

A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00 PM. ON MONDAY 22 APRIL 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE ALCESTER (Seggs Lane Entrance)

Present

Councillor Bunting, Councillor Adams, Councillor Hine, Councillor Brown, Councillor Knapman, Chris Wright and J.Rowlatt

Public participation at discretion of chair

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Kenyon, Councillor Cargill and Councillor Payne

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th of March were agreed and signed.

4. Recreation Facilities

Jubilee Centre

Cllr. Bunting reported that since the last meeting the blinds have been fitted and the storage pods have been moved.

Jubilee Fields

The incident which resulting in damage being done to the fitness equipment was captured on cctv. The Clerk has spoken with the police and the culprits have been identified. **The Committee recommended that we should prosecute the persons responsible for the damage.** We have contacted the suppliers of the equipment and suggested to them that the damage would not have occurred if the equipment has been correctly installed and our concern is that the other pieces of equipment could also become loose. Their response was that there could be several contributing factors as to why the equipment failed and we are waiting for their further comments. They have quoted a figure of £390 to repair. SDC are being informed as they enabled us to have the equipment through a grant.

We have now received most of the money from The Lions for the fencing at the junior football pitch and play area. We have contacted the fencing contractor and asked for a start date.

Cllr. Adams asked if the old bin posts could be dug up as they are not used any more. She also asked if Limebridge could arrange a grass cut to take place just before the Tug of War.

Alan Sutor has been asked to provide a quote for pile driving work to be carried out at the river bank at the Weir Field. The Clerk suggested that the committee compare prices with the ones put forward by the environmental sub-committee who suggested alternative green methods for repairing the river bank.

Moorfields

Councillor Bunting reported that the play equipment needs painting. Bark mulch still has to be put around the new trees in Moorfields Park

Collins Way

We are still waiting for the dog signs to be put up. **Jan to chase up.**

Bleachfield Street Play Area

No problems however Councillor Bunting stated that he thought that the football area was not large enough.

Recreation Ground Stratford Road

Nothing to report.

5. Ground Maintenance

Footpaths. We will ask Alan Sutor to carry out the repairs that are needed to the Jubilee Fields footpath in due course.

Grass Cutting.

The first cut has been carried out with no problems. We have asked the contractor to alter the length of cut at the Community Orchard to 4" and he has agreed.

6. Environment

Cllr. Knapman gave a brief report of items discussed at the environmental sub-committee meeting held on 16th April including the Woodland Trust's agreement to give us a bespoke mix for our next hedge planting packs. Also discussed were alternative methods to making good the river bank at Weir Field, action on the wild flower trial site, grass cutting at the Community Orchard and becoming the first Bee Friendly Town. **See minutes)**

Cllr. Knapman asked The Clerk about a budget for her committee this year. The Clerk responded that there was nothing but that there was some available from last year. The Committee agreed to the proposal to prepare the ground at the Weir Field for the wild flower seeding.

7. Allotments

All of the allotment plots have been allocated and there are only two people left on the waiting list and they are waiting for plots on particular sites. A request for a poly tunnel is being looked into. A complaint regarding rubbish and a bonfire has been dealt with and an inspection of the sites is taking place next week.

8. Cemetery

A request for an additional inscription to the Zammit memorial was approved.

An inspection of the cemetery is to be carried out to identify which graves can have their kerb stones removed.

9. Vision for Alcester

Councillor Bunting reported that the planning application for the skate park would be ready to be submitted in a few days.

10. Section 106

The Committee resolved to express their disagreement with the provision for open spaces and the Clerk agreed to write to Carol Stevens at Stratford District Council to this effect.

11. Items for Recommendation to Full Council

It was proposed that the Town Council should write to SDC and register our disagreement in the strongest terms regarding the 106 provision of open spaces proposal.

12. Terms of Reference Cllr. Bunting asked when the new chairman would be appointed and The Clerk explained that when the new Mayor is instated then the committees will undergo changes, a new chair elected and any new ideas on how the committee should work decided on.

13. Correspondance

None

14. Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 28 May 2013 at Globe House

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

