

**AN AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 8.00PM MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

**Present**

N Dearling (Chair) J Bunting, P Crabtree, Y Hine, R Leek, C Gough, C Wright (Clerk)

**Public Participation at Discretion of Chair**

The committee had potential members of an Allotment Association present by invitation who were then invited to contribute to the meeting on Agenda item 4

**A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)**

**1. Apologies**

M Graham

**2. Declarations of Interest**

*Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct, which took effect from May 2007 provides that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interest at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is prejudicial or predetermined they should consider withdrawing from the room and not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter.*

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23 November 2009 having been circulated was approved.

**4. Allotments**

- a) The Chairman welcomed Allotment Holders who were present to consider the formation of an Allotment Association. He started by explaining some of the benefits including the application for grants to improve the allotments. The allotment holders pointed out various problems with the allotments, particularly hedges, paths and waste management. The general consensus was that there should be a benefit in Allotment Holders managing the sites themselves. Concerns over the bad management of certain plots was unacceptable, which was not being picked up by Council Management. It was agreed in principle that an allotment Association would be an acceptable way forward and this was to be put to full council for approval. A new committee was then to be set up to act as the link between the Allotment Holders and the Town Council. This committee would then be made up of at least one holder from each site and would have its own constitution with its own Chairman etc. A further meeting was then organised for February 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm at Globe House for allotment holders to elect committee members when all allotment holders could be invited. Further considerations on financing and management responsibilities could also be considered.
- b) The Clerk reported he had asked Ragley Estate to consider again if there were any new sites for allotments
- c) The clerk reported any new allotment tenancies would be given out once periods of notice had been completed.
- d) An allotment regulation review would take place with respect to any decisions made regarding the Allotment Association and its responsibilities.

**5. Cemetery**

This item was deferred

**6. Grass Cutting and Other Contracts**

This item was deferred

**7. Trees and Hedgerows**

Work on the cemetery was acknowledged but any new information was deferred

**8. Footpaths**

A report from the clerk on the present state of footpaths was deferred

**9. Referrals from Forum or Full Council**

- a) None at present

**10. Memorials**

- a) From Geo. Clifford & Sons: To add to the Pick Memorial STANLEY PICK 1929-2009 ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS - This was considered and Approved
- b) From Geo. Clifford & Sons: To erect a Black Granite Headstone and Base Memorial in Alcester Cemetery – IN LOVING MEMORY CHRISTOPHER "PHIL" PICK 1941-2009 FOREVER IN OUR THOUGHTS - This was considered and Approved
- c) From Geo. Clifford & Sons: To erect a Black Granite Headstone and Base Memorial in Alcester Cemetery – TREASURED MEMORIES OF A BELOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER ARTHUR (TIM) WILKS DIED 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2009 AGED 87 YEARS - This was considered and Approved

d) From As Time Goes By: To erect a Xiamen Pink (Honed) Granite Memorial with Base and Centre Vase – IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOE QUIRKE 08.03.41 – 27.04.2009 LOVE YOU ALWAYS - This was considered and Approved

### **11. Propositions to Full Council**

The following proposal was offered for approval by full Council.

*'To agree in principle the formation of an Allotment Association'*

### **12. Correspondence**

a) Mrs Wilks re. Request for a Kerbstone to 'Tim Wilks' Grave – A decision was deferred

### **13. Dates of Next Meetings**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 8.00pm at Globe House