

MINUTES of a MEETING of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 17th November 2016, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs Barry (chairman), Castle, Chambers and Morton. Apologies: Cllr. Gray. Accepted Clerk: C Loch Members of the Press and Public: AVDC Cllr Renshell</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None Consideration of Applications for Dispensation: None</p>
A16/46	<p>Minutes of Meeting 15th September 2016. The committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. Matters Arising: None</p>
	<p>Items Deferred: None.</p>
	<p>Items Delegated by Council (not covered elsewhere on the agenda): None</p>
	<p>Street Furniture and Litter: Litter Bins: It was noted that a litter bin on Lowndes Way has a rusted liner which should be replaced as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>Devolved Services: No items to report.</p>
	<p>Allotments: No items to report.</p>
A16/47	<p>Burial Ground: Memorial Bench: A request had previously been approved and members RESOLVED that the Clerk now arrange for a bench of compatible design to be installed in an appropriate location. Water Supply: Noted that the developer of the industrial site had indicated that the connection would be made in the new year. Southern Section: Members considered work necessary to ensure that the southern section of the burial ground would be ready for interments when it became necessary. RESOLVED that the existing path be extended beyond the pavilion to the hedge and that a gateway be installed in the hedge to enable access to the new area beyond the pavilion. The existing spoil heap to be relocated in the new area. A cost of up to £1,000 was approved.</p>
A16/48	<p>Playground, JGA & OFFA: Signage: draft text and design along with photographs and locations would be submitted to the next meeting for consideration. Inspection: The new regime of professional routine inspection had not identified any significant problems. The Clerk would investigate a replacement for the toddler slide which was nearing the end of its life.</p>
A16/49	<p>Projects: Three Hills: The Committee considered the proposal by AVDC that WTC take on a lease for this area. As the current discussions on a unitary authority could result in more services being devolved to WTC with associated grants, members RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that it would be premature to take on the lease and the offer should be declined. It was noted that no suitable site had been identified for a skate park and until such time as a site was identified consideration could not be given to such a facility. Barbara Brown Memorial Garden: This garden required refurbishment and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk arrange for suitable work to be completed from the maintenance budget.</p>
A16/50	<p>Tomkins Park & Arboretum: The Committee noted the success of the recent Lion's bonfire night and that the area had been restored to a good standard. The park would be officially opened on November 19th.</p>
	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies: Winslow Charities – No further meeting had been held. Winslow Anti-Social Behaviour Group - Next meeting scheduled for January.</p>
A16/51	<p>Correspondence: Minutes: A resident had written requesting that draft minutes be published. While this could be done under legislation it was a matter for the Annual Meeting and could be considered then.</p>
	<p>Other Items for information: East West Rail: Members noted that a date of 2024 was now being indicated for the new line and a residents concern that the rails would not be designed for silent running.</p>

	<p>Hanging Baskets at Elmsfield corner: A councillor was concerned that the baskets had not been removed on the annual agreed date and were looking very untidy. The Clerk had intended to trail a winter planting which members agreed with.</p> <p>Sustrans Welcome Sign: It was noted that this sign was misleading in that it was located wrongly. The Clerk was asked to take the matter up with Sustrans as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8:23pm</p> <p>Date of next meeting: 15th December 2016.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting on 17th November 2016</p>