

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL  
held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs Cawdell, Castle, Hamley and Onley      **Absent:** Cllr Wiseman      **Clerk:** S Carolan  
**Also present:** Cllrs Cawte and Keys and the Estate Manager

**Election of Chairman:**

A23/32      Cllr Cawdell was elected to the Chair for the council year 2023-24.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Wiseman

A23/33      The Committee RESOLVED to accept Cllr Wiseman's apologies.

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

A23/34      The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 be signed as a true record.

**Matters Delegated by Council: None**

**Street Scene**

The Committee noted a street furniture audit report from the Estates Manager, and that budget recommendations will be presented at the Committee's next meeting.

The Committee noted a report by Cllr Cawdell on a meeting with Greener Winslow.

**Allotments**

The Committee noted a report from the Clerk on occupancy and waiting lists.

**Recreation Ground**

The Committee deferred responding to a request from Winslow Sports Club for WTC's opinion on a potential re-exclusion of dogs from the recreation ground, pending further discussions by WSC at its June meeting, and receipt by WTC of a written request.

**Public Hall Car Park**

A23/35      The Committee considered a proposed design for a replacement height restriction barrier and RESOLVED to progress the procurement and installation of a pair of 'Barriers Direct No 7941' barriers, providing that sufficient s.106 funds are available.

A23/36      As requested by Council, the Committee reconsidered its decision to close the eastern pedestrian entrance to the car park in light of technical input from Cllr Slevin, and RESOLVED that: (a) the eastern pedestrian entrance be retained, (b) to accept a quote for £330 for removing the current kerb and replacing it with a ramp, and (c) to use s.106 funds if possible.

**Burial Ground**

Members noted that East West Rail Alliance has installed the promised hedging along the southern boundary of the burial ground.

A23/37      The Committee RESOLVED that Cllrs Hamley and Onley be reappointed to the Burial Ground Extension Steering Group.

**Tomkins Park**

Members noted minor damage to a picnic bench and that the Clerk will seek the manufacturer's advice on a repair.

Members noted the completion of safety-related works to the Cedar of Lebanon, and that further works will be necessary to remove a dead tree on the park's eastern margin.

A23/38      The Committee RESOLVED to accept a quote for £285 for installation of a new bench and associated surfacing work.

**Biodiversity**

Members noted a report by Cllr Cawdell on a meeting with Hugh Ellerton and others, and that a full report is awaited.

**Devolved Services**

A23/39 The Committee discussed the impact of unusually rapid growth on access and vision splays around the Town and RESOLVED that the Clerk instructs the Council's grounds contractor to carry out remedial works to: (a) the margin of the footpath bordering the eastern edge of the Combined School, (b) the vision splay exiting Magpie Way onto Little Horwood Road, and (c) the vision splay at the 'S' bend on Little Horwood Rod.

### **Correspondence**

The Committee noted correspondence from a resident regarding the condition of the fence behind the Outdoor Family Fitness Area and deferred discussion until members have made a site visit.

The Committee noted correspondence from a resident, and the Clerk's response, regarding the use of wood from Tomkins Park.

### **Items for Information**

The Committee's next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays 29<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

*The chairman closed the meeting at 8:28pm.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**