

**A RECREATION ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2013 AT
7.00PM AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Adams, Cllr. Steve Payne, Cllr. Kenyon, Cllr. Bunting 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

Cllr. Eric Payne, Cllr. Hine and Cllr. Brown.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th October were proposed by Cllr. S Payne and seconded by Cllr. Cargill.

4. Play Areas Equipment/other Recreational Facilities

Cllr. Cumberbatch stated that he had a meeting with a public health officer from WCC and it has been agreed in principal to go ahead with the Measured Mile project. 3 routes starting from the Health centre have been identified. Funding for leaflets, signage etc is available from the public Health Budget and there is to be a meeting in January to discuss.

Cllr. Cumberbatch has written to the High Bailiff regarding contributions for the memorial benches for 3 of our late High Bailiffs. Cllr. Steve Payne said that he had spoken with the Masons who also wanted to contribute. Cllr. Cumberbatch has also spoken with Richard Jelffs from Seco who has agreed to provide the plaques for the benches at no cost.

The Redrow housing is gathering speed and the Committee has asked if the Clerk could contact the Planning Depart for a likely release date of the 106 money for the skate park. Five quotations for design/layouts are to be requested and after a consultation with the Youth Council a decision can be made.

5. Trees & Footpaths

Cllr. Cumberbatch reported that there were a number of trees at the Weir Field/Community Orchard that were encroaching on the foundations of the old iron bridge. It was decided to ask for a quote for the removal of the trees.

Cllr. Bunting commented that the work to remove a broken limb from a tree in Moorfields hadn't been completed yet and asked that it be looked into.

Cllr. Adams reported that the footpath along by Meadow Road and the end of the old railway line was very dark after dusk and asked if the bollards at the end of the path could be repainted, possibly with phosphorescent paint and the high hedge cut back to make safer.

Cllrs. Cumberbatch and Bunting are to go and examine the hedge at the top Allimore Lane to determine who should take responsibility for its maintenance.

The Clerk asked the Committee if they thought that a one off (annual) flail cutting should be carried out to our hedge at Westbury Park. The Committee agreed.

6. Environmental Matters

Cllr. Knapman presented the second version of the Environmental Sub-Committee's Policy Proposal Document, to make Alcester a Bee Friendly Town. The Sub-Committee's next meeting to take place on 26th November.

7. Allotments

The renewal letters are ready to be sent out and it was agreed to send them by post this year. It was also agreed that early in the coming year the Committee should look into our running costs for the allotments with a view to increasing the rental cost next year.

8. Cemetery

The requests for memorials were all approved. It was agreed that the Committee should review our burial charges and progress the plans for the refurbishment of the old Cemetery.

9. Litter Bins

The new bins have been delivered and are waiting to be put in place.

10. Budget Update

11. Correspondence

None

12. Propositions To Full Council

There were no propositions to full council.

13. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 27 January 2014 7.00 pm at Globe House

J Rowlatt - Clerk to ATC Recreation & Open Spaces Committee