

**A RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS  
HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2010 AT GLOBE HOUSE,  
ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

**Present**

J Bunting (Chair), N Dearling, W Malin, S Adams, E Payne, C Wright (Clerk), J Theobald.

**Public Participation at Discretion of Chair**

No public were present.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from P Crabtree and P Carr

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 25 January 2010, having been circulated, were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Malin and seconded by Cllr Payne and agreed.

**4. Vision for Alcester Projects**

Cllr Dearling stated he could currently give no more updates on the Vision for Alcester Projects as there had not been any more significant progress than previously reported.

**5. Conway Fields**

a. Cllr Bunting gave a progress report on the MUGA stating that the build was still on track for completion March. Some decisions have still to be made e.g. the removal of the spoil as this is no longer required for the Natural Play Area. The District Council Planning officer will not allow amendments to the Planning Permission beyond what has been stated in the conditions which includes protecting the roots of the tree on St Nicholas's Field, this has meant a radiused wall being built, and the extra tarmacking for the performing arts and the school children's meeting area will also not be allowed. Fresh instructions have been given to the contractors.

b. The Clerk stated that contractors have been contacted re the improvements Alcester Pavillion and quotations have been asked for, which included modifications to the Kitchen, the training room, the men's and ladies toilets and the officials room. The electric meter was also to be looked at to enable easier reading.

c. The clerk gave an update on the Natural Play Areas funding bid saying it was in progress. There were new things to consider as consent had to be applied for from the Environment Agency who have indicated that no mounds should be used or equipment that is likely to change the flow of flood water as it is a flood plain. Tree trunks must also lie in line with the flow of the river. Permitted development was also a consideration and depended on certain size and volume constraints.

d. Cllr Bunting reported on the Facilities for Football Use stating the extremes of the junior football pitch requirement for the Weir Field had been agreed and quotes for fencing would be considered shortly.

e. The Clerk gave a feedback re the Alcester Community Orchard, stating that now money was assured and they had agreed the location following a recent meeting plans were being put together regarding the layout and configuration

**6. Play Area Equipment**

The Clerk stated the annual inspection report of ATC Play Equipment had been received and this was to be considered by the Chairman and the clerk and action plans submitted to the committee. The clerk reported there were no immediate requirements and the moderate needs related to barriers for the swings which are recent standards in comparison to the equipment.

**7. Football and Lease of Golf Range**

Provision of football pitches at Oversley Green would be deferred to March or until clear details from the sale of the Golf Driving Range are known.

**8. Litter Bins**

The Clerk requested Councillors have site visits look at old Litter bins to update them to the new specification. Current costs would be sought from Salfab.

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**9. Litter Clearing**

The Clerk reported current manning levels were holding with the ability to do other outstanding work such as clearing ditches whilst undergrowth levels were low.

**10. Items for Recommendation to Full Council**

No items were proposed for Council approval

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

The Clerk reported there were none at Present

**12. Correspondence**

The Clerk reported there were none at Present

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Councillors noted the next meeting was due to take place Monday 22nd March 2010 7.00pm at Globe House