

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 18th July 2019**, at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

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

Absent: Cllr Bishopp

Members of the Press and Public: Two

Clerk: S Carolan

A19/26	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bishopp (Accepted)
	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None
A19/27	Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 16 th May 2019: the Committee RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be signed as a true record. Matters Arising: The Committee noted a request to revisit its decision on a new notice board for Tomkins Park.
	Items deferred from previous meetings: None
	Items delegated by Council: None
A19/28	Clerk's Report: Members discussed the Clerks report on the operation of devolved services, street furniture, playground, CCTV, outdoor gym, recreation ground, burial ground, allotments, and the Public Hall Car Park.
A19/29	Street Furniture - Members discussed the options for installing cycle racks close to the Market Square. The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should continue to liaise with AVDC regarding a facility in the Square.
A19/30	Outdoor Gym - The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should proceed with a minor refurbishment of the facility within the existing budget.
A19/31	Devolved Services - Members discussed strategy for equipment maintenance and RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the 2020-21 budget should include a provision for whatever equipment is necessary to reliably maintain all grounds devolved to the Council, under a future agreement with the new Buckinghamshire Council, to a good standard. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should commission an engineer's report on the condition of the existing mower to help inform future spending decisions.
A19/32	Burial Ground - The Committee discussed a draft of revised Burial Ground Regulations and deferred any decision until the next meeting when members' comments should be available. Members also discussed attempts to prevent animal damage to the South lawn and RESOLVED that temporary netting be used to deter badgers and deer from entering the Burial Ground with additional wire fencing being used if necessary.
A19/33	Members discussed a recommendation from the Clerk regarding the levelling of graves, and RESOLVED that the Clerk use the services of the local gravedigger, funded from existing budgeted funds.
A19/34	CCTV - Members discussed options for improving the signal from the Recreation Ground cameras and RESOLVED to defer any decision to September.
A19/35	Public Hall Car Park - Members discussed a request for the Eastern pedestrian access to Elmfields Gate. RESOLVED that the Clerk obtains quotes for making the entrance fully accessible, and alternatively for closing up of the access with hedging.
A19/36	Allotments - The Committee considered the introduction of some 'quarter-sized' plots for those who need less land and RESOLVED that the Clerk proceed on a trial basis. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk should prepare a revised tenancy agreement for the Committee to consider at its next meeting.
A19/37	Walks around Winslow - The committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should order a further print run and that £800 be authorised from existing funds.
A19/38	Tomkins Park:
A19/39	NHB Grant - The Committee discussed three quotes for the construction of a pétanque terrain and RESOLVED that the Clerk should work with the provider of quote B to see if it can be brought within the existing grant budget, and if so, to progress the construction. Members discussed the need to water this year's new trees and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £450 on watering equipment.
	Correspondence: Members noted an email from Cllr Castle regarding the reflective markings in the Public Hall Car Park, and that the reflectors have now been permanently fixed in place.
	Items for Information: Members discussed a proposal from the Winslow Tabernacle, received after the agenda was published, to supervise play sessions in the playground. Members, noting that the playground is open to all residents, were minded not to make any recommendation to Council.
	<i>Meeting closed 8:39pm</i>

Signed:

(Chairman) at a Meeting on **19th September 2019**