

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 27th July 2017**, at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

Present: Cllrs Barry (Chair), Alman (in part), Chambers, Morton, and Wiseman

Clerk: S Carolan

Absent: None

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

	Apologies for Absence: None
	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None
A17/32	Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 22 nd June 2017: the Committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.
	Matters Arising: None
	Items deferred from previous meeting: None
	Items delegated by Council: None
A17/33	Recreation Ground: The Committee considered the recent recommendation from the Council's playground contractor regarding the practice goal and RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Football Club to request a finer net be fitted to the goal and if that is not possible in the short term that the net be removed. The Committee noted a message of thanks from the Winslow Tabernacle for grass cutting
A17/34	OFFA: The Committee discussed a request for additional equipment for the outdoor gym and a cost estimate for it and RESOLVED that the outdoor gym be reviewed in its entirety before next year's budget is set.
	Best Kept Village: The Committee noted the recent announcement that Winslow has won the Michaelis Cup for the best kept small town in Buckinghamshire and that the cup will be presented by the Lord Lieutenant on Saturday 16 th September. All Committee members and everyone who has made a contribution to cleaning and tidying the Town are encouraged to attend.
A17/35	Street Furniture & Litter: Commemorative Bench - the Committee noted that the request has been withdrawn. Cycle Racks - the Committee noted the Clerk's estimate of the costs involved and RESOLVED that the Clerk should submit a planning application; that the cycle racks should be in stainless steel to match the others in the Town; and if possible the Clerk should find the funds from within the current Amenities budget. Bus Shelter Cleaning - the Committee RESOLVED to accept a quote from the Council's current contractor. Litter Picking - The Committee noted a recent litter pick by Cllr Chandler and RESOLVED that the Clerk should send a message of thanks.
	Allotments: The Committee noted further correspondence from an allotment holder regarding bees.
A17/36	Burial Ground: Members discussed the recent report of a fire at the Burial Ground and noted that it is the first such report in the Burial Ground's 25 year history. No evidence of the cause has been found. The Committee considered two proposals by the Clerk for the 2018 fees update and RESOLVED that the Clerk should draw up a new draft fee table taking the mean of the first two proposals. The Committee also RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate whether and how funds might be accumulated to cover the maintenance of the Burial Ground once its income has ceased.
A17/37	Devolved Services: The Committee noted that service delivery is running smoothly and that all of the Town's streets have now been weed sprayed. The Committee noted a recent issue with a path at Fair Meadow and RESOLVED that the Clerk should have the authority to maintain paths within the Town regardless of ownership if in the Clerk's opinion it is expedient to do so and recover the cost wherever possible.
A17/38	Playground, JGA and OFFA: Playground - the Committee noted that the outstanding repairs have been completed. JGA - The Committee noted that the chain has been removed from the rear gate and in light of recent experience when the gate was missing RESOLVED that the JGA gates should no longer be locked at night.
A17/39	CCTV: The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should look for an independent contractor who can advise on the best positioning of the Council's CCTV cameras. Members noted a proposal to install an additional camera at Winslow Bowls Club.
	Items for information: Neighbourhood Police Forum - Members noted a brief report from Thames Valley Police. Budget - Members were reminded to forward suggestions for budget items to the Clerk before September. Next Meeting - Members agreed that, unless any urgent business arises, the Committee's next meeting will be 21st September.
	<i>Meeting closed 7:48pm</i>

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting on _____