

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 19th September 2019**, at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

Present: Cllrs Wiseman (Chair), Bishopp, Chambers and Knight
Members of the Press and Public: The WTC Maintenance Technician

Absent: Cllr Castle
Clerk: S Carolan

A19/40	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Castle (Accepted)
	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: Cllr Bishopp declared a personal interest as a member of Winslow Bowls Club and the Winslow Anglo-French Twinning Association.
A19/41	Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 18 th July 2019: the Committee RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be signed as a true record. Matters Arising: None.
	Items deferred from previous meetings: None
	Items delegated by Council: None
A19/42	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.
A19/43	Burial Ground Fees - Members discussed two options prepared by the Clerk for a revised table of fees. The Committee RESOLVED to adopt an option benchmarked against other local councils. The Committee further RESOLVED that, in light of the disparity between the Council's fees and other in the area, that all future grants of exclusive rights of burial be restricted to residents of Winslow and those who, in the Clerk's opinion, have a close connection with the Town.
A19/44	Burial Ground Rules- The Committee deferred further discussion of the draft revised rules until its next meeting. Cllr Bishopp will circulate a further revised draft to members.
A19/45	Burial Ground Hedge - The Committee noted the efforts being made to prepare the South lawn for use and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend £100 on additional matting and £500 on hedging.
A19/46	Devolved Services - Members discussed a request from BCC that WTC takes over responsibility for two small areas of land previously maintained by VAHT. The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to BCC, accepting the offer in principle, but pointing out that neither of the plots are grass verges and therefore WTC's ability to maintain them will be limited. Members discussed an offer of a further two-year extension to the existing devolved services agreement and noted the rapidly approaching deadline for expressions of interest. The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to BCC expressing interest in a renewed contract on terms to be agreed.
A19/47	CCTV - Members discussed options for improving the CCTV coverage at the Recreation Ground and noted informal discussions between the Clerk and members of Winslow Sports Club. The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to reach agreement with WSC on the installation of a server and cameras at the clubhouse, and spend up to £1,000 from the wider Amenities budget on installation.
A19/48	Public Hall Car Park - Members noted a quote for installing a level access into the car park but RESOLVED not to progress the works.
A19/49	Town Map - Members noted that quotes were awaited for the new notice board. The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should invite Winslow Men in Sheds to provide a quote.
A19/50	Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition - The committee welcomed the Town's recent success in both the Best Kept Small Town and Sword of Excellence (for best overall) competitions and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £250 from the wider Amenities budget on commemorative plaques. It was further RESOLVED that Cllrs Wiseman and Chambers be authorised to spend £175 on commemorative gifts for the seven individuals who make the biggest year-round contribution to keeping the Town tidy.
A19/51	Pétanque Terrain - The committee noted that the terrain is nearing completion and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend £500 from existing NHB funds or the wider Amenities budget on a sign setting out the rules of the game. A decision on holding an opening event was deferred until the next meeting.
A19/52	Updated Allotment Agreement - The committee RESOLVED that a revised draft agreement be recommended to Council for adoption.
A19/53	Tomkins Park - The Committee RESOLVED that Cllrs Wiseman and Bishopp be authorised to make day-to-day management decisions in the Park.
A19/54	Mobile Water Supply - The committee noted a request by the Clerk and RESOLVED that £200 be authorised from wider Amenities funds for the installation of a water tank in the Council's van.
A19/55	Correspondence:
A19/56	Skateboarding facility - Members noted a request from a resident for a skateboarding facility, and that the position was unchanged from the previous request several years ago: no suitable land is available. The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to Council that, should an opportunity arise, it recommends to the new Buckinghamshire Council that a facility be included at the new Sports Hub.
	Winslow Bowls Club - Members noted an email regarding youths playing football on the green and the Clerk intends that the large open area of the park be cut more often to make a more attractive surface for football.
	Budget: Members discussed options for more planters and deferred a decision until Cllr Castle is available.
	<i>Meeting closed 9:00pm</i>

Signed:

(Chairman) at a Meeting on **21st November 2019**

