

A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00 PM. ON MONDAY 25th February 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE ALCESTER (Seggs Lane Entrance)

Present

Councillor Bunting, Councillor Cargill, Councillor Brown, Councillor Kenyon, Councillor Payne, Cllr. Hine, and Jan Rowlatt

Public participation at discretion of chair

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Knapman and Councillor Adams

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th of January were agreed and signed.

4. Recreation Facilities

Jubilee Centre

The Builders expect to be completed by the end of next week. The curtains are the only outstanding item.

Jubilee Fields

Some trees have been pruned at the Community Orchard. We are waiting for a quote for pile driving work to repair the eroded bank at the Weir Field. The cheque for the fencing of the play area is expected to arrive by the end of the month. Cllr. Hine reported that on Friday night the mugga was being very well used and in an orderly fashion. The question of extra flood lighting for the proposed skatepark was raised. It was proposed that care should be taken to choose the right lighting considering the proximity of residential properties and also the use of non-reflective surfaces on the equipment. It was thought that it was not a good idea to extend the time that the lighting was left at night. Cllr. Bunting read out relevant paragraphs from the Flood Risk Assessment which will be circulated to Committee Members including the Resilience Committee. According to the recommendations in the report we will need closure notices for The Fields in times of Flooding. Architect Brian King will be putting in a Planning Application for the skatepark in 2 or 3 weeks time. Planning Application should include groundworks and footpaths from the mugga to the skatepark.

Moorfields

The gate at Nelson Tuery has not been put back yet and we are still waiting for the two trees.

Collins Way

An inspection is to be made to see if the penalty signs regarding dog fouling have been put up yet. Cllr. Bunting suggested we get a quote to get a top made for the roundabout as we have been unable to get one from the original supplier.

Bleachfield Street Play Area

There are no reported problems and the play area is being used.

Recreation Ground Stratford Road

Our Contractor has completed the tree works.

5. Ground Maintenance

Footpaths.

Nothing to report.

Grass Cutting.

The Contract has been offered to and accepted by Limebridge.

6. Environment

A suggestion was made that the Environment Sub-Committee should take over the management of part of Westbury Park as the site might be suitable to trial a wild flower area which is an idea that has been previously put forward by the sub-committee. At an earlier meeting, the environment sub-committee asked if they could contribute to or be involved with The Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Cargill welcomed the idea.

7. Allotments

All but 2 payments have been received. There are ten people on the waiting list. Councillor Hine suggested that we put up a sign make allotment holders aware of the use of "smartwater" as a means of protecting their property. A request to erect a shelter at Bleachfield North site was turned down.

8. Cemetery

We are looking to put together a book of remembrance to be kept at the Council Offices. We are also researching the rules and regulations regarding the scattering of ashes and memorial gardens. The Cremation Tablet for St. Hill was not allowed as it was too big.

9. Vision for Alcester

Skate Park

The Flood Risk Assessment has been completed and Planning Permission is to be applied for in the next two or three weeks.

10. Section 106

The emphasis is on getting our application right. We must make sure we have the opportunity to comment. Bloor Developers have withdrawn the offer of 3 fields at Stratford Road.

11. Items for Recommendation to Full Council

12. Correspondence

Going for Growth

13. Date of next Meeting

Monday. 25 March 2013 at Globe House

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