

**A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs LANE ENTRANCE)**

**Present**

Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Adams, Cllr. Kenyon, Cllr. Brown and Jan Rowlatt.

**Public Participation at Discretion of Chair**

There were no members of the public present

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Hine, Cllr. Knapman

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 August 2012 were approved and signed.

**4. Recreation Facilities**

a. Conway Fields

i. Play Areas – New Fitness Equipment has been installed and is operational. Plans to fence off the play area to create a safe dog free environment which will also incorporate a junior football pitch are progressing. Cllr. Adams stated that once the fencing has been completed we can have a dog enforcement order put in place.

ii. Pavilion – Work to the flooring and walls is complete and the ladies toilets are progressing well and will be complete in time for the official opening in November. We have had started to take requests from groups to use the youth club 2 days a week.

iii. Fields – We are meeting with Angela Lewis from Fields in Trust to apply for the Conway Fields, including Westbury Park, to be registered under the scheme which would protect the field from being sold in the future. Work to divert the footpath has been completed and ways to stabilize the adjacent eroded bank are being looked into.

b. Collins Way – Repairs have been carried out to the broken fences. Cllr. Kenyon suggested that for safety the old pipe that is on site should be removed.

c. Moorfields – Cllr. Brown reported that one of the lights was not working. The old tree stump has been removed.

d. Bleachfield Play Area - Nothing to report.

e. Recreation Ground - Nothing to report.

**5. Ground Maintenance**

a. Grass cutting – This year's final cut had been done. Cllr. Kenyon suggested that we should keep to the same specification when we ask for tenders for next year. Cllrs. Adams said she would approach Stratford District Council to see if they would like to bid for the contract.

b. Footpaths – Still some top dressing repairs are needed.

**6. Environment**

Cllr. Knapman sent her apologies however she did report that her garden share scheme was receiving interest. She also asked for an update on the progress of the trees planned for planting at Moorfields.

## **7. Allotments**

The waiting list stands at 8. Prized have been presented to the winners of the best allotment competition. A number of plots have not been worked for some time and will be sent letters asking for them to improve or give up their plots.

## **8. Cemetery**

- a. No problems
- b. Vision – Cllrs. Bunting and Brown to make an inspection to consider options.
- c. Capacity - no problems
- e. Memorials – There were no memorials for approval.

## **9. Vision for Alcester**

No report received.

## **10. Section 106**

The Clerk is meeting with Bloor Homes this week to discuss our requests.

## **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**

None

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 22nd October 2012 7.00pm at Globe House.