

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

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Wiseman (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell and Gibbs.  <b>Apologies:</b> Absent: Cllr. Monger.  <b>Clerk :</b> K Oddey  There were no members of the public or press present.</p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None</p>
A14/108	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014.</b> The committee RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes.  <b>Matters Arising:</b> none</p>
	<p><b>Items Deferred</b> not covered elsewhere on the agenda – None</p>
	<p><b>Items delegated by Council</b> – not covered elsewhere on agenda. None</p>
A14/109	<p><b>Street Furniture</b>  <b>Memorial Bench (Resident Donation):</b> the Clerk advised that BCC had been asked to approve the Bench within Vicarage Road/Verney Road. Cllrs Wiseman and Castle agreed to consider options and suggest a suitable location on the Road. The Clerk will provide this to BCC and chase up their response.</p>
A14/110	<p><b>Landscaping and Trees</b>  <b>Devolution of Grass cutting and related services.</b>  The BCC meeting has been rescheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> December. The Clerk agreed to update potential suppliers and to follow up with them after the BCC meeting.  Following a request for quotation from Granborough Parish Council the Committee also agreed to provide an indication what WTC would charge to provide grass cutting etc. The quote would be provided relative to the proposed BCC charges.</p>
A14/111	<p><b>Burial Ground:</b>  <b>Pylon:</b> The Committee agreed to obtain a quote for cordoning off the area around the base of the pylon with fencing as appropriate, to include a gate for access for the electricity suppliers. The Clerk also agreed to ask the supplier to ensure any damage following the recent work is repaired and to ask if they would consider contributing to the fencing etc.</p>
A14/112	<p><b>Public Hall Car Park</b>  <b>Barrier:</b> Members considered an updated quotation and drawing for a replacement barrier which is essential to ensure that heavy vehicles did not enter the park and damage underground drains. The Committee decided not to install the speed bump and to ask for the following changes to the proposed design: (a) ensure the barrier can't be taken off hinges, by locking or other means, (b) add supporting brackets to the back of the front posts, and (c) provide a "drop down" warning sign (the same as Wendover car park), with the height notice showing 2.1m maximum. The Clerk will confirm land ownership to determine positioning for the fence. The need to ensure that drainage is not impeded was reaffirmed.  <b>Parking at Public Hall:</b> The results of a survey of how the Car Park was used were presented and considered in the context of feedback from users, including complaints about the lack of space early mornings. The introduction of parking limitations was considered disproportionate when compared to the issues presented. It was concluded that no changes would be made nor letters sent (see minute A14/102) at this time and that the situation would be reviewed again in 6 months. The Clerk would write to the complainants. Cllr Eatwell noted his objection to the proposal.  <b>CCTV:</b> As delegated by Council (14/96) the Committee reviewed various costed options for CCTV upgrades. The Committee RESOLVED to propose to Council that the primary focus of CCTV should be protecting the Council's assets and therefore the following upgrades/new systems should be installed over the next few years: upgrade the existing CCTV cameras and systems at PHCP and Scout Hut; upgrade the system at the Market Square and Greyhound Lane; and install new cameras with systems at the OFFA, the Jubilee Games Area and the playground. In addition the Committee agreed to provide approximate costs for additional cameras with systems.</p>
A14/113	<p><b>Playground:</b>  <b>Damaged fence:</b> Members considered an additional quotation to replace the rotting divider fence, the cost was similar. It was RESOLVED that, subject to confirmation of available budget, the posts be removed and the wetpour surface repaired as quoted by the original supplier.  It was also suggested that the relocation of the <b>toddler climbing frame</b> be considered for</p>

	completion at the same time. <b>Flooding near Climbing Frame:</b> It was reported that the flooding had reappeared near the wooden, walk way, climbing frame. It was agreed to investigate alternative solutions, including field drains.
<b>A14/114</b>	<b>Outdoor Family Fitness Area (OFFA):</b> <b>Landscaping:</b> The work had started. <b>Dogs on Leads:</b> Council had asked Amenities to consider allowing "Dogs on Leads" (minute 14/96). After discussion, the Committee agreed to retain the action to introduce "No Dogs" signs to avoid the risk of dogs soiling the area.
<b>A14/115</b>	<b>Allotments:</b> <b>Administration:</b> Winslow Charities will discuss the Committee's administration proposal on the 24 <sup>th</sup> November.
	<i>The Committee agreed to extend the meeting to 21:15</i>
<b>A14/116</b>	<b>Footpaths:</b> <b>Circular Walk:</b> The Committee RESOLVED to carry out the work to resurface the footpaths at the Walk and along side the sports field as supported by the LAF grant, spending up to £6,650 (from grant) and £1,350 (from WTC). Cllr Castle agreed to liaise with the contractor and Cllr Wiseman agreed to seek the support of Cllr Laws. It was concluded that the path should be 1.5m wide and taper off into the grass. It was noted that BCC and the Department for Environment had been informed.
	<b>Reports of Outside Bodies</b> <b>Winslow and District Neighbourhood Action Group:</b> The date for the next meeting is to be confirmed
<b>A14/117</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Play Around the Parishes:</b> the Committee agreed the suggested dates, as presented in the meeting. The Clerk was asked to advise the Sports Club and request they do not use weed killers etc. prior to the events. <b>Parking on Pavements:</b> two issues had been raised by residents about an excessive number of cars being parked in Avenue Road and Station Road, including parking on pavements. The Clerk agreed to raise the issue with BCC.
<b>A14/118</b>	<b>Budget:</b> The Committee confirmed: (a) Devolution should be proposed to be £5,000 to contribute to BCC's funding and that this would be taken from reserves and (b) CCTV should be proposed to be £7,500 per annum.
<b>A14/119</b>	<b>Other Items for information:</b> <b>Fledglings Walk:</b> fly tipping and over grown hedges and trees: the landowner had agreed to address both issues. <b>Beamish Way:</b> the Committee RESOLVED to spend up to £150 to clear the overgrown hedges and clear the Street Lights <b>War Memorial:</b> an update was requested at the next meeting
	Meeting closed 21:14  <b>Next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014</b>  Signed: .....(Chairman) <span style="float: right;">Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014</span>