

MINUTES of a MEETING of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 16th July 2015, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs Barry (Chairman), Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Gouverneur and Laws. Apologies: Cllrs Monger, see A15/64 AVDC Cllr Renshell also attended the meeting.</p>
A15/64	<p>Committee Membership: it was noted that Cllr Monger had resigned from the Committee and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Gouverneur should join the Committee in his place with immediate effect.</p>
A15/65	<p>Declarations of Interest: none</p>
A15/66	<p>Minutes of Meeting 18th June 2015. The committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record Matters Arising: none Items Deferred – none. Items delegated by Council – not covered elsewhere on the agenda. None</p>
A15/67	<p>Street Furniture Cricketers Row Bench: it was noted the bench had been damaged and repair had been organised.</p>
A15/68	<p>Landscaping and Trees Cricketers Row – resident’s letter. A letter had been received regarding the condition of the grass and hedge area along the fence line opposite the properties. It was noted that The Lions had planted the trees etc it had also been agreed that the height of hedges would remain no taller than 1 metre. It was RESOLVED to urgently carry out the work to tidy the grass area and cut back the hedges to 1 metre along the full length of the fence but to leave the trees untouched. The area will also be maintained over time. The work is to be completed as part of the devolved grass cutting services and budget and the Clerk was asked to write to the resident. Cllr Barry agreed to discuss the matter with the Lions.</p>
A15/69	<p>Burial Ground (BG): Ashes: it was agreed to adopt a layout of Ashes’ Internments as proposed (eg. new internments would be placed along the hedge at the back of the BG rather than further extending along the path). It was also agreed that Cllrs Castle and Gouverneur would begin developing proposals for landscaping the BG extension in preparation of 2016/17 budgeting.</p>
A15/70	<p>Public Hall Car Park (PHCP): Barrier: It was noted that the barrier had been realigned and closed again. The use of the barrier would be reviewed at the next meeting. Parking in unmarked areas: it was agreed to write a further letter to the owner of the Nissan that parks outside the PH and investigate as a matter of urgency the option of car park by-laws.</p>
A15/71	<p>Playground: Toddler Equipment: painting of the toddler equipment had been completed. Gates: the gates had been repaired but some parts had since been removed (thought to have been vandalised). Cllr Barry agreed to raise the issue with Thames Valley Police. As these parts do not materially effect the functionality of the gates they would be left as is. Should the locks be damaged again it was agreed that the gates would be padlocked.</p>
A15/72	<p>Outdoor Family Fitness Area (OFFA): Replacement sign: Various costed options were considered and it was RESOLVED that the original sign would be remounted onto a board and fixed to the fence at the back of the area, for a nominal cost not to exceed £100. CCTV: it was agreed to investigate options for CCTV cameras and signs to be installed in the area. This review should be in the context of the wider CCTV upgrade programme and include the playground, Jubilee Games Area and BG.</p>
A15/73	<p>Jubilee Games Area: Annual RoSPA inspection: the inspection had been completed, 3 low level risks had been reported. It was agreed to cut the protruding screw back and to fill the hole near the manhole cover with rubble but to leave the gates without a buffer.</p>
A15/74	<p>Allotments: Allotment Coordination Group (ACG): The Group was organising a meeting to discuss various issues, including those raised by the Clerk.</p>

A15/75	<p>Footpaths Improvements: Walks Around Winslow: members were encouraged to provide input to this scheme through the Clerk on the areas of interest that had been circulated. The Clerk was asked to send the list to residents who may be able to contribute. It was agreed that Councillors would work with the Clerk to firm up the outline walks and to submit a Local Area Forum (LAF) grant application (before September LAF meeting) to support publicity and signage for the walk(s).</p>
A15/76	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies – Winslow Charities: the next meeting is scheduled for 30th July 15.</p>
A15/77	<p>Correspondence: Best Kept Village: Winners of the 2015 awards had been announced. Winslow's application had been unsuccessful. Play around the Parishes (PATP): The Committee approved a request from AVDC PATP to allow members of the Active Bucks team to attend the August 12th and 19th events. Avenue Road balancing pond - resident's letter: the resident suggested the area should be left to develop to meadow and/or to plant trees. As several residents had requested the area should be cut it was agreed to continue cutting the area. The situation would be reviewed should a significant number of residents' and Anglian Water support a change in approach.</p>
A15/78	<p>Other Items for information: Litter Bins: it was noted that the Earth Anchor bins on Little Horwood Road needed repainting and new bin liners. It was agreed to look at refurbishing all the bins bought around the time of the Jubilee (2012). Street lights/tree clearing: overgrown trees continue to block lights on Lambtons Way, Beamish Way and Oakways. The Clerk was asked to contact BCC and to copy Cllr J Chilvers. Fly signage: the Clerk was asked to write to KGB to ask them to remove their promotional signs attached to lampposts in the Town contrary to WTC and BCC policies. Cycle Path (Little Horwood Road to Swanbourne Road) it was noted that the brambles needed cutting back and the sign welcoming visitors to Winslow required updating or renewing.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8:16pm</p> <p>It was agreed that there will be no meeting in August unless considered necessary by the Chairman and Clerk due to holidays etc. The next meeting will be: 17th September 2015</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>