

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 15th August 2024**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Keys, Castle Hamley and Wiseman **Absent:** Cllrs Onley **Clerk:** S Carolan
Also present: None

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Onley

A24/70 The Committee RESOLVED to accept Cllr Onley's apologies.

Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

A24/71 The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its 18th July 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 Chairman on progress on discussions with Rotary.

A24/72 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should progress any necessary tree works via the Council's arboricultural contractor, from currently allocated funds.

Tomkins Park

The Committee noted a schedule of works prepared by the Estates Manager.

Burial Ground

The Committee noted a report from the Chairman on a recent site meeting and a schedule of works prepared by the Estates Manager.

A24/73 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should arrange a meeting with the Council's planning consultant during September.

Playground

A24/74 The Committee noted an update from the Playground Upgrade Steering Group on concepts from several playground suppliers and RESOLVED to focus on design options which: (a) provide separate areas for different age groups; (b) exclude zip-wires; (c) exclude the structural use of wood; (d) include a large, tower-based multiplay unit for older children; and (e) include a multiplay unit for younger children.

A24/75 The Committee further RESOLVED to impose a ceiling of £600,000 for the upgrade project.

Allotments

The Committee noted correspondence from the Trustees of the Winslow Charities on the impact of a steep increase in both water charges and water usage on their ability to alleviate poverty in the parish, and requesting that from October 2024: (a) rents be increased by £10 per half plot, and (b) the use of pumped irrigation systems be prohibited.

A24/76 The Committee RESOLVED to make the requested changes, and that the Clerk should issue a revised tenancy agreement to all tenants at their annual tenancy renewal.

Devolved Services

A24/77 The Committee RESOLVED to delegate a decision on the requirements for future devolved services agreements to Cllrs Keys, Castle and Wiseman.

Budget 2025-26

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

A24/78 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should seek estimates for an outdoor table tennis table and further interpretation boards for specimen trees, both for Tomkins Park.

Items for Information

The Committee's next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays 19th September and 17th October 2024.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:52pm.

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **19th September 2024**