



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

**A COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING VIA
ZOOM WAS HELD ON 20 JULY 2021 AT 7.00 P.M**

Present

Councillor T. Forman, Councillor G. Forman, Councillor K. Cargill, Councillor A. Foster, Councillor E. Wilson, and Councillor M. Bowe. J. Rowlatt was in attendance.

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

The were no members of the public present.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Apologies

Councillor K. Greenaway and Councillor L. Pusey sent their apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May having been approved by the Facilities Committee were signed at Full Council on 1st June 2021.

4. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities

4.1. Richard Kibilski has completed the works highlighted in his operational report and ROSPA have notified us that they are due to carry out their inspection in September. Alan Sutor is to be asked to give a quote to repair the fence at Jubilee Fields play area.

4.2. The committee agreed to accept the quote from HGDecorators to repair the gate at Moorfields.

4.3. Abbey Fields - The Town Clerk will respond to Mr. and Mrs. Mutton and explain that we have an obligation to cut the field and maintain the pathway according to an agreement with Bloor Homes and CSA Environmental because of the slow worms and their habitat. The ultimate goal of creating a wildflower meadow cannot be achieved until the Environment agency have carried out their works on the bund.

5. EPCC

5.1. The committee confirmed that they had all received a copy of the EPCC report from the Deputy Town Clerk. The report can be seen at appendix i.

5.2. Councillor T. Forman asked the committee for their opinion regarding accepting bookings at the EPCC since the easing of the Covid restrictions. There were mixed opinions but after taking a vote the committee decided to go ahead and take bookings of the same capacity as we did pre-covid.

6. Trees

6.1. Councillor T. Forman reported that a problem had been highlighted following the failing of one of the trees in the cemetery. There has been no regular maintenance since the original pollarding of the cemetery trees which contributed to what happened to the tree. Vanessa has since arranged to have a meeting with a specialist to inspect them. The committee agreed a price of up to £500.00 for this.

6.2. Stratford District Council have given their permission to take down the goat willow on School Road allotments.

6.3. Councillor T. Forman suggested forming a group of volunteers to remove ivy from around our trees. Councillor M. Bowe offered to speak with someone he knew from SECO who he thought might be interested in helping with a community project like this.

7. Footpaths

7.1. MacDonalds are due to start the re-routing of the footpath in Moorfields on 29th July.

8. Allotments

8.1. The annual judging of the allotments is to take place on the 7th of August and the committee clerk is going to let the plot holders know.

8.2. Councillor T. Forman reported that the community allotment was working well but that it was taking up too much of Wendy's time. He asked the committee if they knew if any of the local community groups might be interested in taking over the running of the community allotment.

9. Cemetery

9.1. The Minister of Justice has refused our application to re-use old graves. The cemetery working group is to meet to discuss the implications of this and report back at the next meeting in September.

9.2. Bench Request from Blundell – this request was granted subject to certain conditions within the cemetery rules and regulations.

9.3. Kerbs Request from Woodfield – the request for kerbstones was granted.

10. Litter Bins

10.1. Several litter bins have been damaged and one metal bin liner has had to be replaced. Councillor Tim Forman conveyed his thanks to everyone who helped to keep the litter bins maintained during Paul and Jack's absence due to them having to self- isolate.

11. Cross Parish Cycle Way

11.1. Councillor E. Wilson had nothing to report except that he was still no closer to knowing what was being asked of the Council. Councillor T. Forman said that he would speak to the Chairperson Joe Harvey and ask him to state clearly what help they wanted.

12. Correspondence

12.1. Dealt with in 4.3

13. Propositions to Full Council

There were no propositions made to Full Council.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 September 2021.

J. Rowlatt
Clerk to Facilities Committee

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