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Date: 9th September 2026



To: Members of the External Committee
(Councillors Hulmston, Fitzsimmons, Fletcher, Mault, and Welch)

All Members of Winsford Town Council (for information)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the meeting of the **External Committee** to be held in **Room G1, Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH** on **Monday 14th September 2026 at 6.30pm.**

PLEASE NOTE VENUE FOR THE MEETING.

Yours sincerely

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AGENDA

PART A

1. APOLOGIES

Members are asked to provide apologies to the Town Clerk by 5pm on the day of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
- Outside Bodies Interest
- Family, Friend, or Close Associate Interest

3. OPEN FORUM

An open forum will be held where the public will be invited to speak on items included on the agenda.

4. MINUTES – 6th JULY 2026

To note the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2026, which were approved by Council on 20th July 2026.

(A)

5. MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS

To note the current action list

(B)

Members are asked to note the following updates: -

- Recreation Grounds Re-surfacing – – it was reported that there had been no quotes received for the work. Members asked whether staff could be trained to do the work and agreed to seek like-for-like quotes. It was suggested that different options are considered and to look at Sandiway Park. A site visit to Sandiway was carried out and information received on which contractors were used for the work. These contractors have been contacted (see Part B item).
- CCTV – following consultation with the CCTV company, a second trench has been dug – now awaiting contact from the CCTV company.
- Rilshaw Meadows – Members agreed to continue with work on extending the car park. A site visit was held with CWAC about a boundary hedge between the car park and the grassed area at the site. It was suggested by CWAC that a mix of hedging and trees could continue partway down the path to create an ‘avenue’ and that there might be funds for this (see separate Part B item). Existing bench at the site reported as vandalised and removed.
- Police attendance at meetings – agreed to invite about specific issues.
- Ways Green – separate item on the agenda (Part B).

- Walk of Contribution/James Clarke Memorial Garden – the slabs has been laid and ceremony taking place for 2026 slab. No updates on James Clarke Garden.
- Telephone Box – defibrillator installed at both boxes.
- Townfields – bug hotel to be installed – working with Men in Sheds. To provide signs for trees on the site.
- Padel Tennis – Over Recreation Ground – awaiting update from CWAC on funding.
- MUGA development – Wharton Recreation Ground – work to begin soon (site visit took place on 7th September 2026).
- Prairie Zone at Town Park – salt stacks work completed and to undertake hard prune of weeds and to take back areas to bare earth.
- Climate Action – to progress installation of ‘mini forest’ at Townfields.
- Accessible provision at Over and Wharton Recreation Grounds – agreed to use s106 funds to improve accessibility at both sites – cost estimate sought prior to application for s106 funding.
- Wharton Recreation Ground – awaiting plan from resident for raised beds.
- Bowling – to provide keys for bowling clubs.
- Biodiversity Project – see item in Part B on the agenda.
- Allotments – contact made with Weaver Vale Housing Trust about the site off Delamere Street.
- Planters – to contact Men in Sheds about building five planters.

7. ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to consider the following issues: -

Budget Update 2026/27

To consider the budget statement for the Committee **(to follow - C)**

Allotments

Members are asked to consider updates on any issues relating to allotments at Wharton and Over. There are approximately 176 people on the waiting list with one vacant plot to be let.

Biodiversity Project

Jonathan Martin from Green Council Solutions has been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the project with the Committee. **(to follow - D)**

Winsford in Bloom

Members are asked to consider the attached report which sets out a proposal to establish Winsford in Bloom. **(E)**

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members are asked to raise any other business under this agenda item.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the committee will be Monday 14th December 2026 at 6.30pm.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To agree to exclude press and public due to confidential nature of items in accordance with section 1(2) of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This is pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

11. WAYS GREEN

To consider a report on the current position – this will be circulated to Members separately via email **(A1)**

12. RILSHAW MEADOWS

To consider a report on proposals for the site – this will be circulated to Members separately via email. **(A2)**

13. RESURFACING – PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

To consider a report on proposals – this will be circulated to Members separately via email. **(A3)**