

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 16th February 2023**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Cawdell, Castle, Cornell, Hamley and Onley **Absent:** None **Clerk:** S Carolan
Members of the press and public: None

Apologies for Absence: None

Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

A23/11 The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its meeting on Thursday 5th January 2023 be signed as a true record.

Matters Delegated by Council: None

Street Scene

A23/12 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should complete a street furniture audit.

A23/13 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should remove the redundant dog bin post from National Cycle Route 51, behind the football pitch.

Allotments

The Committee noted a report from the Clerk on occupancy and waiting lists.

Recreation Ground

Members noted the completion of a temporary repair to the recreation ground path, and deferred consideration of resurfacing and widening until the long-term future of the path is known..

Burial Ground

Members noted the successful resurfacing of the burial ground footpath, and the ongoing East West Rail fencing work.

A23/14 The Committee discussed the condition of the main burial ground gates and RESOLVED that the Clerk should widen the search for a contractor that can re-align them.

Tomkins Park

A23/15 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £200 to replenish WTC's stock of safety fencing.

A23/16 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £300 on delivery charges for new picnic benches.

A23/17 The Committee noted that efforts to monitor the incline of the Cedar of Lebanon have been unsuccessful and authorised the Clerk to spend up to £1,250 on a specialist survey and any necessary remedial work.

A23/18 The Committee noted a report from Cllr Cawdell on several trees of unknown origin and RESOLVED that Cllr Cawdell should complete a comprehensive survey of trees in the Park.

A23/19 The Committee discussed the survival rate of new trees planted in the park and RESOLVED that the Clerk should reject requests to plant anything other than semi-mature trees in the Park.

A23/20 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should seek a further 20 bird nesting boxes from the East West Rail Alliance.

Correspondence

Members noted correspondence from Greener Winslow re a meeting to discuss community gardens.

A23/21 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should: (a) arrange a meeting of members with Greener Winslow to discuss various locations for community gardens, Greener Winslow's suggestions for their development, plans for ongoing maintenance, and Greener Winslow's involvement in commemoration of the forthcoming coronation including opportunities to leave an ongoing legacy; (b) clarify that planting or rewilding will only be considered for areas that are not part of WTC's devolved grass-cutting schedule; and clarify that the Barbara Brown memorial garden is already undergoing refurbishment so is currently out of scope.

Items for Information

At the request of the Chairman the Committee's next meeting has been brought forward by a week. The next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays 23rd March and 18th May 2023.

The Clerk has received an invitation for WTC to participate in BBOWT's 'Reconnecting Bernwood, Otmoor and Ray' project, and intends to decline it as the area covered by the project does not include Winslow.

Cllr Hamley reported a failed dog bin on public footpath WIS/6/9.

Cllr Castle reported: (a) a failed litter bin on National Cycle Route 51 behind the combined school; further graffiti on the National Cycle Route 51 'Welcome to Winslow' sign on Little Horwood Road, and (c) a failed bracket on the 'Welcome to Winslow' sign on Little Horwood Road.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **23rd March 2023**