

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

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

**Absent:** Cllr 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> September and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

*The chairman closed the meeting at 8:52pm.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **10<sup>th</sup> October 2024**