

**A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER
TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.00PM AT
GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr. E Payne, Cllr. Hine, Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Knapman, Cllr. Kenyon and J Rowlatt.

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

There were no members of the public present.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Adams and Councillor Steve Payne.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2013 were proposed by Cllr. Payne, seconded by Cllr. Brown and signed.

4. Allimore Lane North Recreation & Open Spaces Requirements

Cllr. Cumberbatch asked the Committee to submit all their ideas and requirements re: the statement of case, in time for the next Planning Meeting.

5. Recreation Facilities

To receive reports on the following:

- a) Jubilee Fields - We have continued to receive positive feedback on the Fields. Cllr. Payne reported that The Jubilee Centre is now in use every night of the week. Help with switching off the lighting at night is being provided by neighbours and it was agreed that we should include them when extending invites to special showings at the community cinema.
- b) Collins Way - Cllr Cumberbatch asked for costs to remove the old concrete pipe and replace with suitable "inclusive" equipment.
- c) Moorfields - Cllr. Knapman reminded the Committee that we should be thinking about replacing trees at both Moorfields and Stratford Road Recreation Ground.
- d) Bleachfield Play Area - no business.
- e) Recreation Ground Stratford Road - Tree replacement as mentioned in c) Moorfields.

6. Ground Maintenance

To receive reports on the following:

- a) Grasscutting - No problems.
- b) Footpaths - Cllr. Cumberbatch said that he would be having a 2nd meeting with Seco regarding the possible acquisition of land for a riverside walk.
- c) Dog bins - It was agreed that we should order a new bin for Allimore Lane. Cllr. Kenyon suggested that we could also use an existing bin which is not used very much.

7. Environment

Cllr. Knapman asked what progress was being made regarding the work to extend the area of the wild flower site. Jan is to look into this.

Three suggestions were received regarding the Bee Friendly project. Cllr. Cumberbatch asked if Cllr. Knapman could tighten up her Policy Statement so that it could be put forward as a proposition to Full Council. There was general agreement by Councillors that this was a good policy document for the Council. A question was asked regarding the clerking for sub-committees and Cllr. Cumberbatch explained that this matter was being discussed by Presidium.

8. Allotments

There has been no response to a letter to improve which was sent out last month therefore a final inspection will be made and if necessary a notice to quit will be issued. Cllr. Hine asked if a solution could be found to make use of the air raid shelters so that people would stop using it as a dumping ground.

9. Cemetery

To receive updates on the following:-

- a) Cemetery Management and Maintenance - Councillor Cumberbatch is to write a letter regarding a breach of rules regarding Headstones.
- b) A Vision for the Cemetery - Cllrs. Cumberbatch and Brown are to have a meeting to discuss plans for a refurbishment of the cemetery.
- c) Cemetery Capacity and Future Cemetery Provision - no business.
- d) Memorial and Inscription - The application for Bradshaw was approved

10. Terms of Reference

The new Terms of Reference were agreed and adopted.

11. Items for Recommendation to Full Council

There were no propositions for Full Council.

12. Correspondence

A request to install a memorial bench in the cemetery in memory of Angela Mary Haines was approved.

13. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 28 October 2013 7.00pm at Globe House

J Rowlatt - Clerk to ATC Recreation & Open Spaces Committee