

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 9th July 2020** at 2:30pm.

Present: Cllrs Castle (Chair), Barry, Hamley, Knight and Wiseman

Absent: None

Members of the Press and Public: Cllr Onley and the Clerk to the Council

Clerk: S Carolan

A20/17	Election of Chairman: Cllrs Castle was elected chairman for the year
	Apologies for Absence: None
	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None.
A20/18	Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 19 th March 2020: the Committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record. Matters Arising: None.
	Items deferred from previous meetings: None
	Items delegated by Council: None
A20/19	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. Dog Bins - Members noted that the contract with Buckinghamshire Council has been rolled over for another year. The Committee discussed a request for an additional dog bin on footpath WIS/6/2 adjacent to Hazleton and RESOLVED not to provide a bin at this time. Town Map - The Committee noted comments from Cllr Castle and RESOLVED that the item be shelved. Market Square Cycle Racks - Members noted no progress from Buckinghamshire Council.
A20/20	Trees - Members discussed a proposal from the Council's contractor for regular tree surveys, and for emergency works to a tree at Furze Lane and RESOLVED: (a) to progress the surveys as recommended; (b) to authorise a payment of £480 for the first survey and (c) to progress with the emergency works at £1,040.
A20/21	Playground - The Committee discussed a draft Covid-19 risk assessment and operating checklist prepared by the Clerk and RESOLVED: (a) to maintain a social distancing policy of 2m; (b) to rely on signage to enforce social distancing; (c) to decommission the picnic tables at the playground but to leave the regular benches in place; (d) to leave both gates in normal operation; (e) that the Clerk make the consequential changes to the draft risk assessment; (f) that the risk to users of the playground is adequately controlled; (g) that the Clerk reopen the playground as soon as all of the measures identified in the risk assessment are in place; and (h) that Cllrs Knight and Hamley and the Clerk be authorised to update the risk assessment and make any changes to the operation of the playground, including its closure, necessary as a result of updated government guidance or in light of operating experience.
A20/22	Outdoor Gym - The Committee discussed a draft Covid-19 risk assessment prepared by the Clerk and RESOLVED: (a) that the risks to users of the outdoor gym are adequately controlled; (b) that the Clerk reopen the gym as soon as all of the measures identified in the risk assessment are in place; and (c) that Cllrs Knight and Hamley and the Clerk be authorised to update the risk assessment and make any changes to the operation of the gym, including its closure, necessary as a result of updated government guidance or in light of operating experience.
A20/23	Burial Ground - Members discussed a request for a non-standard memorial and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to permit the memorial providing that all other Burial Ground regulations are complied with. Allotments - Members noted the introduction of eight new 'starter plots'. Public Hall Car Park - Members noted that hedge cutting is booked for 20 th July.
A20/24	Tomkins Park - The Committee noted a request for a memorial bench and that memorials in the Park are contrary to current policy, and RESOLVED that the Clerk refuse the request.
A20/25	The Committee discussed a proposal to prohibit camping in the Park and RESOLVED not to progress it.
A20/26	Winslow Sports Club: The Committee RESOLVED that Cllr Hamley replace former Cllr Rees as a WTC representative to Winslow Sports Club.
	<i>The Chairman closed the meeting at 4:00pm</i>

Signed:

(Chairman) at a Meeting on **17th September 2020**