

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 15th November 2018**, at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

Present: Cllrs Wiseman (Chair), Chambers and Knight

Clerk: S Carolan

Absent: Cllrs Bishopp and Castle

Members of the Press and Public: None

A18/41	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Bishopp and Castle
	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None
A18/42	Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 20 th September 2018: the Committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.
	Matters Arising: The Clerk reported that progress on the cycle rack is slow but it is still on the contractor's list, and that progress on the new town map has ground to a halt but alternative options to complete the map are being progressed.
	Items deferred from previous meeting: None
	Items delegated by Council: None
A18/43	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. RESOLVED that the Clerk should revise the Burial Ground regulations: (a) leaving the term of new ERBs at 99 years, (b) allowing for monuments to be straightened or made safe at WTC's expense if necessary, (c) maintaining the current price structure for non-residents of Winslow, and (d) restricting advance purchases to residents of Winslow. The Committee further RESOLVED that purchase of a wheelchair swing be deferred until such time as the current swings need replacing and in the meanwhile that any developer installing a playground be requested to include such provision.
A18/44	Tomkins Park & Arboretum: Planning approval for the removal of the TPA fence is expected in December. The Committee noted a number of objections from residents to the application and RESOLVED to request that Council takes them into account before work is commenced on the fence.
A18/45	Devolved Services: Members noted recent correspondence from Buckinghamshire County Council reducing the offer of a continued contract to one year in light of the new unitary authority. The Committee RESOLVED to put aside its concerns with the existing agreement and recommend to Council that it accepts the one-year continuation and, for the duration of the agreement, to limit WTC's intervention on highway obstructions to those that are currently a serious problem. Cllr Chambers reported on the trial of a mechanical weed scrubber and the Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should: (a) seek permission from TfB to use a weed scrubber on the highway and (b) be authorised to hire a Kersten UBS machine and attachments for four weeks at a cost of up to £2,500.
A18/46	Correspondence: AVDC re Dog Waste Bins: Members noted recent correspondence with AVDC regarding the recent sporadic emptying of the Town's dog waste bins. The problem has subsided but is being monitored. Request for Litter Bin at Barbara Brown Path: The Committee noted the resident's concerns but as there are already bins on the High Street and the Public Hall car park RESOLVED not to provide an additional bin.
	Items for Information: The Committee noted the recent overnight vandalism to the football pitch at Elmfields Gate, and that while the Council's CCTV system covers part of the pitch it did not provide any useful images.
	<i>Meeting closed 8:12pm</i>

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting on **17th January 2019**