

A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00 PM. ON TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE ALCESTER (Seggs Lane Entrance)

Present

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

Public participation at discretion of chair

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Hine and Adams.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July were proposed to be agreed by Cllr. Steve Payne seconded by Cllr. Cargill and signed.

4. Recreation Facilities

Jubilee Centre

No business.

Jubilee Fields

The Tug of War Association National Championships came to Alcester Jubilee Fields over the Bank Holiday Weekend and were a big success. Councillor Bunting reported positive feedback from the community about the new fence, likewise Cllr. Knapman about the wild flowers. Cllr. Bunting commented that he had been asked by a dog-walker at the Jubilee Fields why there was no seating outside of the new fenced area. The Mayor and Cllr. Cumberbatch are to write a letter of thanks to Alcester Lyons for their contribution towards the fencing.

Moorfields

With reference to our independent play equipment inspection it was agreed that the tunnel and the safety surfaces should be replaced. Cllr. Bunting reported that there is a growth of Honey Fungus on site and a large tree with dead branches overhanging a public footpath at the Nelson Tuery end of the site. Worksheets to be issued..

Collins Way

Although deemed adequate in the inspection report, the safety surfaces need replacing and the concrete tunnel removing. It was agreed this well used park could also do with an extra piece of play equipment. Costings to be sought for future consideration.

Bleachfield Street Play Area

Cllr Bunting reported that this well used site would benefit from more space.

Recreation Ground Stratford Road

The Environment Agency has put in new steps to access their pumping station. No other comments.

At this point Cllr. Cumberbatch asked if the Committee would mind discussing Item 13, relating to Terms of Reference, next.

13. Terms of Reference

Cllr.Cumberbatch introduced proposed changes to the Committee's Terms of Reference which, briefly, includes:- a committee name change, a change to the frequency of meetings, changes to the method of carrying out projects and the need to look at the cost of our services such as burials and provision of allotments. Various questions arose from the proposal such as budgets,

organisation of works/projects etc. The Terms of Reference will return at the next meeting for approval.

5. Ground Maintenance

Grass cutting all good. Councillor Payne said that he would speak to Stratford District Council regarding a request for dog waste bins at Allimore Lane. Cllr. Bunting commented that he had been asked by a dog-walker at the Jubilee Fields why there was no seating outside of the new fenced area. This will be given consideration in the future.

6. Allotments

Six persons are on the waiting list. Letters have been sent to the winners of the allotment competition.

No response has been received from the tenant who was sent an improvement letter, a follow-up inspection will be made.

7. Cemetery

Councillor Brown reported that the vision for the Cemetery has been formulated and just needs to be put into action.

Councillors approved the memorials and inscriptions for Covey, Devey and King.

8. Environment

Cllr. Knapman presented her draft policy proposal to make Alcester the first Bee Friendly Town in Warwickshire to the committee. It was agreed that it was a good piece of work which, when up and running, could help fulfill the aims of the committee to improve the well being of the community as well. Comments for projects to Jan within 2 weeks.

9. Skate Park

Before progressing further The Youth Council are to canvass our local youth. Cllr. Cargill asked what was the role the Youth Council was playing in respect of the progression of the Skate Park. Cllr. Bunting explained and stated the need to give the children what they would be most likely to use

10. Section 106

No Business.

11. Items for Recommendation to Full Council

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12. Correspondance

None .

14. Date of next Meeting

Monday 23 September 2013.

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