle

Members of the Press and Public: None

A18/13	Election of Chairman: Cllr Wiseman was re-elected to the chair
A18/14	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Castle - Accepted
	The Chairman reflected on the recent death of Cllr Colin Cruse, a good and valuable member of both the Committee and the local community who will be missed.
	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None
A18/15	Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 27 rd March 2018: the Committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.
	Matters Arising: None
	Items deferred from previous meeting: None
	Items delegated by Council: Response to AVDC letter on NHB grant funding (see below).
A18/16	Clerk's Report: Members discussed the Clerk's report on the operation of devolved services, street furniture, the playground, JGA, OFFA, the recreation ground, the burial ground, the allotments, landscaping, and the Public Hall car park. The Committee noted the plans for bringing the South Lawn of Furze Lane Burial Ground into use. The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to AVDC to express concern about the unrestricted growth of ivy on trees at the Spinney, and request that it be addressed.
A18/17	Tomkins Park & Arboretum: The Committee noted the notes of a recent meeting of the Steering Group. Members noted that the Steering Group is awaiting confirmation from Winslow Bowls Club that it will maintain the proposed hedge. No further actions are to be taken until confirmation is received. The Committee considered three quotes for replacing the Park fence, noted comments from the Steering Group and RESOLVED that the Clerk should progress quote B subject to the Council receiving planning permission for the work and satisfactory documentation from the contractor. The Committee noted a quote for installing a CCTV system in the Park, considered the proposal in light of the Council's CCTV policy and RESOLVED not to progress it further as it would not comply with the current policy. The Committee noted the additional items under consideration by the Steering Group including a pétanque terrain and looked forward to receiving costed proposals as soon as possible. The Committee discussed Council's request for it to consider a response to AVDC's recent letter on NHB funding and RESOLVED to recommend to Council that it respond that plans are progressing well and also to provide and outline of how and when the remaining funds will be spent.
A18/18	Item from Annual Town Meeting: The Committee noted a request for wild flowers to be allowed to grow on the Town's verges but resolved not to progress the idea as it is not practical at this time.
A18/19	Health & Safety Policy: The Committee discussed a draft policy submitted by the Clerk, including a timeline for full implementation, and RESOLVED to recommend to Council that it be adopted.
A18/20	Devolved Services: The Committee discussed a draft annual report on devolved services and RESOLVED that it be submitted to BCC.
	Jubilee Games Area: The Committee noted further discussions with Buckinghamshire County Council on the future of the Jubilee Games Area and will await a response from BCC.
A18/21	Correspondence: The Committee noted a letter from AVDC regarding a change in policy for siting litter and dog bins. As few of the Town's litter bins and none of the dog bins are provided by AVDC there will be no significant impact. The Committee discussed a request from a resident to update the map on the WAFTA notice board and noted the Clerk's ongoing discussions with Bloor Homes. RESOLVED that Bloor Homes logo be allowed to appear on the Council's printed map and the WAFTA notice board in return for their help in updating the maps. The Committee discussed a quote for child-safe goal netting for the Recreation Ground and RESOLVED that £175 be spent from budgeted funds.
	Items for Information: EWR will be taking further soil samples from the burial ground in the coming weeks.
	<i>Meeting closed 8:14pm</i>

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting on _____