

**A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER
TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT
GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

Y Hine (Chair) M Cargill, W Malin, J Kenyon, S Adams, A Brown, J Rowlatt, C Wright (Clerk)

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies

Cllr Knapman, Cllr Payne, Cllr Bunting

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 22 August having been circulated were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Cargill, seconded by Cllr Brown and approved by the committee.

4. Recreation Facilities

A report by Cllr. Bunting was circulated to members in his absence. Matters arising are:

- a) The Pavilion – still problems with making good to the site. Final payment is to be withheld until satisfactory finishes are achieved.
- b) Play Areas – catalogues for play equipment need to be looked at and a list of choices sent to Youth Council and Youth Club for their consideration.
- c) The scheme for the recreation fields to have a fishing platform and a skate park is still viable. Funding possibilities are being investigated.

Other matters – Cllr Brown reported the lights at Moorfields are not working. Cllr Adams reported she had received a complaint about suitability of the equipment for very small children on Conway Fields also about the dog fouling in the play area and the complainant asked if the area could be fenced off. The area is in a flood plain and an application to the Environment Agency needs to be sought for fencing.

5. Ground Maintenance

- a) Grasscutting – The Town Clerk reported an extension of the contract by one year has been accepted by the contractor.
- b) Footpaths - Problems on Conway Fields still ongoing will be completed when weather gets damper to allow the finishing layer to be applied.
- c) Dog Fouling – Cllr Adams is to look at a system that sprays paint through a stencil directly on to footpaths. Notices placed on lamp posts are generally found to be too high up to be effective.

6. Environment

Following the inaugural meeting of the Environment Sub-Committee, Chris Wright reported that it had been a positive meeting despite a low turnout. Julie Turner (WWT) had provided lots of ideas and requested maps to give her an overall picture. Chris to provide these. She also said she might be able to help with information for funding of natural areas in the cemetery. Cllr Brown to be invited to a future meeting to investigate this. Cllr Kenyon suggested that it might be better if future meetings took place in the evening. This matter to be looked into.

7. Allotments

- a) Tenancy letters were sent out on 23 August and a further inspection will take place in a weeks time to see if there is any improvement. The waiting list is down to 12.
- b) The Allotment Association needs to be reviewed in the new year.

8. Cemetery

- a) Cllr Brown reported that the cemetery gates had been painted.

- b) A vision for the Cemetery is still to be considered.
- c) No problems with cemetery capacity and future cemetery provision were reported.
- d) Approval for a new memorial to William Neville Johnston was granted.

9. Vision for Alcester

Chris Wright attended a meeting with Vision for Alcester where projects for the fourth year were confirmed.

10. Items for Recommendation to Full Council

No propositions were put forward for Council approval

11. Terms of Reference and Current Projects

Chris Wright to publish the old terms and ask members to look at them to consider what changes were needed.

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring to the attention of the committee.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 24 October 2011 7.00pm at Globe House