



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

A COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2022 AT 7.00 P.M
GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER
(Access via Seggs Lane entrance)

Present

Councillor G. Forman (chair), Councillor A. Foster, Councillor E. Wilson, Councillor M. Bowe, Councillor L. Pusey, and Councillor S. Blackman.

In attendance T. Forman clerk to facilities.

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

None.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor K. Cargill.
Absent without apologies Councillor K. Greenaway

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest given.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January having been approved by the Facilities Committee were signed at Full Council on 1st February 2022.

4. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities

4.1. To receive an update - Cllr Forman reported that the wooden junior multi-play unit at Moorfields has been recommended to be replaced along with the remaining junior swing. We are currently in the process of getting quotes for replacement play equipment.

4.2. The siting of the memorial bench at the community orchard was approved.

5. EPCC

5.1. The committee were in receipt of a report from the Office Administrator. Cllr Foster asked if the income figures reported were consistent throughout the year which was confirmed providing that the current users of the centre remain as users throughout the year.

6. Trees

6.1. To receive an update - Cllr Forman reported that the SDC approved tree work (Planning Permission 1/03799) in Alcester Cemetery had been completed during the first week of March. It was also reported that the recent storms had caused damage to a fence and a wall in Moorfield Park that resulted in a tree needing to be removed due to the damage received from the falling wall. Emergency approval from SDC was granted for the tree removal which has been completed. Further storm damaged caused the breakage of a large branch from a tree in Bleachfield Street play area, this had become precariously wedged and has subsequently been removed along with other, potentially dangerous, branches that were overhanging the play area.

Cllr Forman also reported that a complaint about roots from trees in the Bleachfield Street play area that were allegedly causing damage to a neighbouring conservatory has been passed to our insurance company.

Cllr S. Blackman enquired about a report that had been sent to the Town Council giving ideas for tree planting following a grant that had been secured.

7. Footpaths



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7.1. To receive an update - Cllr Forman said that we were still waiting for the section 106 monies from the Allimore Lane development to carry out the outstanding work to the footpath at Jubilee Fields and that once the council were in receipt of the monies re-quoting for the work would be required due to the time it has taken from the original quote to obtaining the money. There was a discussion about which sections were being prioritised for repair and Cllr Wilson suggested that a list of priorities should be generated so that these can be tackled when funds are available for future repairs.

8. Allotments

8.1. To receive an update – Cllr Forman reported that there were currently 5 vacant allotments across the 4 allotment sites and that the clerk to facilities was in the progress of contacting those on the waiting list to fill the vacant allotment plots. There was a discussion about the state of the School Road allotments with the conclusion that very little could be done about this until the Environment Agency had completed the proposed work on the Flood Defence Bund.
Cllr Blackman asked that the terms and conditions for allotment holders be checked to see that there is an inclusion for reminding allotment holders to keep their allotments in good maintenance.

9. Cemetery

9.1. To receive an update – Cllr Forman reported that there had been 25 burials or cremations during 2021 that had generated an income of £14,370 compared to a budget forecast of £10,000. A discussion ensued about the short-, mid- and long-term plans for the Cemetery concluding that the Cemetery working group will report to full council.

10. Litter Bins

10.1. To Receive an Update – Cllr Forman said that litter bins are replaced as and when required and this is ongoing through the year. Cllr Blackman enquired about the possibility of a new bin on the footpath close to the Island near to the McDonalds restaurant.
Cllr A Foster asked for an update on the state of the grit bins, specifically St. Faiths Road, and if they would be refilled before next winter.

11. Cross Parish Cycle Way

11.1. Cllr E. Wilson attended the meeting on 26 January at Salford Priors. He gave an overview of the project for new Councillors and stated that an extra spur from Broom to Stratford was now in the planning mode. Cllr Wilson also reported that there were still 3 options for a route from Wixford to Alcester and that no decision on the final route has been made.

12. Correspondence

None

13. Propositions to Full Council

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

T. Forman
Clerk to Facilities Committee