

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 20th June 2024**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Keys, Castle, Hamley and Wiseman **Absent:** Cllr Onley **Clerk:** S Carolan
Also present: Mr Hugh Ellerton and one member of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Onley

A24/53 The Committee RESOLVED to accept Cllr Onley's apologies.

Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

A24/54 The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its meeting on Thursday 20th May 2024 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.

The Committee discussed two proposals for enhancing Buckinghamshire Council's land at Three Hills as either woodland or aquatic habitat, in light of a site visit held recently.

A24/55 The Committee RESOLVED that: (a) the two proposals be combined into a single scheme comprising lakes and woodland; (b) the Biodiversity Steering Group should consider the practicalities of such a scheme; and (c) the Clerk should establish communications with the Buckinghamshire Council team that manages the site.

Provision of Youth Services

The Committee deferred discussion to its next meeting.

Playground

Members noted a brief report from the Steering Group of a meeting with Sutcliffe Play, and that meetings with two more potential providers are anticipated in the coming weeks.

Burial Ground

A24/56 The Committee noted a report from the Clerk on attempts to re-home surplus rowan trees from the extension land and RESOLVED that any trees remaining in September should be chipped for use by the Council's Estates team.

Tomkins Park

The Committee noted the successful completion of all safety-related tree works from the 2023 survey, and that the next survey is due in spring 2025.

A24/57 The Committee noted a report from the those members who attended a site meeting recently to consider the maintenance of the Park's margins and the practicality of a wildflower border adjacent to the eastern margin, and RESOLVED: (a) that the eastern margin should be cut back to a depth of approximately 5m along most of its length; (b) to defer consideration of a wildflower border until works to the eastern margin are complete; (c) that in the autumn, the northwestern margin of the park be cleared of dead trees, brambles and other undergrowth; and (d) to give further consideration to the management of the northwestern margin following its clearance.

Street Scene

Members noted the successful installation of a new bench on the corner of Sheep Street and Little Horwood Road.

Allotments

Members noted an update from the Clerk on occupancy.

Public Hall Car Park

Members noted the successful completion of repairs to the vehicle barrier.

Devolved Services

A24/58 The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should circulate copies of the 2015 and 2024 devolution contracts and related documentation, for consideration ahead of any discussion.

Items for Information

The Committee's next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays 18th July and 15th August 2024.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **18th July 2024**