

A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00 PM. ON MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE ALCESTER (Seggs Lane Entrance)

Present

Councillor Bunting, Councillor Cargill, Councillor Brown, Councillor Kenyon, Councillor Knapman, Cllr. Hine, Chris Wright and Jan Rowlatt

Public participation at discretion of chair

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Payne and Councillor Adams

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of December were agreed and signed.

4. Recreation Facilities

Jubilee Centre

The finishing touches are being carried out. The Cinema Screen has also been installed.

Jubilee Fields

There has been considerable damage to the river bank due to erosion. Cllr Bunting and Chris Wright are to visit the site to look at the feasibility of using the trunk of the felled poplar tree to create a barrier which could be backfilled to protect the bank.

Moorfields

The gate at Nelson Tuery is being fitted with a closer by Salfab and will be reinstated in due course. We hope to select and plant the two trees that are still owed to us by Contractors Morgan Sindall, before the end of March.

Collins Way

There is an ongoing problem with dog fouling in the play area. We are looking into putting up notices warning dog owners of the possible penalty for allowing their dogs to foul the area.

Bleachfield Street Play Area

The site is still looking very sad following the past week's flooding.

Recreation Ground Stratford Road

The Planning Committee is considering ideas for making use of part of the site. The tree work is scheduled to start on February 11th.

5. Ground Maintenance

Footpaths.

No progress at present.

Grass Cutting.

We received two tenders and one decline out of four invitations sent. It was decided to award the contract to Limebridge, who are our current contractors. Cllr. Knapman asked to make sure that when grasscutting was undertaken at the cemetery, care should be taken not to cut the daffodils which are already coming through.

6. Environment

Cllr. Knapman called for a meeting to be arranged as soon as possible as the sub-committee has not met for several months. A future project to quantify our trees was proposed.

7. Allotments

There are ten names on our waiting list for an allotment.

The work to remove the fir tree from Bleachfield North site is scheduled to be done on Monday 4th February.

All but 3 monies from the rentals are in, these are being chased up.

Horses from an adjacent field strayed onto the Allimore Lane site and caused damage to the

allotments. The Clerk has arranged for fencing to be repaired.
Work to prepare and divide plot 126 into two separate plots is due to commence next week.
A request to form an allotment holders' gardening club has been agreed to, subject to guidelines being set by the Council, the responsibility of running of the club will be born by the club members.

8. Cemetery

The Inscription for the Rouse memorial was approved and a request to waiver payment due to special circumstances was agreed.

The Preston cremation tablet was approved with a small adjustment to the lettering.

The inscription on the plaque for the Voce memorial bench was approved

9. Vision for Alcester

Plans for the proposed skatepark are moving ahead.

10. Section 106

We are in discussion with Stratford District Council regarding provision for recreational and allotment space.

11. Items for Recommendation to Full Council

Recommend we accept quote from Limebridge.

12. Correspondence

Rouse

Evans

13. Date of next Meeting

Monday. 25 February 2013 at Globe House

J.Rowlatt - Clerk to the ATC Recreation & Open Spaces Committee