

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Tuesday 15th April 2014, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs Wiseman (Chairman), Castle, and Gibbs. Apologies: Cllrs Chambers and Eatwell. Cllr Monger Holiday - Accepted Clerk: C Loch Deputy Clerk: K Oddey There were no members of the public or press present.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
A14/29	<p>Minutes of meeting on 18th March 2014 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: Vandalism: Cllr Gibbs noted that vandalism was raised at Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) and vigilance would be maintained.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred not covered elsewhere on the agenda – None</p>
A14/30	<p>Items delegated by Council: Dog Bins: Members considered the need for a bin on path 6/1 where it meets Furze Lane. It was also noted that there were no dog bins in or near the public car park and this was causing maintenance issues with the existing litter bins. It was RESOLVED to install additional bins: 1 on path 6/1 and 1 at the Public Hall car park at a total cost not to exceed £500 and that Cllr Castle work with the Clerk to determine the exact location.</p>
A14/31	<p>Street Furniture Welcome Signs: Due for delivery mid May</p>
A14/32	<p>Landscaping and Trees Twinning Garden: A proposal was presented and discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Castle would implement the changes (remove the conifers, replace with suitable plants eg. geraniums, review throughout the year). RESOLVED to approve expenditure up to £100. War memorial Lighting: The Clerk provided an update and would liaise with the St Laurence PCC as a Faculty would be required. It was noted that this process could take about 4 months. Ideally the lights would be in place before next winter. If the mains cable could be retained it would be possible to start on the Memorial Lighting. BCC Path Grant: The Clerk presented further analysis of the proposed costs to devolve footpath clearance. The Clerk will investigate the feasibility of meeting BCC requirements within the proposed grant and circulate information for the next meeting.</p>
A14/33	<p>Burial Ground: Field mowing: The Clerk advised that cutting of the field had been arranged and that it was anticipated that 2 cuts would be necessary. Members noted that care should be taken to protect recent plantings. RESOLVED to approve an increased expenditure of up to £130 to cover two cuts.</p>
A14/34	<p>Public Hall Car Park: Barrier: The Clerk advised that CCTV had captured the incident when the barrier was damaged, the CCTV footage was reviewed. Members discussed the benefit of improved CCTV cameras, one for the public car park, one for the Market Sq. Cllr Chambers would be asked to prepare a costed proposal for the next meeting.</p>
A14/35	<p>Playground: Climbing Frame: The Clerk advised that the replacement climbing frame was due for installation May 22nd. Specific time to be confirmed, some playground closure was expected (c.2days) Fence Lowering: Members asked the Clerk to investigate the making good of the playground fence to match the height of the wet pour surface. Other/net swing: It was noted that the net swing had been damaged and that the suppliers would repair free of charge. Other/toddler climbing frame: After discussion, moving this frame to the playground will be considered at a future meeting. Youth Centre Playground: It was noted that the grass needed cutting, this action would be referred to Resources via Cllr Castle.</p>

A14/36	<p>Outdoor Fitness Area:</p> <p>Bench: The Clerk advised that the previously approved bench was no longer available. Alternative options and quotes were discussed. Members RESOLVED to purchase and install in the same location and in a suitable concrete base a Keibel bench. Total cost not to exceed £500.</p> <p>Lights: Clerk advised contractors where due to provide delivery date, once confirmed fitting will be arranged, anticipated time c. 2hrs. It was noted that problems with Sports Club lighting appeared around the time of installation of original OFFA lighting. Clerk to investigate further and report at the next meeting.</p> <p>Landscaping: Members agreed to meet at the OFFA Friday 25th April at 7pm to discuss ideas (including the top soil mounds). Clerk to issue invite Committee to meeting. Cllrs Wiseman, Castle and Gibbs (if available) agreed to attend. Others optional. Ideas would be presented at the next meeting.</p>
A14/37	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies</p> <p>BUCKS South Neighbourhood Action Group: Update on speeding, analysis of data showed that the issue is mostly “perception of speed”. See vandalism update above. Minutes due shortly.</p> <p>Winslow Charities: At the AGM, it was resolved to encourage allotment owners to form an association to monitor and advise on allotment matters. Clerk to follow up with allotment owners.</p>
A14/38	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Path: resident’s letter/Lowndes Way: Members noted the letter and RESOLVED that the Clerk should reply advising that the Council was not responsible for the land in the proposal and to pass letter to VAHT.</p> <p>BIFFA Grant: The grant was noted and could possibly be used for the circular walk.</p> <p>BUCKS UTC offer: Opportunity to leverage services was noted. Clerk to add topic to Resources Committee agenda.</p>
A14/39	<p>Best Kept Village: Members discussed various ideas and RESOLVED:</p> <p>Landscaping: Cllr Castle undertook to clean/re-mat the baskets and provide to the contractor planting prior ready for the end of May. Clerk to ask the grounds man to water baskets and flower bed under sign through to end of October (with potash feeder in the water from August onwards). The contractor would be asked to maintain the beds at Station Rd, Elmfields and Public Hall.</p> <p>General: It was noted that last year Winslow scored very highly for Church and Burial Ground. The Sports ground scored well but was an area identified for improvement. All Committee members and the Clerk would endeavour to keep Winslow tidy and to ask others to help. Suitable notices would be posted. Landscaping contractors would be asked to coordinate work where possible.</p>
A14/40	<p>Meeting Dates: Members considered meeting dates. This would be reviewed at the ACM, a possible idea was to have the Amenities meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month if it could be accommodated within the Development meeting schedule.</p>
A14/41	<p>Other Items for information:</p> <p>Piccadilly chain link “no dogs” notice needs to be moved and correct fastening clips added to the chain link at Piccadilly end of Recreation Ground. Clerk to arrange.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8:59pm.</p> <p>Next meeting : 20th May 2014</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>