

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL  
held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs Castle, Hamley, Onley and Wiseman

**Absent:** None

**Clerk:** S Carolan

**Also present:** Mr Hugh Ellerton

**Election of Chairman:**

A24/35 Cllr Hamley was elected to chair the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence:** None

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

A24/36 The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 be signed as a true record, subject to the replacement of "bird" with "bird and butterfly" in resolution A24/29.

**Matters Delegated by Council:** Buckinghamshire Council Highways Devolution Agreement

The Committee noted: (a) the delegated decision made by Cllrs Castle, Hamley, Onley and Wiseman pursuant to resolution A24/32 that the Devolution Agreement be signed for 2024-25, and to urgently review the requirements for any agreement for subsequent years; and (b) the subsequent Council resolution 24/34.

A24/37 The Committee RESOLVED to defer commencing its review until after the Annual Council Meeting.

**Biodiversity / Nature**

The Committee noted a report from Cllr Castle and Wiseman on a meeting with the Winslow & Villages Community Board and their recommendation that: (a) the scope of the wildflower project be redefined again to include further areas including the A413 gateways to the town; and the (b) the project be jointly funded by WTC and WVCB.

A24/38 The Committee RESOLVED: (a) to enter into a joint project with WVCB to expand the scope of the wildflower project as far as budgets will allow; (b) to commit £1,700 previously intended for the flowers along Footpath 4 to the project; and (c) that Cllrs Castle and Wiseman agree the precise scope of the project after hearing input from Hugh Ellerton and Michael Gilman.

**Allotments**

A24/39 The Committee considered a request to allow commercial flower growing at the allotments, along with advice from the Clerk that any such agreement would need to be made by the Trustees of the Winslow Charities, and RESOLVED to decline the request.

**Playground**

Members noted a report from the playground upgrade steering group on progress towards an initial concept, including a recent visit to several sites in the Aylesbury area with one potential supplier.

A24/40 The Committee RESOLVED that the steering group should: (a) approach three further potential suppliers before arriving at an initial concept and commencing the procurement process; and (b) not exclude wooden play equipment from scope at this time.

**Burial Ground**

A24/41 The Committee considered draft designs provided by the Clerk and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to purchase, from the burial ground budget, signage relating to: maintenance responsibilities, access to the extension land under development, and the permissive path across the extension lands.

**Items for Information**

The Committee's next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

*The chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**