

A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs LANE ENTRANCE)

Present

Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Adams, Cllr. Hine, Cllr. Knapman and Jan Rowlatt.

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

There were no members of the public present

1. **Apologies**

Cllr. Kenyon. Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Brown

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hine declared interest in electrical works pertaining to the Pavilion.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 July 2012 were approved and signed.

4. **Recreation Facilities**

a. Conway Fields

i. Play Areas -Following a report received about an attack by a dog it was agreed that plans to fence off a portion of the playing fields to create a dog-free area (agreed in March subject to funds) should be a priority. It was agreed that 4 further dog/litter bins and dog fouling notices/signs should be ordered. A grant for Fitness Equipment has resulted in the equipment being due and in place in the near future.

ii. Pavilion -The new flooring to the community building is due to be laid this week. Cllr. Hine suggested that access to the extra toilets should be limited unless a function was on. A grant has been awarded to refurbish the toilets.

iii. Fields - We have received a quote for diverting the footpath adjacent to the area where the riverbank has collapsed. Questions were raised as to whether a more suitable surface for the path could be looked at also whether repairs to the bank could be made by using a felled tree, the soil from path diversion and willow on site to be utilized to form a bank.

b. Collins Way - works orders for repairs to fencing and weeding of the safety surface have been raised.

c. Moorfields - no problems but tree stump still needs removing.

d. Bleachfield Play Area - Nothing to report.

e. Recreation Ground - Nothing to report.

5. **Ground Maintenance**

a. Grass cutting -Cllrs. Adams and Payne agreed to contact Olly Schofield at SDC regarding next years grass cutting contract. No problems.

b. Footpaths – some top dressing repairs are needed.

6. **Environment**

Cllr. Knapman gave a report on the meeting of the Environmental Sub-Committee which was held on 13 August at which areas for unmown corridors for wild flowers and a Jubilee Oak were identified

7. **Allotments**

The waiting list stands at 8. It was agreed that we should liaise with the management at Corinthian Court to negotiate arrangements for access to Bleachfield Street North allotments for persons with disability issues. It

was agreed that we should find out if planning permission is required to remove a tree from the allotment. Costs - Cllr. Payne has agreed to look into the charges that other Parishes make for their allotments.

8. Cemetery

a. The rules for the cemetery do not allow kerb stones and it was agreed that a sensitive approach has to be taken when dealing with matters relating to this. It was agreed that we should look into the costs of our bereavement services.

b. Vision - no update.

c. Capacity - no problems

e. Memorials - The memorial for Aidan St.Hill-Lees was approved.

9. Vision for Alcester

Town Clerk is to prepare a planning application for the skatepark which is the only outstanding project with VFA and needs to be completed as soon as possible.

10. Section 106

11. Items for recommendation to Full Council

None

12. Terms of Reference and Current Projects

To review the Terms of Reference of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee.

13. Correspondence

Noted

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 24th September 2012 7.00pm at Globe House.