

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012,**  
at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell, Gibbs and Wiseman,  <b>Apologies:</b> None  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch  <i>There was one member of the public present for part of the meeting.</i></p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> – Cllr. Castle declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Youth Centre. Cllr. Wiseman declared a personal interest in the matter relating to Lions</p>
A12/15	<p><b>Minutes</b> of meeting on 24th January 2012 agreed to be a true record and signed</p>
A12/16	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b>  <b>Elmfields Gate Parking:</b> Cllr. Eatwell noted that he had observed further instances of parking on the hatched lines and undertook to assist in attaching notices to cars so parked.</p>
	<p><b>Items delegated by Council:</b> None</p>
A12/17	<p><b>Street Furniture</b>  <b>Welcome Planter/Signs</b> (A12/04): Noted that the signs had been removed for refurbishment. It was expected that the work would be completed quickly.</p>
A12/18	<p><b>Landscaping and Trees</b>  <b>Sports Club Entrance</b> – Noted that the Sports Club accepted responsibility and would undertake the task of trimming the trees adjacent to the main entrance gates.</p>
A12/19	<p><b>Tree Planting:</b> Members noted that the planting at the Sports Club would take place on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The planting at the new land transferred to the Burial Ground would be undertaken as soon as the boundary had been staked out and a planting scheme finalised. Cllrs. Wiseman and Castles would meet to devise a planting scheme.  <b>Landscaping Contract.</b> Members noted charges for the year and the excellent work which had been done, well within Budget.</p>
A12/20	<p><b>Burial Ground:</b>  <b>Transfer of Land:</b> (A12/08) Noted that title had passed to WTC.</p>
A12/21	<p><b>Burial Fees:</b> Members considered a proposed revised schedule of fees (based on a 5% uplift) and RESOLVED that the new fees be adopted as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.</p>
A12/22	<p><b>Income and Expenditure:</b> RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that any surplus income be allocated to a reserve for future maintenance.  <b>Maintenance:</b> Members noted that levelling work was required and RESOLVED to approve expenditure, within Budget, to have this done.</p>
A12/23	<p><b>Playground:</b>  <b>Expenditure:</b> Members considered expenditure to date and RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that any surplus income be allocated to an equipment replacement fund.</p>
A12/24	<p><b>Jubilee Games Area</b> (A12/12): Cllr Barry reported on progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works were completed and Lightmain had been paid.</li> <li>• The litter bin had been delivered and permission for installation received from BCC. The litter situation would be monitored to ascertain if a further bin was required.</li> <li>• Signage: A draft sign was discussed. Members asked that a quote and proof for both a “conditions of use” sign and a “name” sign be obtained by the Deputy Clerk. WREN and LEADER signs as required by the funders were approved and RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £20 for the LEADER plaque.</li> <li>• Enquiries to be made regarding a “finger post” at the Avenue Road/High St. corner.</li> <li>• Members considered a suggestion for usage rules but felt that this should only be considered if problems arose. The intent was to provide a public facility available to all without too many regulations.</li> <li>• Plans for the official opening between 12 and 2 on March 31<sup>st</sup>. were progressing well. Cllr Gibbs reported on the latest position</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process of recruiting someone to lock and unlock the facility was in progress. If necessary, the Committee would establish a rota as a short term solution.</li> </ul>
A12/25	<b>Fitness Trail:</b> RESOLVED to defer this item to the March meeting. Cllr Wiseman would circulate an example of the sort of installation possible, funding and grant aid applications were discussed.
A12/26	<b>CCTV Upgrade:</b> (A12/15) Members considered problems which had arisen in respect of the installation at the British Legion Hall. RESOLVED that in view of the difficulties a Broadband Line be installed at and the CCTV equipment moved to the Public Hall subject to obtaining permission from the Public Hall Trust.
A12/27	<p><b>Reports of Outside Bodies</b></p> <p><b>BSNAG:</b> Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2012</p> <p><b>Friends of Winslow Youth Centre / Youth Cafe:</b> Cllr. Castle reported that both committees had recently met and agreed to merge if WTC were to take on the lease of the building. One Youth session per week was now considered the most realistic target.</p> <p><b>Winslow Charities:</b> Met on February 13th and had approved an increase in allotment rents and set meeting dates for the coming year. It was requested that the Clerk write to Mr. T Foley to thank him for his efforts as secretary for the past 34 years.</p>
	<b>Correspondence:</b> <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items. None</i>
	<p><b>Other Items for information:</b> <i>None</i></p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.44pm.</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman)      Date: .....</p>