

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL  
held on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

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

**Absent:** Cllr Castle

**Clerk:** S Carolan

**Also present:** Cllr Cawte, Cllr Monger, Mr Hugh Ellerton and two members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Castle

A24/42 The Committee RESOLVED to accept Cllr Castle's apologies.

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

A24/43 The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be signed as a true record.

**Matters Delegated by Council:** None

**Biodiversity / Nature**

The Committee noted the delegated decision of Cllrs Castle and Wiseman to proceed with five of the eight sites previously under consideration, along with a quote from Blades for £4,500 to carry out the works.

A24/44 The Committee noted its previous decision to budget £1,700 for the project and RESOLVED: (a) that Cllr Keys be appointed to the Wildflower Steering Group; (b) that the Clerk should make the necessary grant application to Winslow & Villages Community Board for the balance of the funds required; and (c) should it be necessary, that Council be asked to fund up to half of the total cost of the project.

The Committee discussed two proposals for enhancing Buckinghamshire Council's land at Three Hills as either woodland or aquatic habitat.

A24/45 The Committee RESOLVED that consideration be deferred until its next meeting and that in the interim the Clerk should organise a meeting of the Committee members, Hugh Ellerton and Michael Gillman to visit both Three Hills and the open land at The Spinney to assess their potential as aquatic habitat..

**Street Scene**

Members noted an update from the Clerk, including that Bloor Homes have offered to repair or replace the stone planter on the northern approach to the Town.

**Allotments**

Members noted an update from the Clerk on occupancy and that reminder letters have been sent to the tenants of under-used plots.

**Playground**

A24/46 The Committee RESOLVED: (a) that the playground upgrade steering group should comprise of Cllrs Castle, Hamley, Keys and Wiseman; and (b) that the Clerk should invite Kompan, CPCL and Sutcliffe to meet with the members of the steering group.

**Public Hall Car Park**

A24/47 The Committee noted damage to the vehicle barrier and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £2,000 on repairs.

**Burial Ground**

A24/48 The Committee noted a report from Cllr Onley on progress with the extension and from the Clerk on protection of the permissive path, and RESOLVED that: (a) Cllr Keys be appointed to the Burial Ground Extension Steering Group; (b) the spare rowan trees should be advertised to the community via Facebook, and (c) the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £500 to replace the car park fence and install a new pedestrian gate.

**Tomkins Park**

A24/49 The Committee noted a report from the Clerk on grounds maintenance and RESOLVED to consider maintenance of the Park's margins at its next meeting, including a proposal from Hugh Ellerton for an additional wildflower margin.

A24/50 *At 8:56pm the Committee RESOLVED to suspend Standing Order 3(x).*

### **Devolved Services**

- A24/51 The Committee noted a report from the Clerk on mower maintenance and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to authorise repairs as necessary within budgeted funds.
- A24/52 The Committee RESOLVED to defer consideration of requirements for future devolution agreements until its next meeting.

### **Items for Information**

The Committee's next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays 20<sup>th</sup> June and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

*The chairman closed the meeting at 9:16pm.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **20<sup>th</sup> June 2024**