

**A RECREATION ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY  
20 JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00PM AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs  
Lane entrance)**

**Present**

Cllr. Hine, Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. E. Payne, Cllr. Knapman, Cllr. Cargill, Chris Wright 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 Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr Adams, Cllr. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr. Kenyon, Cllr. Brown and Cllr. S. Payne.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

*There were no declarations of interest.*

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting which was held on Tuesday 18 November 2014 were nominated, agreed and signed.

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

When asked by Cllr. Hine if there was an update on projects, it was agreed that this item should stand until Cllr. Cumberbatch returns. Cllr. Cargill said that he thought that there should be a strategic review of everything. Chris Wright stated that for now the focus should be to support Cllr. E. Payne with his efforts to complete the Jubilee Centre parking area and suggested a master plan which he showed to the Committee. Cllr. Bunting suggested asking Orbit, who own the strip of land at the side of the road leading to the Jubilee Centre, if they would let us put in passing places. Cllr. Knapman commented that better signage was needed.

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

The subject of inclusive play equipment was mentioned during a meeting with Framptons to discuss the design statement for the Bloor Homes Development. Cllr. Bunting stressed the importance of our being involved and suggested that a montage showing what we and the potential users would like to be included.

**6. Trees & Footpaths**

Cllr. Cargill commented that there were a lot of our trees that needed pruning and Cllr. Knapman asked particularly about the large oak and the hawthorn at Moorfields. For the time being it was agreed that the hawthorn is to be left and the oak would be looked at.

**7. Environmental Matters**

Cllr. Knapman reported that there was to be a meeting of the environmental sub-committee next week. The Community Action Day event is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Jubilee Centre with a pruning demonstration followed by a hands-on session on the menu. Cllr. Bunting

suggested that the hedges around the community orchard should be thinned out and the paths raked as part of the longer termed plans. Frankie Carroll is no longer able to sit on the Environmental Sub-Committee due to work commitments.

#### **8. Allotments**

There are four people on the waiting list and there are up to four available plots which will be offered in due course. Most of the monies are in and reminders are to be sent out to the remainder. Correspondence received regarding various queries were discussed and will be replied to. The rules and regulations are to be displayed on the sites notice board.

#### **9. Cemetery**

All of the memorials submitted were approved. A request to dress a grave with kerbs and chippings was allowed, conditionally, as the materials had already been purchased and the adjacent graves had kerbs. A recent visit to the cemetery has revealed that a number of graves have had kerbs set around them which is contrary to the rules and regulations. Letters are to be sent to the owners of the graves reminding them that any additional adornments should not be placed on graves without the approval of Alcester Town Council and should be within the boundaries of health and safety and considerate to the owners of adjacent graves. A notice board is to be placed in the cemetery and the rules and regulations displayed.

#### **10. Litter Bins**

The Clerk suggested that in future this item should be headed "bins" to include our grit bins. Cllr. Bunting asked for a bin at the bottom of Bleachfield Street.

#### **11. Budget**

The Committee will be updated on the budget situation as soon as the Precept has been set. The Clerk asked REOS to consider the purchasing of a utility vehicle due to the impact of the planned additional seating etc on the grass cutting at Jubilee Fields.

#### **12. Correspondence**

The correspondence regarding allotment and cemetery matters was discussed under their "items" and are being addressed.

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

There were no propositions to Full Council.

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

17 March 2015.