

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

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Eatwell, and Wiseman. Apologies: Cllrs Chambers and Gibbs. Accepted Clerk: C Loch <i>There were no members of the public or press present.</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Wiseman - Lions</p>
A12/131	<p>Minutes of meeting on 16th October 2012 agreed to be a true record and signed. Matters Arising: None</p>
	<p><i>Items Deferred. None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</i></p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council: None</p>
A12/132	<p>Street Furniture War Memorial: (A12/90) Members noted the negative response to the public consultation as well as a strong representation from the Royal British Legion opposing any changes. RESOLVED not to add a memorial for those who died when a bomber crashed in Winslow or to provide racks at the memorial on which to hang wreaths.</p>
A12/133	<p>Dog Bins Contract: RESOLVED to defer this item until such time as AVDC advised the proposed changes to the contract.</p>
A12/134	<p>Landscaping and Trees Lions Bulb planting (A12/91): Members noted that the planting exercise had been completed on 18th Nov and expressed their appreciation to Lions International and all those volunteers who helped on the day.</p>
A12/135	<p>Jubilee Tree: Members noted suggested planting sites at the corner of Furze Lane and Verney Road and the Great Horwood Road corner on Buckingham Road. The matter would be reported to Council at the next meeting and further suggestions considered before making a decision.</p>
A12/136	<p>Burial Ground: Transferred Land: (A12/93) Noted that issues with the transfer document had been resolved with the owner and it could be completed once a revised document was received.</p>
A12/137	<p>Reserved and unmarked plots: (A12/94) Members received information on various alternatives and RESOLVED to approve the sample as provided by Heritage and Son. The Deputy Clerk would report back on final costings and quantities required.</p>
A12/138	<p>Hedge: Noted that replacement of the failed hedge plants had been organised. a number of the new plants had failed.</p>
A12/139	<p>Litter Bins: Noted that collection bags had been provided and waste was again being collected as a normal service. Bins were still to be delivered.</p>
A12/140	<p>Public hall Car Park: Line Marking: Reported that a quote had been requested from a local supplier. Once received it would be benchmarked against a further two quotes before a decision was made.</p>
A12/141	<p>Playground: Replacement Expenditure: (A12/96) Members received a report on the refurbishment programme as proposed by the working party. RESOLVED that the proposals be advised to Council and would form the basis of the grant application subject to the working party now consulting with users and further considering any disturbance to neighbours.</p>

A12/142	Budget: Members considered the draft Budget as previously circulated and now submitted for inclusion in the Precept Proposal. No further amendments were proposed although it was noted that Burial Ground income may need to be reviewed in the context of the overall Budget.
A12/143	Outdoor Fitness Area: (A12/98) Members received a report on the proposed outdoor fitness areas and associated works. RESOLVED that the proposals be advised to Council and would form the basis of the grant application.
A12/144	CCTV : (A12/99) Noted that the new equipment was installed and now connected to the central viewing facility in the Council office. An updated CCTV Policy had been circulated and RESOLVED that it be RECOMMENDED to Council for approval. Members also noted that there were running costs at the various locations and RESOLVED that a sum of £30 be approved to cover the costs at the Scout Hall and Market Square. It might also be possible to offer a wi-fi facility at Jenny Wren, the Scout Hut and the Public Hall as a further gesture of appreciation.
	Reports of Outside Bodies BSNAG: To meet 21 st November. Winslow Charities: Met 6 th November and minutes were circulated.
A12/145	Correspondence: <i>Not dealt with under relevant agenda items.</i> Bin Market Square: Members noted a complaint regarding a large bin for Market Square traders, housed at the entrance to the Church Grounds. This had already been raised with AVDC but would be taken up again to see if a less intrusive alternative solution could be arranged.
	Other Items for information: Appraisals: Members noted that the Groundman's appraisal had been completed and was satisfactory with no issues. Meeting closed at 8.57pm. Signed: (Chairman) Date: