

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 19th July 2018**, at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

Present: Cllrs Wiseman (Chair), Bishopp, Castle, Chambers and Knight

Clerk: S Carolan

Absent: None

Members of the Press and Public: Two members of the public were in attendance

	Apologies for Absence: None
	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None
A18/28	Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 21 st June 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: None
A18/29	Clerk's Report: Members discussed the Clerks report on the operation of devolved services, street furniture, the playground, MUGA, outdoor gym, recreation ground, burial ground, allotments, landscaping, and the Public Hall car park. The Committee noted a lack of progress on various items including cleaning of WTC street furniture and the progression of a weed scrubber trial and RESOLVED that: (a) that the Clerk should continue to pursue additional resource to progress the backlog of work, diverting unspent funds from the elsewhere in the Amenities Committee budget and taking on additional temporary staff if necessary; (b) that dead weeds should be removed from all of the Town's roads, manually if necessary; (c) to recommend to Council that additional resource be made available to the Clerk to avoid backlogs of maintenance, devolved services, weed spraying, and similar work in the future and to allow the mechanical removal of weeds annually; (d) that efforts be stepped up to progress a weed scrubber trial; and (e) that the Clerk should contact AVDC to request that biannual road cleaning be moved to a date that follows the annual leaf-fall season, <i>i.e.</i> November. <i>The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm to hear representation by residents and reconvened at 7:55pm</i>
A18/30	Tomkins Park & Arboretum: The Committee noted a representation from Winslow Bowls Club requesting that WTC funds a new hedge, inside the western face of the bowling green fence, along with a new gate. There being insufficient time for members to properly consider the proposal, and mindful that the previous WBC hedge proposal was decided by full Council, the Committee RESOLVED that £5,000 be provisionally allocated from the NHB funds, and to request to Council that it makes a final decision on the new proposal. The Committee noted a list of proposed items to be included in the NHB funding list and RESOLVED that the following items be included in the list and, providing that the items fall within their estimated costs, that the Clerk should progress the items: additional work to trees (£1,190), design and production of maps and leaflets (£5,000), road signs (£500), pétanque terrains (£9,600), further tree signs (£4,500), water supply and distribution (£2,000), bat boxes and bat detectors (£1,000), further bird boxes (£600), additional feature trees (£2,000), further bulb planting (£1,000), ivy clearance (£1,000), additional picnic furniture (£3,000) and provisional funding for WBC hedge, etc (£5,000). The Committee noted the recent help from a local photographer in providing aerial photos of the Park and also from Men in Sheds who have constructed new picnic furniture for the Park and RESOLVED that the Clerk should write and express the Council's gratitude for their assistance.
A18/31	Town Map: The Committee noted a recent correspondence on the subject and RESOLVED to pursue a combined design, supply and install solution for a replacement map. The Committee further RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate funding options including sponsorship.
A18/32	CCTV: The Committee noted a quote from Oakpark for improvements to the CCTV system and RESOLVED to defer a decision until the long-term future of the system is clearer.
A18/33	Correspondence: The Committee noted a request from Cllr Monger for benches to be provided on the open land adjacent to the Spinney and that the approximate cost for three benches would be £1,500 and RESOLVED that a decision be deferred until the 2019-20 budget process is underway.
	Items for Information: The Chairman requested that, in the absence of any pressing business, the Clerk should next call the Committee to meet on Thursday 20 th September 2018.
	<i>Meeting closed 8:53pm</i>

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting on _____