

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL  
held on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**, at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

**Present:** Cllrs Barry (Chair), Chambers, Morton, and Castle (ex officio)

**Clerk:** S Carolan

**Absent:** Cllr Alman and Wiseman

**Members of the Press and Public:** Cllr Renshell (AVDC) and one member of the public attended

<b>A17/26</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs Alman and Wiseman - apologies accepted
	<b>Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation:</b> None
	<b>The Chairman welcomed the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the Chair of Aylesbury Vale District Council to the meeting.</b>
<b>A17/27</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting</b> held on Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2017: the Committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.
	<b>Matters Arising:</b> None
	<b>Items deferred from previous meeting:</b> None
	<b>Items delegated by Council:</b> None
<i>The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm to hear a representation from a resident and was reconvened at 7:17pm</i>	
<b>A17/28</b>	<b>Recreation Ground:</b> Members considered a request from a resident to use the Recreation Ground as a temporary vehicular access during works to a residential garden. The Committee RESOLVED: (a) to decline the request, and (b) that the Clerk should write to the resident to suggesting that they approach the Sports Club to see if they can assist.
<b>A17/29</b>	<b>Street Furniture:</b> <b>Request for new benches on Magpie Way</b> - The Committee considered a request for new benches and, in the absence of a suitable location within the Town Council's control, RESOLVED to decline the request. <b>Request for a litter bin on Buckingham Road at Highfield Road</b> - The Committee considered a request for an additional litter bin and RESOLVED defer a decision until further evidence is gathered that a bin is needed. <b>Commemorative Bench</b> - the Committee noted Council's recent decision to decline a resident's request. <b>Cycle Racks</b> - the Committee noted that TfB are in favour of siting any new cycle racks adjacent to No 3 High Street and RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate the costs involved. <b>Bus Shelter Cleaning</b> - the Committee noted the new regime and the current contractor's estimate of the cost involved. RESOLVED that the Clerk should seek an estimate from the Council's previous contractor. <b>Damaged Bus Shelter</b> - The Committee noted that the new bus shelter is on order at no cost to the Council.
<b>A17/30</b>	<b>Allotments:</b> The Committee discussed a resident's request to keep bees at the allotments and RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the resident allowing the request in principle, subject to the Council receiving assurances regarding: the location of any hive, the resident having suitable experience, and the Council being indemnified for any loss or damage caused.
	<b>Burial Ground:</b> Members noted that the Council's groundwork team have mowed the expansion land.
<b>A17/31</b>	<b>Devolved Services:</b> <b>Annual Report</b> - the Committee noted the annual report to Buckinghamshire County Council. <b>Mower Repair</b> - the Committee RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to spend up to £700 on mower repairs.
	<b>Playground, JGA and OFFA:</b> <b>Playground</b> - the Committee noted that the high swings are temporarily out of commission awaiting repair. <b>OFFA</b> - The Committee deferred discussion of additional equipment until 2018-19 budget planning.
	<b>CCTV:</b> <b>Damage at the Youth Centre</b> - The Committee noted the repairs to the cameras at the Youth Centre. <b>CCTV Policy</b> - It was Recommended that the revised CCTV policy be accepted and in order to avoid any further delay a copy should be circulated to all Council members prior to the next Council meeting.
	<b>Items for information:</b> <b>Public Hall Car Park</b> - Cleaning and hedge trimming is scheduled for 26 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Play Around the Parishes</b> - 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug (Big Society), 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug, and 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug. <b>Weeds</b> - Prices for weed scrubbers are being investigated. <b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b> - Members noted an apparent increase in ASB events recently. Separately Thames Valley Police are inaugurating a 'Community Forum'. They will also be attending Council in August.
	<i>Meeting closed 8:20pm</i>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) at a Meeting on **17<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.