

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Tuesday 16th April 2013**, at 6.45pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Gibbs and Wiseman. Apologies: Cllrs. Chambers and Eatwell. Accepted Clerk: C Loch <i>There were no members of the public or press present for the meeting.</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
A13/23	<p>Minutes of meeting on 19th March 2013 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: JGA: (A13/15) Grass Matting had been supplied and would be installed to minimise mud being carried into the area. Bench-Cycle Path: The cost of timber for repairs had been obtained and final arrangements would be made to complete the work. Signs: Members noted that signs at the Public Hall and Sports Ground had been cleaned. CCTV: Members noted that the faulty camera had been replaced and the system working well.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred. <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i></p>
A13/24	<p>Items delegated by Council: Best Kept Village Competition: As delegated by Council, the Committee would proceed with an application for this award. Arrangements would be made to publicise the award in the Parish Magazine and local press to encourage residents to make a special effort to tidy their area of the town. The Deputy clerk would liaise with the Transition Group re their plans for planting in the town and also ask for their support in the competition.</p>
A13/25	<p>Street Furniture Dog Bins Contract: (A13/16) The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the service would be continued by AVDC but that they were yet to submit details of the service agreement. Street Furniture Maintenance: Members noted that some dog bins required replacement, a survey will be carried out to decide priorities. Minor maintenance was needed on a few items of street furniture, a rolling programme of inspection and refurbishment would be put into place</p>
A13/26	<p>Landscaping and Trees Welcome Planters: RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk arrange for the planters to be cleaned and if possible, treated with a silicone paint to preserve the finish. The contractor was to be asked if the height of the conifers in the planters could be kept below the level of the signs.</p>
A13/27	<p>Burial Ground: Maintenance: Members noted a recent incident of fly tipping at the Burial Ground as well as some damage to the newly planted trees, presumably by animals.</p>
A13/28	<p>Public hall Car Park: Line Marking: (A13/19) A response from the contractor was awaited before final arrangements could be made for this work.</p>
A13/29	<p>Playground: Refurbishment Expenditure: (A13/20) A consultations with playground users had been conducted during the previous week, Councillor Gibbs would prepare a report to be submitted to Members. Chairman and any members of the Working party who are available would meet on April 25th to finalise arrangements for the first stage of the refurbishment programme.</p>
A13/30	<p>Outdoor Fitness Area: (A13/21) WREN had advised that the grant application had now been put forward for consideration. The outcome of the funding application was awaited before any further decisions could be made. This was expected late in May.</p>
	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies BSNAG: Minutes of the meeting held 20th March 2013 had been circulated.</p>
A13/31	<p>Correspondence: <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items.</i> Playground: RoSPA had advised that the annual inspection would be done on May 13th. Bulb Planting: Members noted a letter of appreciation from a resident for the work of all those involved in the bulb planting project.</p>
	<p>Other Items for information: Members noted details of a car that had been left for some months in the Greyhound Lane car park and agreed that AVDC should be advised. Meeting closed at 7.46pm. Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>