

**A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 28 MAY 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

**Present**

Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Hine, Cllr Brown, Cllr. Kenyon, Cllr. Knapman and Jan Rowlatt

**Public Participation at Discretion of Chair**

There were no members of the public present.

**AGENDA (Standing Orders Apply)**

**1. Appointment of New Chair**

Cllr. Hine nominated Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Brown seconded the motion and the Committee agreed that Cllr. Bunting be appointed.

**2. Apologies**

An apology was received from Cllr. Adams

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Hine declared an interest in any matters concerning electrical work.

**4. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April were proposed by Cllr. Hine, seconded by Cllr. Brown and approved by the Committee.

**5. Recreation Facilities**

- a. The Pavilion Development - The artwork for The Depot signage was approved. The Architect has been asked to provide plans to improve the ladies toilets, following a report received from the Community Committee stating that they feel that the toilets are not adequate for a building that caters for in excess of 100 persons. Church Street Properties have agreed to provide financial help with this and The Moorfield Trust may be able to help with the cost of plastering work. A quotation of £3000.00 has been received for providing vinyl flooring to the area. It was suggested that a works party should be organised to prepare the Pavilion before the Official Opening.
- b. Play Areas - All outstanding work sheets have been looked at and a programme of work established. Safety surface works and painting works remain ongoing on all sites.
  - i Conway Fields - We have received a quotation of £7,000.00 plus for fencing off an area to provide a dog-free zone. A decision was made on where the new skate-park should be sited.
  - ii Collins Way - A small replacement part, missing from the roundabout, is still being sought.
  - iii Moorfields - No reported problems but tree stump still to be removed.
  - iv Bleachfield - A request has been received for more play equipment on site.
  - v Stratford Road Recreation Ground - Warwickshire County Council have carried out repairs to damage on the footpath caused by tree roots. Morgan Sindall has fenced off the compound area. It was suggested that the use of this land should be referred to Planning.
  - vi Conway Vision - The Mayor is looking into funding possibilities for Prescription Walks. Any suggestions, ideas should be passed to him before 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**6. Ground Maintenance**

- a. Grass-cutting - All of our areas are up to date, however a lot of complaints have been received about other areas outside our remit.
- b. Footpaths - A request is to be made to purchase materials to apply a suitable surface to Conway Fields footpaths.

**7. Environment** – A meeting of the Environmental Sub-Committee which was to have taken place on 11<sup>th</sup> June has been postponed. Cllr. Knapman will be meeting with The Clerk of Kinwarton Parish to discuss a garden share scheme. Questionnaires regarding usage of our open spaces are to be distributed at food fair and street market. A response from Warwickshire Wildlife regarding possible mink on the River Arrow was circulated, also information on unmown buffer strips. Cllr. Knapman requested that we should ask our grass-cutters to leave wider areas of unmown grass and Cllr. Kenyon proposed that we should not cut grass at the Weir Field.

**8. Allotments**

All plots are allocated and there are eight people on the waiting list. 2 plots are not being worked on and have been sent letters, 2 more plots are being monitored. Cllr. Knapman asked if we could direct people from the waiting list to the garden share scheme if the waiting list was too long. The date has been set for 26 June for the annual judging of the allotments. The old air raid shelters on Bleachfield North are being used as a general dumping ground and it was suggested that they should have doors put on them and be used as proper stores.

**9. Cemetery**

No problems to report. The memorial for Mr. Tony Rogers was approved.

**10. Vision for Alcester**

We are still awaiting Final Report from Vision for Alcester.

**11. Section 106 Future Projects**

No decision has been reached as to what to apply for. Bearing in mind the need to move quickly when the time comes, we should be looking closely at our options.

**12. Items For Recommendation to Full Council**

No recommendations were made.

**13. Correspondence**

Invitation to Birmingham City Allotment Forum  
Invitation to PlayFair at Stoneleigh Park

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 26 June 2012 7.00 pm at Globe House