



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

A COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING VIA
ZOOM WAS HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 P.M

Present

Councillor T. Forman, Councillor G. Forman, Councillor K. Cargill, Councillor A. Foster, Councillor E. Wilson, Councillor M. Bowe and Councillor L. Pusey.

The Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe and Jan Rowlatt were in attendance.

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

No members of the public were present.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Apologies

None received. Councillor K. Greenaway was not present.

2. Declarations of Interest

None made.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September having been approved by the Facilities Committee were signed at Full Council on 6th October 2020.

4. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities

4.1. The Town Clerk reported that the new fencing to the junior play area at Moorfields had been completed and was looking very good.

5. Community Buildings

The Town Clerk reported on the current state of affairs at the Eric Payne Centre as follows:-

- EPCC currently closed to the public during lockdown and bookings have been cancelled
- Regular users have been encouraged to rebook their sessions for 2021
- Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service (Training) are using the centre for essential First Aid training on 23 & 24 November
- Racking has been installed in the Cafe Cupboard to make it easier and safer for Open Doors Toddler Group to store their equipment
- A temporary wifi booster has been fitted in the Depot
- The window grills are being taken a couple at a time to be blasted and powder coated in green at GreenMech Ltd, Kings Coughton.
- Brian King is making progress with the Building Control issue and a site visit with Mr A Bethune, SDC scheduled for during lockdown has had to be postponed.

6. Trees

6.1. The Town Clerk reported that many of the trees at Westbury Park have been pruned and the area generally tidied.

6.2. SDC has approved the planning application to cut back the Lime tree in the cemetery that overhangs Malin Court.

6.3. We are awaiting a quotation for carrying out work to the large oak on Jubilee Fields which was set on fire.

7. Footpaths

7.1. Moorfields - Plans to re-route the footpath at Moorfields could now go ahead due to the completion of the play area fencing.

7.2. Jubilee Fields - Councillor Tim Forman reported that he had walked the Jubilee Fields footpath and had identified the most badly affected sections of the footpath. He estimated that it could cost around £30,000. to make it accessible to all users. Cllr Forman is going to supply the Town Clerk with maps identifying the areas. The committee discussed what funding might be available for the work to go ahead.

8. Allotments

8.1. The winners of the annual competition are to be announced in the next newsletter and will be notified by letter beforehand.

8.2. School Road – The renewal of the tenancies of these allotments are going ahead as there has been no further information about when the Environment Agency will want access to the site for their proposed work.

9. Cemetery

9.1. The committee discussed the proposed changes to the current cemetery rules and regulations. A draft of which the Town Clerk had circulated ahead of the meeting. Some of the items had been found to be no longer relevant whilst others such as a recent request to include a photo plaque on a memorial headstone had no provision made within the rules. It was agreed to make a proposition to full council to accept the proposed changes.

9.2. To review the cemetery fees – It was agreed that the proposed 10% increase to the burial fees should be published with notice that they would be subject to an annual review.

10. Litter Bins

10.1. No business.

11. Cross Parish Cycle Way

Councillor Eric Wilson reported on an update which he had received from the Executive Committee which stated that with support from local MP's good progress was being made with completion on a section from Broom to Stratford expected in 2021.

12. Correspondence

Nothing to discuss

13. Propositions to Full Council

It was proposed to accept the changes to the cemetery rules and regulations as discussed.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19 January 2021.

J. Rowlatt
Clerk to Facilities Committee

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