

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

Present

Councillor Cumberbatch, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Cargill, Councillor Kenyon, Councillor Hine, Councillor S. Payne, Councillor Knapman and J.Rowlatt

Public participation at discretion of chair

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, Adams and E. Payne.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th June were proposed to be agreed by Cllr. Steve Payne seconded by Cllr. Kenyon and signed.

4. Recreation Facilities

Jubilee Centre

No business.

Jubilee Fields

Cllr Bunting asked if, with the Town Clerks agreement, the work to repair the riverbank at the Weir Field, which had previously been agreed in principle, could go ahead being as the river level was low. Cllr Knapman presented an alternative method for the work but without the full costings for the equipment and labour. **Cllr. Cumberbatch** to speak to the Town Clerk about getting full quotes.

Moorfields

The landlord of The Lord Nelson has agreed to water the new trees on Moorfields. Councillor Cumberbatch is to write a letter of thanks

Collins Way Cllr Bunting informed Cllr. Cumberbatch that he was putting together a wish list for several new pieces of play equipment, one being a climbing frame for Collins Way. An independent inspection of our play equipment has been carried out and Cllr. Cumberbatch asked that the report be circulated to all committee members.

Bleachfield Street Play Area

No problems however Councillor Bunting stated again that he thought that there was not enough space.

Recreation Ground Stratford Road

Nothing to report.

5. Ground Maintenance

Footpaths. Concerns were raised about the state of repair of some of our footpaths. Lennox suggested that we should identify which footpaths are ours and what are our legal responsibilities relating to disabled accessibility. Lennox to discuss with The Clerk.

Grass Cutting. No problems

6. Environment

Cllr. Knapman proposed that Alcester Town Council engage with the local community to support the Real Poppy Campaign to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the first world war. Councillor Cumberbatch asked the committee to come up with their choices for appropriate areas and forward them to Councillor Knapman. Also information relating to the Bee Friendly campaign is to be circulated to the committee. We have an increased growth of Himalayan Balsam, a suggestion was made to ask for help with clearing it when the next Community day occurs.

7. Allotments

An inspection of the allotments and the judging for the annual prize giving has taken place. There are 4 people on the waiting list. Most of the allotments are being worked but an eye needs to be kept on one or two. Cllr. Hine reported that there is a lot of rubbish at the rear of the cottage and needs investigating. Cllr. Bunting asked if the water on the sites was on a meter. It was agreed that this needs to be looked into.

We have received a reply from the Manager of Corinthian Court stating that although allotment holders have a right of access over their car park they do not have the right to park on it.

8. Cemetery

No report received. Cllr. Cumberbatch suggested that a programme of things to do should be worked out to address the issue of future burial space. Cllr. Hine reported that the entrance to the cemetery was very uneven making it difficult when wheeling coffins into the cemetery. The committee was asked to investigate alternative surfaces. Cllr. Knapman asked if an ill worded sign at the entrance to the cemetery could be removed or reworded

9. Skate Park

Before progressing further The Youth Council are to canvass our local you to find out what ramps etc. they would like to be included.

10. Section 106

Councillor Cumberbatch is to write to DCLG for clarification on the way funds are allocated.

11. Items for Recommendation to Full Council

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12. Terms of Reference

New Terms of reference relating to whether or not a task and finish approach should be taken with Sub-Committees are being looked into

13. Correspondance

None

14. Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 27 August 2013 at Globe House

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