

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Tuesday 19th March 2013**, at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell, Gibbs and Wiseman. Apologies: None Clerk: C Loch <i>There was one member of the public present for part of the meeting and no press.</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
A13/15	<p>Minutes of meeting on 19th February 2013 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: CCTV: Members noted the latest inspection report and RESOLVED to authorise the replacement of a faulty camera at a cost of £275 within current budget. They also noted damage to a camera in Market Square which appeared to be caused by stone throwing. Signs: Members also noted that several amenities signs such as the Public Hall were in need of maintenance and the Deputy Clerk would organise the work. JGA: (A13/08) Grass Matting had been ordered for the upper gate and would be installed when the weather improved. Community Shelter: Paint for minor repairs had been obtained and repairs would be done as soon as possible..</p>
	<p>Items Deferred. <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i></p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council: <i>None</i> <i>The meeting was adjourned to enable a representative of the Transition Group to speak.</i> Members heard a report on plans for an orchard on land at the Recreation Ground. Trees would not be planted until next winter and hopefully the group would obtain business sponsorship to enable the planting of advanced specimens which would soon bear fruit. The planting would be co-ordinated with the plans for an outdoor fitness area but they would also need to fully consult with the Sports Club. <i>The meeting was re-convened</i></p>
A13/16	<p>Street Furniture Dog Bins Contract: (A13/09) The service agreement was still awaited from AVDC. The Deputy Clerk would confirm interim arrangements until it was available. Members also discussed requests for additional dog bins. This would be included on the next agenda when the costs and proposals in the Town Plan would be considered fully. Street Furniture Maintenance: Members were asked to report any items requiring maintenance to establish a rolling programme.</p>
A13/17	<p>Landscaping and Trees Transition Group: Members noted the Presentation by the Transition Group and would review the proposals again once the OFFA project installation was finalised.</p>
A13/18	<p>Burial Ground: Maintenance: The Deputy Clerk confirmed that all routine maintenance had been completed. Fees: Members considered the charges for burial ground services and RESOLVED not to implement an increase in the coming year.</p>
A13/19	<p>Public hall Car Park: Line Marking: (A13/12) Members considered quoted costs and RESOLVED that, subject to a final check on the details, that the work would be done by the previous contractor and co-ordinated if at all possible with the closure for the routine maintenance of the car park. Snow Clearance: (A13/12) RESOLVED that the Chairman and Deputy Clerk be delegated to purchase suitable equipment up to a cost of £200. Arrangements would be made to operate it as necessary.</p>
A13/20	<p>Playground: Refurbishment Expenditure: (A13/13) No further funding would be applied for until decision was received in respect of the OFFA project. However, potential sources were being investigated. A consultation exercise with the Combined School had proved very successful and Members expressed their appreciation for the co-operation received from the school. Further consultations would be held as the project progressed. Some refurbishment work on the playground would be started when the weather was suitable.</p>

A13/21	<p>Outdoor Fitness Area: (A13/14) 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: The next bi-monthly meeting would be on 20th March 2013 Winslow Charities: The charity had met on 21st February 2013.</p>
A13/22	<p>Correspondence: <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items.</i> Playing Fields Association: Members RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that membership be continued in the coming year. Buckingham Spring Fair: Participation was discussed by members. Recycling Bank in PHCP: Members considered a request from an organisation to place a recycling bank in the Public Hall Car Park. RESOLVED that this would not be permitted. However, the Deputy Clerk would advise them to contact AVDC to enquire about the existing facility in the Greyhound Lane car park. Abatement Pond-Avenue Road: Members noted a residents request to improve landscaping at the pond. As this was not Council land, the resident would be directed to Anglian Water. However, The Council would again report to Anglian Water that the pond was slow to drain and was potentially a hazard so close to a residential area.</p>
	<p>Other Items for information: WAFTA Rose Bed: Members noted recent maintenance work by volunteers and agreed that the normal maintenance supplies should be purchased under the Clerks authority.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.37pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>