

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 10th October 2024**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Keys, Castle, Hamley and Wiseman

Absent: Cllr Onley

Clerk: S Carolan

Also present: Cllr Ives

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Onley

A24/79 The Committee RESOLVED to accept Cllr Onley's apologies.

Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

A24/80 The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its 15th August 2024 meeting be signed as a true record.

Matters Delegated by Council: None

Biodiversity / Nature

The Committee noted an update from the Clerk on progress on funding of the wildflower project.

Street Scene

The Committee noted an update from the Clerk on progress of the planning application to maintain the trees at the Piccadilly garden.

Tomkins Park

The Committee noted a quote obtained by the Clerk for topping up of the hoggin path, and that the Clerk will provide an updated quote for the Committee's next meeting.

A24/81 The Committee RESOLVED to approve a quote of £1,080 for further safety-related tree works.

Burial Ground

The Committee noted a report from the Chairman on a recent site meeting with the planning consultant, and that two distinct planning strategies exist.

A24/82 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to Council that a planning application solely for change of use of the extension lands be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council.

Playground

The Committee noted an update from the Chairman on a meeting with the Council's playground adviser and, in the absence of any further concepts from potential suppliers, a recommendation that the steering group progresses to an outline design specification for the new playground. The Committee further noted that to comply with playground safety regulations the outdoor gym will need to be removed from its present location when the playground is relocated.

A24/83 The Committee RESOLVED that Cllr Keys should prepare a draft design specification for the new playground in consultation with other members of the steering group, in the format recommended by the playground adviser.

Devolved Services Agreement with Buckinghamshire Council

Members noted an update from the Chairman including a table of recommended amendments for future agreements, and were invited to submit further suggestions before the Committee's next meeting.

Clerk's Report on Service Delivery

The Committee noted: (a) the damage to, and removal of, two fence panels behind the outdoor gym; (b) the completion of the annual inspection of the playground; and (c) progress on the annual maintenance of Tomkins Park.

A24/84 The Committee noted a suggestion that the hedge between the Park and the Public Hall Car Park could be laid, and RESOLVED to include the work in the forthcoming planning application.

Budget 2025-26

The Committee discussed various items for possible inclusion in the next year's budget.

A24/85 The Committee noted a representation from WAFTA and RESOLVED to discontinue investigations into a table tennis table, but instead to make £1,000 provision in the budget for an additional picnic table to be sited on the newly cleared area to the north of the bowls club.

A24/86 The Committee RESOLVED to make £6,000 provision in the budget for the installation of a new bus shelter.

Items for Information

The Committee's next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays 21st November and 19th December 2024.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:54pm.

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **21st November 2024**