

**A RECREATION ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS  
HELD ON MONDAY 14 JULY 2014 AT 7.00PM AT GLOBE  
HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

**Present**

Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr. S. Payne, Cllr. Kenyon, Cllr. E. Payne, Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Knapman and Cllr. Brown.

**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 Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Adams, Cllr. Hine and Cllr. Neal-Sturgess.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

*There were no declarations of interest.*

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Cllr. E. Payne and signed.

**4. Strategic Objectives and Aims for 2014/15**

Cllr. Cumberbatch reported that we are on course with our aims and objectives. The allotments are undergoing their annual inspections at the moment and findings so far have supported our decision to call for the clearer numbering of the plots and tightening up of the rules and regulations. Cllr. Cumberbatch is to draft a letter to the tenants of the allotments to notify them of our intention to increase the rental cost in 2015. Cllr. Brown is to meet with Cllr. Cumberbatch to discuss a strategy for the tidying up of the cemetery.

**5. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities**

Cllr. Bunting reported that Church Street Properties have agreed to provide half of the costs for the proposed youth shelter. Concerns were raised again by the schools and residents regarding the positioning of the shelter and a site visit was suggested to clarify. The problem of graffiti was raised and it was suggested that if the young people were invited to decorate the shelter themselves it might discourage the more offensive type of art. Cllr. E. Payne reported that the car park at the Jubilee Centre was being re-

surfaced to a lesser but still acceptable specification and was expected to be completed during August.

An item of play equipment (a springer) has broken and been removed from Jubilee Fields.

**6. Trees & Footpaths** Cllr. Knapman reported problems with 2 trees on Moorfields. These will be looked at.

Cllr. Cumberbatch is to discuss with the Clerk whether or not to identify and tape off an area of the riverside footpath at Alne Bank Road/Fairwater Crescent as it is in a potentially dangerous condition.

### **7. Environmental Matters**

Cllr Knapman reported on the progress of the bee friendly project leading up to the official launch of Alcester as a Bee Friendly Town. Several prestigious organisations have shown interest including Coventry University, Compton Verney, Waitrose and businesses.

### **8. Allotments**

No report received. (see strategic objectives and aims).

### **9. Cemetery**

The memorials for Cresswell and Roberts were approved. Cllr. Cumberbatch asked for progress on the purchase of the notice board for the cemetery. Jan to action.

### **10. Litter Bins**

Cllr. E Payne reported that there was a spare bin as Stratford on Avon District Council have replaced the bin at Hopkins Precinct play area with one of their own. They have offered to deliver the spare bin to wherever we decide it is needed. A possible site is on the old railway line off Adams Way as a complaint has been received stating the lack of one in that area.

### **11. Budget Update**

Cllr. Cumberbatch reported that the budget was tight.

### **12. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **13. Propositions to Full Council**

There were no propositions to Full Council.

### **14. Dates of Next Meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2014