



**A COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 19
JANUARY 2016 AT 7.00PM AT JUBILEE CENTRE, ST.
FAITH'S ROAD, ALCESTER**

Present

Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Greenaway, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr. Morrison, Cllr. Forman, C.G. 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 Cllrs. Brannigan, Kenyon and Styles.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Community Facilities meeting on 15 December 2015 having been circulated and approved by committee members were signed at the meeting on 19th January 2016.

4. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities

To receive updates:-

- a. Skatepark - The Town Clerk reported that he had met with the representative from Bendcrete and subject to confirmation he would be meeting with someone from Streetscape this coming Thursday. The designs produced from these site visits can be read in conjunction with the wish list from the Youth Council wish list. In response to a query about drainage the Town Clerk stated that a site survey and flood risk assessment was undertaken 3 years ago. Cllr. Bunting reported that he has looked at a Bendcrete skate park at Long Marston with which he was impressed.
- b. Jubilee Fields – Cllr. Bunting suggested that the Committee should visit St. Marys Road Park to look at the new Hagsgs play equipment.
- c. Moorfield – the repairs to the safety surfaces and the installation of the new swings and inclusive springer are due to go ahead in the middle of February.
- d. Bleachfields and Collins Way – The final plans for these sites are still to be decided.
- e. Cllr. Cumberbatch asked the Committee if there could be a “kids run free” event at the Jubilee Fields sometime in the future.

5. Community Buildings

Jubilee Centre :- Cllr. Morrison has prepared a report regarding the transference of the lease and management of the Jubilee Centre to a Charitable Management Group. She asked for the report to be circulated to Committee members with the minutes of this meeting. The Town Clerk and Cllr. Morrison are to have a meeting regarding the setting up of the Group.

Hertford Room - Cllr. Morrison stated that usage of the Hertford Room is going well, with increased numbers at Slimming World and the Golden Oldies Cinema Club.

Depot - The Alcester boxing Club have increased the number of their sessions at the Depot and the Youth Council have advised Cllr. Styles on ways of utilizing the Depot by identifying and attracting new groups.

A purchase order has been issued for the installation of the new ceiling in the Depot and dates for the works to be carried out were requested. A Notice board displaying the opening and closing times of the Jubilee Centre Car Park was requested.

6. Trees

Cllr. Bunting reported that the tree pruning and the hedge planting at the Community Orchard have been carried out by a volunteer. The replacement trees for the Community Orchard have been ordered. The new tree at Moorfield is thriving and Cllr. Bunting would like a photograph of the gentleman who donated it to appear in the

next newsletter. Cllr. Kenyon has spoken with the Head Teacher of the school who confirmed that the work to the overhanging foliage at the car park will be carried out.

7. Footpaths

The Town Clerk has received a quote per m. for tarmac from McDonalds and he is going to measure up the sections of the Weir Field footpath in order to work out the cost. Cllr. Payne said that he would like to pursue the matter of getting Cllr. Gittus to secure the money from Warwickshire County Council to repair the the length of footpath from the Greig Hall to Gunnings Bridge Road.

8. Environmental Matters

Cllr. Cumberbatch asked whether any progress had been made regarding the wildflower meadow at Westbury Park. He also passed on to the Committee an offer of help from a former Councillor Knapman. The Town Clerk replied that the ground had been prepared, planted and the results should be seen in due course. The steps to Westbury Park have been repaired, the ditch has been un-blocked and a new litter bin is on order.

9. Allotments

Approximately 2/3 of monies due have been received, reminders are to be sent out for the remainder. There are more plots available to let than there are numbers of people on the waiting list. The Town Clerk clarified the situation regarding the complaints we have received about the unauthorised shed on Bleachfield Street North.

10. Cemetery

There were no memorial requests. The importance of adherence to the rules and regulations relating to future requests for memorials and kerb sets was noted.

11. Litter Bins

No update received.

12. Budget Update

An Emergency Meeting is to be called to set the precept.

13. Correspondence

Letter from Mr. Tuplin re:- "Noteworthyies" - The Mayor is to reply explaining why limitations imposed in conservation areas such as ours make his idea impractical and that we have our own annual awards ceremony to recognise local worthies.

Letter re: Bleachfield North allotments footpaths. Reply to be sent explaining the "no footpaths" rule on that particular site.

14. Propositions to Full Council

There were no propositions to Full Council.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th February 7pm, Jubilee Centre