

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Tuesday 18th. February 2014**, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs Castle (Chairman), Chambers, and Eatwell. In attendance Cllr. Barry</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Gibbs and Wiseman. Accepted</p> <p>Cllr. Castle was elected Chairman for this meeting.</p> <p>Clerk: C Loch</p> <p>There was one members of the public present for part of the meeting.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i></p> <p>Members heard a presentation on the proposed Transition Orchard.</p> <p><i>The meeting was reconvened</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
A14/09	<p>Minutes of meeting on 21st. January 2014 agreed to be a true record and signed.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Public Hall Car Park: Members noted a letter from a resident in respect of the parking and battery charging of a campervan. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to insist that the van does not restrict access to the path and to emphasise the safety implications of charging the battery by means of a lead running from the residence.</p> <p>Signs: While the state of many of the town signs had been reported to the relevant authority, members agreed that as part of the Best Kept Village exercise it might be possible to encourage residents to clean those in the streets where they live.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred. None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council: None not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p>
A14/10	<p>Street Furniture</p> <p>Welcome Signs: These would be delivered in the near future.</p>
A14/11	<p>Landscaping and Trees</p> <p>Twinning Garden: Deferred until a planting scheme was available.</p> <p>War memorial Lighting: The Clerk informed the meeting a possible solution had been found and would be trialled one evening before any further decisions were made.</p> <p>Sports Field: Members noted that the Sports Club had indicated the need to prune some of the conifers at the main entrance. RESOLVED that this would be acceptable provided the trees were pruned in the proper manner and in particular to clear the footway.</p> <p>Trees: Members also noted that a tree had fallen across the entrance to the Combined School from the cycle path and also at the Lowndes Way entrance to the cycle path. Trees at the entrance to Three Hills also needed trimming. The Clerk was asked to request BCC to deal with all items.</p>
A14/12	<p>Burial Ground:</p> <p>Fees: Members noted that fees would need to be reviewed from April 1st. The Clerk would prepare a proposal for consideration at the next meeting.</p>
A14/13	<p>Public Hall Car Park:</p> <p>Litter Bin: Members considered problems in relation to the emptying of this bin and RESOLVED that AVDC be contracted to add it to the contract at the standard rates.</p>
A14/14	<p>Playground:</p> <p>Gates and Fencing: All works were now complete.</p> <p>Consultation: The working party had met on Monday 27th January and Recommended the installation of a Pick Up Sticks 8 Activity Climber. RESOLVED to purchase this item subject to confirmation that the safety surfacing achieved a satisfactory critical fall height. Council had allocated funds towards this equipment and the Committee also RESOLVED to vire funds from budget items no longer required to cover the balance of the cost.</p>

A14/15	<p>Outdoor Fitness Area:</p> <p>Bench: Members considered the purchase of a bench for this area. RESOLVED to defer the matter to the next meeting and asked the Clerk to also obtain quotes for blue benches in the town colour. The Committee now agreed to consider benches with a back rather than the original proposal for a bench without a back.</p> <p>Litter Bin: RESOLVED to purchase a dark blue bin as quoted and to approve installation costs up to £50.</p> <p>Opening Hours Signs: These had been ordered.</p> <p>Lights: Poles had been delivered but work was stopped as the ground was so wet. It would be done as soon as possible.</p> <p>Other Works: Fencing behind the gym had been delayed due to the bad weather. The main equipment usage sign had now been installed and an inspection of the path had confirmed that the edges did not require filling</p>
A14/16	<p>Transition Orchard: Having considered the proposal from the Transition Group RESOLVED that approval be given to planting two apple trees and a plum initially. Varieties would be chosen to limit the height to 4 Mtrs. and the spread would also be restricted to 4 Mtrs. The trees would be planted adjacent to the Tabernacle and sited to avoid interference with the gang mower as far as possible.</p>
A14/17	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies</p> <p>BSNAG: Minutes had been circulated. Next meeting would be March 19th.</p>
	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Green Area in Meeting Oak Lane/Magpie Way: Members noted a reply from AVDC and agreed to take no further action.</p>
	<p>Other Items for information:</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.12pm.</p> <p>Next meeting : 18th March 2014</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>