



# New Alresford Town Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Arlebury Park on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Divall (Chair) (AS)	✓		
Cllr Bean (AB)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (MB)		✓	
Cllr Cavell (SC)	✓		
Cllr Evans (SE)		✓	
Cllr Gordon-Smith (RGS)		✓ (attended virtually)	
Cllr Sprott (AS)	✓		
Cllr Weston		✓	
Mr Horgan (Tennis)			
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)			
Mr Scriven (ATFC)		✓	
Mr Weston (ARFC)		✓	

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

### **R21/135 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Cllr Byrne, Evans and Weston, Mr Scriven and Mr Weston.

**RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted**

Proposed: KD	Second: AB
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### **R21/136 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.**

None received

### **R21/137 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.**

None

### **R21/138 Public participation**

None present

### **R21/139 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 be approved**

Proposed: KD	Second: SC
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**R21/140 Sports Club updates**

**Alresford Town Football Club**

ATFC have won their last four games and compete tonight in the quarter finals of the Southampton Senior Cup. On 5th May they play Basingstoke Town FC in the final of the North Hants Senior Cup. Last week debuts were offered to local players within the town who have been training with the senior team. Numerous training sessions have been held with the U18 teams and ATFC coaching staff, to prepare for the launch of U23 team next season.

**R21/141 Clerks Report**

The report was noted. It was agreed to shut down the item on Stratton Bates car park, as the issue of irresponsible parking during Youth Football Club training sessions has been resolved due to the use of signs and traffic cones on Rosebery Road.

**R21/142 Chairs Update**

The floodlights to the Tennis Club are now working properly. A faulty circuit breaker has been replaced.

Cllr Bean met with Vivid Housing Association about the boundary with Arlebury Park. Vivid will repair and where necessary bolster up the existing chain link fence on the boundary, and replace any hedging damaged during the construction process. The Committee asked for information about the proposed access point in to Arlebury Park from the housing development, and suggested that thoughts on the proposals for the access are obtained from the Police. The issue of Rights of Way was also highlighted.

**R21/143 Committee Accounts**

The Committee Accounts for February 2022 were reviewed.

**R21/144 Request from Alresford Rugby Club for a close board fence around container, vehicular access to rugby pitches, fence for additional sponsor signs and storage facility on pitch**

This item was not considered as additional information requested from the Rugby Club has not yet been received.

**R21/145 Quote for replacement bench at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground**

A quote for £650 was received for a 2100mm Avenue bench, which is identical to the other bench along the boundary of Stratton Bates Recreation Ground and Rosebery Road. A quote for £650 was received to collect the bench and install at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground.

**RESOLVED: To accept the quote of £650 from Neptune Street Furniture for the 2100mm Avenue bench, and the quote for £650 from Pete Bridges to collect and install the bench**

Proposed: KD	Second: AS
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**Recommendation:** To ask Busby Builders to rectify the positioning of the bench recently installed at Stratton Bates

**R21/146 Maintenance schedule for public open spaces**

The Committee discussed a potential schedule for maintenance requirements in the public open spaces. This included repainting the fence along the football pitch at Arlebury Park, reseeding in the open spaces, repairing/ replacing the fence near the kissing gate at the bottom of Arlebury Park, installing steps to the skatepark, repairing

the goalmouths, repairing the 'caves' and additional slopes at Sun Hill Recreation Ground, laying scalplings near the gates at Arlebury Park, repairing the steps and additional planting at the west of Sun Hill Recreation Ground, painting fences and equipment at playgrounds, repairing 'dog dip' damage at Memorial Gardens, cutting back the buddleia at Arlebury Park overhanging The Avenue.

**R21/147 Slope repairs at Sun Hill Recreation Ground**

An additional quote for repairing the slope at Sun Hill Recreation Ground has been received for £34,500. Another quote is being sought.

**R21/148 Request from resident to remove tree in the boundary between Sun Hill Recreation Ground and Derwent Gardens**

Removing the tree goes against the Council Tree Management policy. The resident will be informed that permission is therefore not granted.

**R21/149 Location of outdoor gym at Arlebury Park**

**RESOLVED: that the outdoor gym is located along the new hedge next to the football pitch and the footpath at Arlebury Park (subject to receiving advice on the exact location of equipment), the cricket strip be removed and the existing football pitch straightened up**

Proposed: AB	Second: AS
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**R21/150 Publicity, sign and launch event for new playground at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground**

The Committee discussed putting a noticeboard at the current playground showing the new designs, along with publicity on Facebook and the website. The Clerk will discuss with Eibe (playground contractor) and local schools a possible opening event on 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> July, and publicise with Hampshire Chronicle and local radio/tv.

The Clerk will investigate with Eibe and others obtaining a sign for the playground, as well as a commemorative plaque/ sign.

**R21/151 Playground Inspection reports**

Playground Inspection Reports were not received by the Committee as they have not yet been sent through from Winchester City Council.

The meeting ended at 21:05

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 19:30**