

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL  
held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

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

**Election of Chairman:**

A22/11      The Committee RESOLVED that Cllr Cawdell be elected to the chair for the council year.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Cornell

A22/12      The Committee RESOLVED to accept Cllr Cornell's apologies.

**Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation:** None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

A22/13      The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its meeting on Thursday 17th February 2022 be signed as a true record.

Cllr Cawdell reported that she had inspected the eastern margin of Tomkins Park and were generally happy with the landscaping.

**Matters Delegated by Council:** None

**Street Scene**

Members noted the increased number of dogs off the lead in some of the Town's public spaces, and discussed opportunities to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

A22/14      The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact Buckinghamshire Council for an update on the operation of the Dog Warden service.

**Burial Ground**

The Clerk reported positive discussions with the East West Rail Alliance regarding the replacement of the eastern fence, remedial work to the hedging and removal of a large fir tree.

A22/15      The Committee RESOLVED that a final decision on removal of the tree be delegated to Cllrs Hamley and Onley.

Members discussed a variety of issues relating to the extension land, its future use, and access across it.

A22/16      The Committee RESOLVED that a working party comprising Cllrs Hamley and Onley be established to recommend a comprehensive design for the extension to the Committee, and to liaise with the Clerk on preparatory steps. The remit of the working party to include:

- (a) Design of the expanded burial ground;
- (b) Design of any expanded parking area;
- (c) Positioning of fences, gates and hedges, including the roadside boundary;
- (d) Route, surfacing, gating and signage of any footpath and/or cycle path across the site;
- (e) Steps necessary to obtain any necessary planning consent; and
- (f) Short-term management of the extension land including any levelling, temporary fencing, etc.

**Allotments**

The Clerk reported positive discussions with the East West Rail Alliance on improving the surface of the footpath to Furze Lane.

**Public Hall Car Park**

A22/17      The Committee noted recent damage to the height barrier and RESOLVED that the Clerk should obtain a quote from the manufacturer for its repair.

## **Tomkins Park**

The Committee noted a report from the Clerk on progress of the annual maintenance, plus some additional items raised by Winslow Bowls Club.

- A22/18 The Committee discussed arrangements for the planting of three commemorative trees, including one for the forthcoming jubilee and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £1,500 from the Amenities budget on three tree guards, consumables relating to the trees, and appropriate commemorative signage.

## **Trees**

- A22/19 The Committee discussed several issues relating to trees and land owned by Buckinghamshire Council and RESOLVED that the Clerk should raise the following issues with Buckinghamshire Councillors Chilver and Goss:
- (a) The state of repair of the vehicle barrier at 'Three Hills';
  - (b) The management of an area adjacent to Little Horwood Road and South of the cycle path, from which most of the trees were recently removed; and
  - (c) The state of the area beneath the recently cut trees on the footpath behind Beamish Way.

## **Correspondence**

Members noted correspondence from a resident regarding the playground gates.

- A22/20 The Committee discussed an invitation from Great Horwood PC to collaborate on wildflower verges and RESOLVED that the Clerk should decline the invitation.
- A22/21 The Committee discussed correspondence between the Council and Winslow Hall regarding significant damage to the Council's fence caused by a tree falling from Winslow Hall's garden, and RESOLVED that Cllr Cawdell and the Clerk should bring a recommendation back to the Committee on repair, replacement or removal of the fence.

## **Items for Information**

The next scheduled meeting is 7pm, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

*The chairman closed the meeting at 8:53pm.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on