

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Tuesday 16th July 2013**, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Wiseman (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell and Gibbs. Cllr. Barry (ex officio) Apologies: Cllrs. Monger. Accepted Clerk: C Loch <i>There were no members of the public or press present for the meeting.</i></p>
	Declarations of Interest: None
A13/51	<p>Minutes of meeting on 18th June 2013 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda</i></p>
	Items Deferred. <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i>
	Items delegated by Council: <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda</i>
A13/52	<p>Street Furniture Maintenance: Minor maintenance was now being attended to and would continue as a rolling programme. Members noted that the benches on the cycle path towards Swanbourne Rd would need replacement and requested a budget price for consideration.</p>
A13/53	<p>Landscaping and Trees Welcome Planters: Members noted that the planters had been refreshed and together with recent mowing by BCC had much improved the appearance. WTC would only proceed with additional mowing if it became necessary. Twinning Garden: Members noted that the rose garden needed attention and agreed to consider a revised planting scheme if submitted.</p>
A13/54	<p>Burial Ground: Memorials: A quotes for potential repair work to memorials was awaited. Markers: The first of the markers for reserved plots and unmarked graves had arrived and would be installed as soon as possible. New Land: RESOLVED to have the new area mown on the same basis as the previous year. Cllr. Chambers would undertake the initial organisation.</p>
A13/55	<p>Public Hall Car Park: Line Marking: The line marking had been completed on July 1st, in conjunction with the normal car park maintenance work. It was generally agreed to be an excellent job and members asked that their thanks be passed on to the supplier. Hedge Trimmer: Members considered a request to purchase a petrol hedge trimmer to enable interim maintenance in the car park and other areas. RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a suitable trimmer up to a value of £200. A risk assessment and adequate training would be needed. It was also noted that the hedges in Elmfields Gate were getting wider. The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate the feasibility of reducing the width without permanent damage to the hedge. Barbara Brown Garden: Members agreed that this garden needed more than routine attention and would consider a plan to refresh the area.</p>
A13/56	<p>Playground: Refurbishment: Members noted that refurbishment work had now started and was on course to complete as planned for August 1st. It had been necessary to cut through the hedge to gain access for removal of the bark chippings and base spoil but this would be reinstated on completion. Members agreed to investigate the cost of adding some games markings to the surface if space permitted. Playground Entrance: A proposal to move the entrance to open onto Elmfields Gate was considered but RESOLVED that, without time to fully consider the safety implications and plan it into the existing programme of works, it would not be prudent to make such a decision at this time.</p>
A13/57	Outdoor Fitness Area: Members noted that as the supplier had stock of suitable equipment, provided the WREN approval of the contract amendments was received within the next week the project could start without delay.
A13/58	<p>Best Kept Village 2013: Cllr Barry reported that Winslow had been awarded the Pushman Cup for large villages. The Committee would organise the presentation and consider a suitable site for the award when details were confirmed and expressed their appreciation of the many residents and organisations who had contributed to receiving the award.</p>

A13/59	<p>Clerks Report: CCTV: Members considered a report on damage to the cameras in the Market Square. A decision was deferred until the next meeting when more information would be available.</p>
	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies BSNAG: The next meeting would be held 17th July 2013.</p>
A13/60	<p>Correspondence: <i>not dealt with under relevant agenda items.</i> <u>Resident's Letter.</u> Members noted a letter from a resident regarding the late trimming of the Public Hall Car Park hedge, the quality of mowing in the Elmfields Gate area and dog fouling. It had been explained that the hedge trimming was delayed to coordinate with line marking. Mowing was done by BCC, there had been numerous complaints and the matter raised with BCC repeatedly. Signs would be erected about dog fouling.</p>
	<p>Other Items for information: VAHT: Members noted that it was a year since they did a walkabout with VAHT representative. As little had been done it was agreed that they should be invited back to review the lack of progress. Overgrown shrubs and trees: Complaints about shrubs and trees obstructing street lights and paths were noted and relevant residents or authorities would be contacted.</p> <p><i>Meeting closed at 8.31pm.</i></p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>