

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Tuesday 20th March 2012,
at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HQ

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell, Gibbs and Wiseman, Apologies: None Clerk: C Loch <i>There were no members of the public or press present.</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest – 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>
A12/28	<p>Minutes of meeting on 21st February 2012 agreed to be a true record and signed</p>
A12/29	<p>Matters Arising: Elmfields Gate Parking: The Deputy Clerk was asked to supply all Councillors with the notice re parking on the hatched lines.</p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council: None</p>
A12/30	<p>Street Furniture Welcome Planter/Signs (A12/17): The signs have now been refurbished and would be put back as soon as possible.</p>
A12/31	<p>Dog Bin Church Walk: Members noted a request to alter the position of the dog bin in Church Walk to enable the fence to be repaired and be less intrusive. RESOLVED to allow the re-positioning and meet reasonable costs up to £30.</p>
A12/32	<p>Finger Posts: Members considered a request for better directional signs to St. Laurence Church. RESOLVED not to object to such signs in principle but would need to give approval to a final plan.</p>
A12/33	<p>Landscaping and Trees Tree Planting – Sports Club: (A12/19). It was noted that the recent planting would tend to obscure memorial trees in the area and members agreed to move such trees as necessary to rectify the matter. The Sports Club had responded to concerns from neighbouring residents about the view being obscured by giving an assurance that any hedging would be maintained at no more than 1 metre in height.</p>
A12/34	<p>Sports Club Entrance – Noted that the trees at the main entrance gates had been trimmed.</p>
A12/35	<p>AVDC Jubilee Oak Tree: Noted that AVDC would supply an Oak Tree to mark the Jubilee Year at no cost. RESOLVED to request a tree.</p>
A12/36	<p>Burial Ground: Landscaping of Transferred Land: (A12/09) Members considered the advisability of levelling the ground before the tree planting and, in due course, the erection of the fence. Cllr. Chambers undertook to make enquiries to locals who might undertake the task. The Deputy Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for stock proof fencing, although this work would be subject to funding from the developer.</p>
A12/37	<p>Playground: Expenditure: Members considered the need to replace some of the existing equipment. Cllrs. Gibbs and Eatwell undertook to draft a proposal for consideration by the Committee</p>
A12/38	<p>Jubilee Games Area (A12/24): Cllr Barry reported on progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The litter bin was proving adequate and problems with the lights had been resolved. • The grant claims had been submitted and payment was awaited. • Quotes and a proof for the signage was awaited and there was some concern that they would not be available for the opening. • Permission had been given for a “finger post” at the Avenue Road/High St. Corner and this would be arranged. • Plans for the official opening between 12 and 2pm on March 31st. were well in hand and publicity through both press and radio arranged.

A12/39	Outdoor Gym: Members considered information on other such facilities and RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that an Outdoor Gym facility be established in Winslow on a site to be agreed, possibly within the Recreation Ground. The project if sited within the Recreation Ground would be subject to funding grants and consultation with the Sports Club
A12/40	CCTV Upgrade: (A12/26) Members considered a report from Cllr. Chambers. Approval had been given for the installation at the British Legion to be moved to the Public Hall and an order would be placed for the Broadband Line. RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that some of the funds allocated for upgrade work be used to install upgraded cameras at this site at an estimated cost for the whole project of £4,000.
A12/41	<p>Reports of Outside Bodies</p> <p>BSNAG: A report had been circulated</p> <p>Friends of Winslow Youth Centre / Youth Cafe: Cllr. Castle reported that the Chairman had stepped down for two months but was expected to resume the role thereafter. Plans for the future of the Youth Centre were now awaiting negotiations between WTC and BCC as to WTC taking on the lease of the building. The Friends were planning to cater for the JGA opening to raise funds.</p> <p>Winslow Charities: The next meeting would be in May.</p>
	<p>Correspondence: <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items.</i></p> <p>Leisure Facilities: Members noted a request from a resident for the provision for more leisure facilities for the elderly. Any suggestions would be welcome and considered.</p>
	<p>Other Items for information:</p> <p>Burial Ground: Noted that plastic pots and other such items were being put in the compost bin. The Deputy Clerk was asked to monitor this and erect a notice.</p> <p>Cricketers Row Development: Noted that recent building work had left the verge in a mess. This would be taken up again with the relevant authority.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.44pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Date:</p>