

**A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER
TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 23 JULY 2012 AT GLOBE
HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Kenyon, Cllr. Gough

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

The committee may take presentations from the public, maximum 5 presentations, 3 minutes each

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Apologies

Cllr. Eric Payne, Cllr. Nina Knapman, Cllr. Yvonne Hine, Cllr. Susan Adams, Cllr. Alison Brown

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declaration of interest made.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June were approved.

4. Recreation Facilities

To receive reports on the following:

a) Conway Fields

1. Play Areas – A large tree that has been taken down is to be cut up and used for seating or play at the play area. Helen Slatter from SDC has secured some funding for fitness equipment the remainder of the money needed has been donated by The Mayor.
2. Pavilion – All furniture has been removed and the plasterers have started work. Brian King is getting quotes for the toilets. It was suggested that there should be additional toilets for the youth depot outside the building but with access from inside.
3. Fields – there is a tree that has been damaged. We need to contact the grass cutting Contractors and ask if they know anything about it. The riverbank at the top end of the Weir Field has collapsed and is a potential danger – we will be making contact with the Environment Agency for advice on what to do about the bank erosion.

b) Collins Way – We need to find a replacement cap for the roundabout.

c) Moorfields – It was agreed to check up on progress of removal of tree stump.

d) Bleachfield Play Area – nothing to report.

e) Recreation Ground Stratford Road – see Planning Committee.

5. Ground Maintenance

To receive reports on the following:

a) Grasscutting – no problems.

b) Footpaths - A worksheet has been raised to upgrade Conway fields footpaths

6. Environment

There was no meeting last month, the next one is still to be arranged.

7. Allotments

All Plots apart from one are allocated and the waiting list stands at 6. Plot 126 Bleachfield South is to be cleared and divided up into smaller plots. Judging of the allotments has taken place. Letters have been sent to allotment holders on the Bleachfield North site regarding access to the site. We will consider getting a key for special needs allotment holders. Paul has removed the notice board from Bleachfield Street North site as agreed.

8. Cemetery

No report received. Cllrs. Bunting and Brown are due to inspect the cemetery to consider the vision for its future.

Memorials for Mr Sam Ballinger, Mr Peter Clarke and Margaret Gardner were all approved. A memorial for St. Hill-Lees was not approved as it was the wrong size.

9. Vision for Alcester

A report received from VFA stated that apart from the skate park, all Vision projects have been completed. We have to confirm to them the preferred location we have agreed on for it to be placed.

10. Section 106 Future Projects

Cllr. Bunting presented his list for Section 106 as follows:-

- Allotments future requirements of a least 50 to 100 plots. Suggest Cold Comfort Lane field on right. 100 yards wide along hedge to Spittle Brook. Parking at Spittle Brook End. Has brook and mains water supply. Has to be set out, with paths and water points and owned by Council.
- Play Area in Allimore Lane area. Must be similar size and equipped as at Conway Fields and be Alcester Council owned.
- Open Space. Land between Stratford Road and Bleachfield Street offered is not big enough and in its present form will be difficult to fence. We must insist that it includes the 3 areas to the river bank, to include football pitch, which were not included.
- Complete the tarmac footpath to Oversley Bridge from Bleachfield Street
- Determine and sign cycle ways and safe routes to schools
- Parking for Grammar School.
- Prescription Walks properly signed, with extra seating and exercise equipment; with printed leaflets and maps.
- Disabled fishing platform on Conway Fields.
- Youth Centre on Conway Fields.
- Performing arts hard surface, with provision for awnings, lighting and sound for concerts etc. on Conway Fields.
- New play equipment in all our parks
- Parking
- Clubs and societies development and support
- Surface the Pavilion car park.

The Greig Hall is essential and needs to be considered in all applications. A secure agreement must be gained with the Trust to be included. Support can then be included for development and financial support for activities and clubs using the Greig Site.

1. The Sports Hall needs support for activities and development.
2. Main Hall for large functions and social activities and development.
3. Grounds for parking and development.
4. Squash courts will need support.
5. Cadet hut to accommodate for the increase in Government proposals for youth activities

11. Items for Recommendation to Full Council

All of the above items in Section 106 future projects and the Greig Hall to be recommended with possible further additions.

12. Terms of Reference and Current Projects

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

13. Correspondence

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th August 2012 7.00pm at Globe House