



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

**A COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING WAS
HELD ON 15 OCTOBER AT 7.00 P.M
GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER
(Access via Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

Councillor T. Forman, Councillor G. Forman, Councillor E. Wilson, Cllr. M. Bowe, Councillor L. Pusey and Councillor K. Greenaway

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

There were no members of the Public present.

The Chairman asked the Committee for a minutes silence for our Groundsman, David Read, who died suddenly last week.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor K. Cargill and Councillor A. Foster.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September having been approved by the Facilities Committee were signed at Full Council on 1 October.

4. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities

4.1. The Chairman reported that our ROSPA report was positive with no urgent actions necessary. Our external contractor is scheduled to carry out the repairs to play equipment highlighted in the report. The other minor items mentioned such as safety surface repairs, strimmer damage and erosion to the skatepark will be dealt with either by Paul or our external contractor.

4.2. The Collins Way Working Group reported that they have not yet had an opportunity to meet.

5. Community Buildings

5.1. Quotations for the refurbishment of the kitchen in the Depot have started to come in now and after completion of the works, Presidium will hand back the management of the Jubilee Centre to the Facilities Committee.

6. Trees

6.1. The Tree Inspection has started albeit slowly due to the poor weather conditions.

7. Footpaths

7.1. Councillor T. Forman is to contact Warwickshire County Councillor Mark Cargill for an update on the dangerous footpath by the Greig Hall.

7.2. Concerns were raised about the state of the footpath and of the poor lighting at Moorfields. Action – establish responsibility and remedy if possible.

8. Allotments

8.1. No agreement was reached on the proposed amendment to the rules and regulations. The committee clerk is to circulate a full copy of the rules and regulations to the committee members. Action – Councillor T. Forman said he would speak to Steve Keeling.

8.2. School Road Allotments – Following a meeting with the Environment Agency, it has been confirmed that it is highly likely that the allotment site will be closed from March 2020 for the duration of the maintenance works to the bund. The Environment Agency will confirm this at the next meeting with the Town Council on 11th November. The Town Clerk will write to the tenants explaining that the works are necessary for our flood defences and that when reinstated the site should be in an enhanced state. Councillor E. Wilson

suggested that it would be a good idea to have photographic evidence of each plot before commencement of the work.

9. Cemetery

9.1. The Chairman reported that the Cemetery Working Party had had a useful site visit to the Cemetery of Friday 11th October. Following on from a meeting with a cemetery development company, the Town Clerk explained to the group that by using the land where the chapel used to stand in the old cemetery, and the strip of land immediately behind the wall on Birmingham Road, there was the potential to have burials for a further 6 years. The Town Clerk also said that the area at the very bottom end of the cemetery could potentially be used by clearing the soil heap, levelling the ground and putting in ground drainage.

10. Litter Bins

10.1. No business.

11. Cross Parish Cycle Way

Councillor Erick Wilson gave the Committee a verbal summary of the Feasibility Study report that he had received from Sustrans. Although ultimately deliverable the committee expressed concerns over the complexity and potential cost of the Project. Cllr. Wilson agreed to circulate a copy of his summary to Committee members. The next meeting of the CPCPP group takes place on 14th November, when he will seek clarification with regards to our concerns and listen to the observations from other Councils.

12. ATC Strategic Aims and Action Plan Review

Councillor T. Forman will be having a meeting with the Town Clerk to discuss the suggestions made by the Committee.

1. To complete our tree survey and budget for a maintenance plan.
2. To support and give grant funding to ABLE.
3. To consider cutting back on Cemetery mowing to create more natural (wildflower) areas.

13. Stakeholder Consultation – Green Garden Waste

Councillor G. Forman declared her interest as a district councillor. After discussion from different points of view, knowing that savings have to be made and having the opportunity to respond individually, the Committee decided that they would not be making a formal response.

14. Propositions to Full Council

There were no propositions to Full Council Made.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19 November.

J. Rowlatt
Clerk to Facilities Committee

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