

**A RECREATION ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.00PM AT
GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

Councillor Cumberbatch, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Adams, Councillor Cargill Councillor 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 Councillor Neal-Sturgess, Councillor Hine, Councillor Eric Payne, Councillor Steve Payne, Councillor Knapman and Councillor Kenyon.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 14 July 2014 were agreed and signed.

4. Strategic Objectives and Aims for 2014/15

5. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities

Councillor Cumberbatch reported that we were on the list and may hopefully receive some money from Councillor Mike Gittus grant fund in December. Our grant from the "Well Being Scheme" is in group 2 section and should be through in January. Lennox is to meet with Claire Jagers to clarify the details of the various pieces of fitness equipment we would like to buy. Councillor Cargill commented that he thought that mental health should be a component of the 'Well Being' programme. Councillor Bunting presented a quotation from Alan Sutor for groundworks for preparation for the installation of the youth shelter and seating at the Jubilee Fields. Where these items are to be sited has still to be agreed with the Clerk when the results of the survey carried out by the Police with the local youth activities become available. Councillor Bunting made a comment that he thought the reason the youths were congregating near the Jubilee Centre was because they could access the wi-fi system there, and he suggested that we might be able to install wi-fi at the shelter, or alternatively block access to the Jubilee Centre's wi-fi.

This suggestion is to be discussed with the Clerk when a decision is made re the siting of the shelter after the Police survey is returned. It was announced that we now have enough money in pledged donations to allow the provision of six benches around the Jubilee Fields. Contributions are from Mr. Dyson (1), The Alcester Rotary Club(1), The Court Leet (3) and The British Legion (1).

Councillor Adams has offered to donate some concrete slabs to stand the benches on.

6. Trees & Footpaths

We have received a quotation for resurfacing Riverside Walk which forms part of the Measured Mile Public Health Walks. As this quote is rather more than was expected, Councillor Cumberbatch is to approach the Business Managers at the Health Centre and other local Businesses to ask if they can contribute towards the cost.

Councillor Bunting asked about the progress regarding his request for the provision of five new trees for the Community Orchard. Jan is to speak to The Clerk.

We have received a quotation for the removal of a tree at Moorfields, Councillor Cargill thought that the tree should be inspected before going any further.

7. Environmental Matters

Councillor Cumberbatch, Councillor Knapman and some members of the sub-committee are to meet with the Clerk to discuss the working relationship between the Environmental Sub-Committee and the Recreation, Environment and Open Spaces Committee, and to give consideration to their plans. These will then be discussed at the next R.E.O.S Committee meeting in November.

8. Allotments

There are eight persons on the waiting list at present. The annual renewal letters are to be sent out next week. Councillor Cumberbatch has asked Jan to contact the person who has contacted us regarding a fellow allotment holder taking a short cut across her allotment and causing damage and dumping rubbish.

Corinthian Court - Councillor Cumberbatch is to have a meeting with the new manager of Corinthian Court to discuss past problems of parking and access.

9. Cemetery

Jan is to arrange a meeting with Councillors Brown and Cumberbatch to review the rules and regulations for the cemetery and plan how to implement the reclamation of graves that are in excess of one hundred years

10. Litter Bins

Councillor Bunting requested a litter bin to be provided at the bottom end of Bleachfield Street by the allotments.

11. Budget

Councillor Cumberbatch and The Clerk are to discuss the wages element and other expenditure in our budget and report at a later date.

12. Correspondence

It was agreed to formally ask for a meeting with the Jubilee Committee to clarify which Committee might be responsible for various areas at and around the Jubilee Centre.

13. Propositions to Full Council

There were no propositions to Full Council.

14. Date of Next Meeting

18 November 2014.

J Rowlatt - Clerk to ATC Recreation, Environment & Open Spaces Committee