

**A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON
MONDAY 26 MARCH 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER
(Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

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

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

One member of the public were present.

Apologies

No apologies were received.

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 27th February having been circulated were proposed, accepted and approved by the committee.

3. Recreation Facilities

a) The Pavilion development – Fire-escape doors are on site ready to be fitted.

Cllr. Hine asked for requests for room bookings be noted and passed on to her.

b) Play Areas – A report from Digley Associated (play inspectors) was circulated. Their comments related mostly to the painting of the equipments and to the removal of graffiti. It was agreed to write to Alcester Grammar School to ask if there was to be another Community Day in Summer and if there was might they be able to assist us. A maintenance programme has been started to deal with problems as they are reported.

c) Cllr. Cargill confirmed that Morgan Sindall has agreed to grind out the tree stump at the top end of the Rec. Cllr Bunting asked if it would also be possible to ask them to get rid of another tree stump which is on the site where it is proposed to plant a Jubilee Oak.

d) Conway Vision – It was agreed to get quotes for the fencing off of two separate areas either side of the footpath that goes across the field. Priority to be given to the play area for the younger children. The play 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 – The grass cutting contract has been extended to end next year. Cllr Knapman suggested that some areas could be left off the schedule saving money and creating interesting wild areas.

b) Footpaths – Nothing new to report.

5. Environment

Cllr. Knapman proposed that STW should be asked to provide a tree replacement programme over the next two years for the trees at Moorfields.

6. Allotments

All plots are allocated and there are six people on the waiting list.

A request for a shed at Bleachfield North has been approved subject to a size restriction of 6' x 4' and the shed being of a "rustic" appearance.

The lease of land at Bleachfield Street with SDC was agreed in principle.

7. Cemetery

Cllrs. Brown and Bunting visited the cemetery with a view to looking to decide the overall vision. It was agreed that future footpaths should follow the line of those already existing. Other ideas included a quiet garden area, a place for the scattering of ashes and a book of remembrance.

Problems have occurred with grounds maintenance due to kerb stones being placed around some graves. It was agreed to look at the cemetery rules regarding kerbs and to send out letters if they are not permitted.

There were no memorials for approval.

8. Vision for Alcester

Cllr. Bunting read out a report from Vision's Roger Jackson who is concentrating on completing this years allocation and he will produce a final report in May or June.

9. Section 106 Future Projects

Cllr. Bunting has put together and circulated proposals in connection with our bid for 106 funding. Other information regarding this is available on reception for inspection and members are encouraged to do so and put forward their thoughts.

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

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 23 April 2012 7.00pm at Globe House