

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

	<p>Present: Cllrs Wiseman (Chairman), Castle, Eatwell and Gibbs. Apologies: Cllr chambers and Monger. Accepted Clerk: C Loch There were no members of the public present for part of the meeting.</p>
	Declarations of Interest: None
A14/18	<p>Minutes of meeting on 18th. February 2014 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: Public Hall Car Park: Noted that temporary signs on the bin needed to be removed and that parking in the area beside the hall must not intrude onto the pathways.</p>
	Items Deferred. None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
	Items delegated by Council: None not covered elsewhere on the agenda
A14/19	<p>Street Furniture Welcome Signs: These would be delivered in the near future. Vandalism: Members noted the recent incidents of vandalism and asked that the Community police be kept informed.</p>
A14/20	<p>Landscaping and Trees Twinning Garden: All parties had now agreed to the proposal other than the PCC who would be contacted by Cllr. Wiseman. The planting scheme would be ready for the next meeting. War memorial Lighting: The Clerk reported that a further alternative solution had been found and a quote and design requested. It would be best to have any work done during the off season summer months. BCC Path Grant: Members heard of a proposal to devolve path maintenance to parish and town councils. However, the proposed funding appeared to be totally inadequate and the Clerk would investigate further. OFFA: Members noted that dead trees needed removing from the area adjacent to the Baptist Church. Cllr. Eatwell would arrange for the work to be done. Planters: Members agreed that Cllr. Castle would propose a scheme of planting and speak to the contractor.</p>
A14/21	<p>Burial Ground: Fees: Members considered a proposal to increase fees by approximately 5%, in line with inflation, for the next two year period. RESOLVED that the schedule of fees as tabled be approved.</p>
A14/22	<p>Public Hall Car Park: Barrier: Members noted the recent damage to the barrier and RESOLVED to have repairs done asap. The Clerk would try to identify the vehicle responsible from CCTV records.</p>
A14/23	<p>Playground: Gates and Fencing: Noted that the High St entrance gate had been vandalised and a replacement lock was awaited. Members agreed that a further sign be placed to advise of the danger of climbing the fence and that the Council could not accept responsibility for injury or damage in such cases. Climbing Equipment: The Clerk advised that a replacement climbing frame was on order and would be installed by month end unless the weather made the ground very wet.</p>
A14/24	<p>Outdoor Fitness Area: Bench: Members considered quotes and RESOLVED that a brown Kedel resin bench be purchased and installed with a suitable concrete base up to a cost of £300. Litter Bin: RESOLVED to purchase a dark blue bin as quoted and to approve installation costs up to £50. Lights: Poles had been delivered but work was stopped as the ground was so wet. It would be done as soon as possible. Other Works: Fencing behind the gym had been delayed due to the bad weather and a shortage of fence panels. The number and placement of litter bins would be reviewed once the area was established, Members would also consider a landscaping plan to complete the area.</p>
A14/25	Transition Orchard: Noted that the first fruit trees had been planted.
A14/26	Allotments: Members heard that Winslow Charities had approved a proposal for an allotment committee to monitor and advise on matters at the town allotments. The Clerk would now contact all allotment holders for their views.

A14/27	Reports of Outside Bodies BSNAG: Next meeting would be March 19th.
	Correspondence: TfB Think Community Conference: Noted that the next would be held April 2014
A14/28	Best Kept Village: Members considered a proposal regarding the contest in 2014 and RESOLVED that the Council enter the town in this year's contest. Members would also consider how to tackle issues raised the previous year.
	Other Items for information: Burial Ground: Noted that the new land would need to be mown before the grass became too long. Verney Road Development: Noted the developer would be installing 4 dog bins and two litter bins. Premier Developments who would be doing the estate landscaping would be responsible for emptying them. Meeting closed at 8.39pm. Next meeting : 15 th April 2014 Signed: (Chairman) Date: