



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

**A COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING WAS
HELD VIA ZOOM ON 18 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00 P.M**

Present

Councillor K. Cargill, Councillor G. Forman, Councillor A. Foster, Councillor E. Wilson, Councillor M. Bowe and Councillor K. Greenaway.

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

None.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Election of New Chairman

Councillor K. Cargill invited nominations for the post of Chair. Councillor M. Bowe nominated Councillor G. Forman, this was seconded by Councillor K. Cargill. Councillor A. Foster nominated Councillor K. Greenaway but as this motion was not seconded, Councillor G. Forman was duly elected to take on the role of chair until the end of the mayoral year. Councillor G. Forman thanked the committee but before continuing the meeting she thanked the committee on behalf of former Chair Councillor T. Forman for their work and support during his term of office.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies received. Councillor L. Pusey did not attend. Councillor A. Foster apologised saying that he would have to leave the meeting early at 7.30 p.m.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st September having been approved by the Facilities Committee were signed at Full Council on 5th October 2021.

5. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities

5.1. To receive an update - Councillor G. Forman reported that staff were working through the list of minor issues raised in the ROSPA report. The most significant outstanding issue being the wooden junior multi-play unit at Moorfields which we are waiting for advice on whether it is repairable or whether it should be replaced.

5.2. New signage has been installed at all the playground sites advising the address and the postcode of the site plus the What3Words location. It was suggested that the addition of the What3Words should be mentioned in the next newsletter.

5.3. Our contractors, Limebridge have cut the footpaths at Abbey Fields and the licence for the slow worms has been completed.

6. EPCC

6.1. The committee have received a report from the office administrator which can be seen at appendix i.

6.2. The Town Clerk informed the committee that there was a serious water leak somewhere at the EPCC which was discovered after receiving two very high bills. The water is leaking at a rate of 5 litres a minute. The Town Clerk confirmed that ATC was responsible for the leak as it was between the water meter and the EPCC. Severn Trent have put a stop on our account and the Town Clerk is consulting our insurers. The leak is being investigated.

7. Trees

7.1. To receive an update – The broken branch of a tree overhanging the old railway line has been removed.

8. Footpaths

8.1. To receive an update – Councillor G. Forman said that we were waiting for the section 106 monies from the Allimore Lane development to carry out the outstanding work to the footpath at Jubilee Fields. There was a discussion about the costs and which sections were being prioritised for repaired. Councillor Bowe asked if money from our reserves or the section 106 money was going to be used. Councillor G. Forman said that she would speak to the Town

Clerk to get the facts clarified. There was a decision for committee members to visit the area and assess priority areas for repairs.

9. Allotments

9.1. There has been a lot of reports about thefts from sheds on the allotments. Councillor K. Cargill said the allotments were part of a wider problem and there were more break-ins generally. Allotment holders are requested to report break-ins to the Police.

10. Cemetery

10.1. To receive an update – The Cemetery Working Group met on Friday to identify how many burial plots were available in the cemetery. Councillor G. Forman reported that they had considered several options. Councillor G. Forman reminded the committee that our request to use the graves in the old cemetery had been turned down. Our fall back plan is still to use the old chapel site but ideally to use the other spaces we can free up first

10.2. Planning Permission 21/03799 has been given consent for tree work at the cemetery and we are waiting to hear from Roots to Shoots when the work will start.

10.3. 5 Bat Boxes have been installed courtesy of a small grant from Waitrose.

11. Litter Bins

11.1. To Receive an Update – 3 new bins have been purchased to replace the old ones in Westbury Park and 1 by the bench by the Roebuck.

11.2. An extra sand bin has been purchased for the hardstanding at Centenary Park.

11.3. A new bench on Centenary Field has been requested by Mr. Peter Hanley in memory of his brother John Hanley and permission is awaited from English Heritage.

12. Cross Parish Cycle Way

12.1. Nothing further to report. Councillor E. Wilson will be attending the next meeting on 26 January at Salford Priors.

13. Correspondence

None

14. Propositions to Full Council

None

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th March 2022.

J. Rowlatt
Clerk to Facilities Committee