

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on  
**Tuesday 19th June 2012,**  
at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell, and Gibbs  <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Wiseman  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch  <i>There were no members of the public or press present.</i></p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> – Cllr. Castle declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Youth Centre.</p>
A12/65	<p><b>Minutes</b> of meeting on 15th May 2012 agreed to be a true record and signed</p>
A12/66	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b>  <b>Cricketers Row:</b> Members noted that some work had been done on the Cricketers Row verge. The matter would continue to be monitored .</p>
	<p><b>Items delegated by Council:</b> <i>None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i></p>
A12/67	<p><b>Street Furniture</b>  <b>Litter Bin: Swanbourne Road/ Cycle Path corner.</b> This had not been progressed until work at the end of the footpath was complete.  <b>War Memorial:</b> Members considered progress on the request to include the names of the 13 civilians killed when a bomber crashed on Winslow during WWII. Provided the additional names were on the War Memorial and an unattached frame was used for the wreathes then the PCC were in favour of the proposal. However, it should be noted that any attachment to the wall would require a faculty and have to be referred back to the PCC. The Deputy Clerk was asked to ensure that the proposal was in accordance with the rules on War Memorials as well as the spend being within the Council's powers. Once confirmed, a quote would be obtained and a recommendation made.</p>
A12/68	<p><b>Landscaping and Trees</b>  <b>Lions Bulb planting:</b> A number of possible sites were submitted. Members would circulate further ideas for the next meeting. Any planting would of course then be subject to permission from the relevant land owner. Possible sites included Buckingham Rd at the bridge end, the entrance to Highfield Rd., the areas of grass at the end of Sheep St. Cricketers Row and Granborough Rd.</p>
A12/69	<p><b>Twinning Rose Bed:</b> Members considered a suggestion that the bed be occasionally tended by a contractor. It was felt that in the first instance WAFTA should try to organise a rota of members.</p>
A12/70	<p><b>PHCP:</b> The car park would be closed for sweeping and hedge trimming on July 10<sup>th</sup>.</p>
A12/71	<p><b>Burial Ground:</b>  <b>Landscaping of Transferred Land:</b> (A12/58) Repairs to the Furze Lane fence were progressing. Further quotes for the main stock fencing of the new boundary were still awaited..</p>
A12/72	<p><b>Memorial:</b> The Deputy Clerk reported that the damage to a memorial had been rectified although the cause had not been clear. The resident would be contacted to ensure that the matter had been dealt with satisfactorily.</p>
A12/73	<p><b>Playground:</b>  <b>Replacement Expenditure:</b> (A12/60) Members heard that an outline proposal had been drawn up and several suppliers asked to submit proposals which could then be considered in detail by Members. RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that the project be progressed in two stages: phase 1 out of existing funds and phase 2 on the basis of obtaining grant funding. Council would also be asked to consider if any s106 might be available if needed.</p>
A12/74	<p><b>Jubilee Games Area</b> (A12/61): Cllr Barry reported on progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proofs were now agreed and the signs could be produced.</li> <li>• It had now been confirmed that no rates would be payable.</li> <li>• Some problems had been experienced with interference to Playgroup property (although it could not be specifically linked to the JGA). The police and playgroup have suggested that WTC might undertake the locking and unlocking of the side gate and small pedestrian gate on the path to the Winslow Centre to reduce the problem. As the path did not belong to WTC and was used by residents attending the Centre outside the hours when the JGA was</li> </ul>

	open it was RESOLVED that WTC should not get directly involved in locking or unlocking and that the Winslow Centre be requested to take on their responsibility for the locking and unlocking of the pedestrian gates as advised by the police.
A12/75	<p><b>Outdoor Gym:</b> (A12/62) Cllr. Barry reported on progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The working party had met with the WI representatives and agreed the way forward for a joint project. The WI had undertaken to provide feedback on the most suitable mix of equipment and this is awaited before drawing up a more detailed specification.</li> <li>A grant application, business plan and timeline had been drafted as far as possible.</li> </ul> <p>RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that the Committee be authorised to progress the project on the basis of using allocated reserves and grant funding to be raised jointly by WTC and the WI. The Council would also be asked to consider if any s106 funds might be available although it was unlikely that any would be necessary.</p>
A12/76	<p><b>CCTV Upgrade:</b> (A12/63) Members heard that the system was almost complete and despite major problems with BT the software would be installed on June 25<sup>th</sup> and a test using the Scout Hut system scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup>. RESOLVED not to uninstall the equipment from the legion mast but to ensure that funds were reserved to cover the cost if required.</p>
A12/77	<p><b>Reports of Outside Bodies</b></p> <p><b>BSNAG:</b> Cllr. Gibbs reported on the meeting. Problems with drugs, speeding and motor bikes using the access to Angels Close from the new estate were raised although not matters for the Council.</p> <p><b>Friends of Winslow Youth Centre / Youth Cafe:</b> Cllr. Castle reported a further meeting would be held in the near future and the key focus now was to become set up as a charity to aid fund raising.</p>
	<b>Correspondence:</b> <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items. None</i>
	<p><b>Other Items for information:</b></p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.47pm.</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman)      Date: .....</p>