

MINUTES of a MEETING of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 19th May 2016, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow

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| A16/18 | <p>Present: Cllrs Barry, Castle, Chambers, Morton and Wisemen (ex officio). Apologies: Cllr Gray (accepted) Clerk: S. Carolan Members of the Press and Public: Cllrs Cawte, Monger and Renshell (AVDC) and one member of the public were in attendance.</p> |
| | <p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None Consideration of Applications for Dispensation: None</p> |
| A16/19 | <p>Minutes of Meeting 17th March 2016. The committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. Matters Arising: None</p> |
| | Items Deferred: None. |
| | Items Delegated by Council (not covered elsewhere on the agenda): None |
| A16/20 | <p>Election of Chairman: Cllr Barry was elected as Chairman for the year</p> |
| | <p>Street Furniture and Litter: The Committee noted the litter picks planned for 2nd and 9th June and that the perimeter of the Paddock would benefit from litter picking if resource is available.</p> |
| | <p>CCTV: The Committee noted that installation is complete at all locations, subject to the need for minor adjustments.</p> |
| A16/21 | <p>Devolution Annual Report: The Committee RESOLVED to accept the report compiled by the outgoing Deputy Clerk and to commend her for the quality of the report.</p> |
| A16/22 | <p>Allotments: Members discussed the proposed new Allotment Tenancy Agreement, and in particular the introduction of a deposit to ensure that allotments are handed back in good order at the end of a tenancy. The Committee RESOLVED: (a) that any new agreement should only apply to new tenancies, (b) that allotments should only be leased to residents of Winslow Parish, (c) that the new agreement should retain its provisions for a deposit, and (d) that the new agreement should be placed before the full Council with a RECOMENDATION that it be accepted subject to the agreement of the amount of the deposit. The Committee noted that the clerks have written to a number of tenants whose allotments appear not to have been cultivated for some time, and that a number of plots have become available for reallocation though there is still a waiting list for plots.</p> |
| | <p>Burial Ground: The Committee noted that the gates have been repaired.</p> |
| | <p>Outdoor Family Fitness Area (OFFA): The Committee noted that the Tai Chi Wheels have been replaced at a cost of £750, and that CCTV images have been passed to Thames Valley Police.</p> |
| | <p>Jubilee Games Area (JGA): The Committee noted that Buckinghamshire County Council has agreed to install and fund a fence between the Youth Centre and the Winslow Centre, to allow the reopening of the JGA gate and items of equipment to be moved around the Youth Centre site.</p> |
| | <p>Walks around Winslow - update from the working party: The Committee noted that the first delivery of leaflets were printed upside down and replacements are imminent. A launch will be planned by the Events Committee.</p> |
| A16/23 | <p>Skate Park: The Committee noted recent communications regarding the possibility of building a skate park on the burial ground extension land, and heard that there are restrictive covenants on the land restricting its use to a burial ground. The Committee RESOLVED to form a working party, comprising of Cllrs Chambers and Morton, to look at the feasibility of constructing a skate park elsewhere in the Town.</p> |
| A16/24 | <p>Burial Ground Extension: Members considered: (a) the request from Council to make a full proposal and recommendation on the use of the extension land, and (b) the proposals for a car park extension and a memorial garden in the larger of the two sites. A motion was tabled to recommend the adoption of the full memorial garden and car park scheme. An amendment to the motion to level off the land and take no further action was tabled and rejected, after which the original motion was withdrawn. A second motion was tabled to take no further action save for basic maintenance of the land. RESOLVED that no further action be taken on the larger of the burial ground extension sites until such time as the Amenities Committee sees fit to bring the matter back to Council. The Committee also RESOLVED to thank Cllrs Castle and Gouverneur for their work on this project.</p> |
| | <p>Reports of Outside Bodies: Winslow Charities – Members reported that they had a first meeting with the new Rector of Winslow.</p> |

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| | Winslow NAG – Met on 13 th May where Thames Valley Police reported a considerable fall in the incidence of antisocial behaviour in the area. Minutes of the meeting are awaited. |
| A16/17 | Correspondence: Request for an artificial games pitch – Members discussed a recent request for an artificial pitch in the town. The Committee noted that the Council does not own a suitable site for such a facility. Teen Café /Teen Challenge Barbecue – The Committee discussed the Teen Café’s request to hold a barbecue on the grassed area immediately to the south of the Teen Café, and RESOLVED to permit the event. |
| | Other Items for information: Meeting with Bucks CC re Winslow Centre redevelopment: The Chairman informed the Committee of a meeting planned for 23 rd May. Next Committee Meeting - will be 16 th June 2016. |
| | Meeting closed 8:25pm Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date) |