

**A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON  
MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER  
(Seggs Lane entrance)**

**Present**

Cllr. Bunting (Chair), Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Hine, Cllr. Kenyon, J Rowlatt (Committee Clerk)

**Public Participation at Discretion of Chair**

2 members of the public were present.

Representation was made by one member of the public relating to Section 106 from current planning applications regarding the development of **300 +** new homes.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Adams, Cllr. Payne and Cllr. Neal Sturgess

**1. Declarations of Interest**

A declaration of interest was made by Cllr. Hine

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January having been circulated were proposed to be accepted and approved by the committee.

**3. Recreation Facilities**

a) The Pavilion development – The Pavilion development is nearly finished. Work to the mezzanine floor to begin this week and completion is due in 2 weeks. Remaining decorating works will be ongoing.

b) Play Areas

i. Conway Fields – Worn chains have necessitated swings to be taken down. It was recommended that we accept a quote from B & S chains for new chains.

ii. Collins Way – Inspection revealed that although surfaces were poor and the equipment old it was still useable.

iii. Moorfields – The gatepost at the Nelson Tuery end of the park has been repaired and it was agreed that the actual gate should be reinstated as per regulations. The tree that had fallen down has been removed.

iv. Bleachfields – Repair to climbing frame still outstanding.

v. Stratford Road Recreation Area development – WCC to deal with tree roots that are causing problems to the footpath. Cllr. Cargill to arrange removal of tree stump with Contractors. It was suggested that a Jubilee (Oak) tree be planted in the space left by the stump of another tree on the side by the fence.

vi. Conway Vision – The area to include provision for less able bodied users perhaps by adapting existing equipment. The area should be fenced off and made secure in the first instance.

#### **4. Ground Maintenance**

- a) Grasscutting – Completed nothing to report
- b) Footpaths – Conway Fields footpaths ideally need top dressing.

#### **5. Environment**

Nothing to report – Meeting due to take place immediately after Recreation Meeting.

#### **6. Allotments**

- a) 2 Plots have been allocated this week and 2 more to be allocated by the end of the week bringing the waiting list down to 1.
- b) It was agreed to move the two notice boards on Bleachfield north and south to different places.
- c) Cllr Hine to visit land at Bleachfields to check compliance with our lease with SDC regarding sheds, water butts etc.
- d) It was suggested that doors could be put on the old shelters on site to be made use of by tenants.

#### **7. Cemetery**

- a) Cllr. Brown suggested a meeting with the Clerk to inspect and measure footpaths at the cemetery regarding Health & Safety issues.
- b) The memorials for Harold Edwin Stanton and Yvonne Darg were both approved
- c) A request for the costs to be reduced when providing multiple headstones was declined.
- d) Jan to check with Clerk the rules relating to pre-ordering burial plots.

#### **8. Vision for Alcester**

A report was received and circulated

#### **9. Section 106 Future Projects**

It was decided

To agree a master plan for the town

To identify 3 key areas of open space to include allotments and extra parking.

To decide on play equipment bearing in mind less able bodied users

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

No recommendations for full council.

#### **11. Terms of Reference and Current Projects**

To review the Terms of Reference of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee

#### **12. Correspondence**

Noted

#### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 26 March 2012 7.00pm at Globe House