



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Weston (Chair) (MW)	✓		
Cllr Bean (Vice-Chair) (AB)	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith (RGS)	✓		
Cllr Divall (KD)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (MB)	✓		
Cllr Cavell (SJC)	✓		
Cllr Evans (SE)	✓		
Cllr Holmes (SH)	✓		
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)		✓	
Cllr Sprott (AS)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT:

Marcia Phillibert – Town Clerk/RFO

4 members of the public – A member of the public and Cllr Issacs, Power and Porter (virtual)

21/188 Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillors Jeffs– previous appointments

RESOLVED: That apologies for Councillors Jeffs are accepted

Proposed: MW	Second: SH
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/189 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

21/190 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

Councillor Gordon-Smith – Non-pecuniary on Item 21/206

Councillor Weston – Non-pecuniary on Item 21/217

Councillor Divall – Non-pecuniary on item 21/206

Councillor Evans – Non-pecuniary on item 21/214

21/191 Public participation

A member of the public expressed their concern regarding the percept and wished to see justification for the increase. There have been communications with the council and the documents received are unsatisfactory.

Councillor Divall responded that he is an accountant of 40 years standing and has been involved with the budgeting process which are a fair and accurate reflection of the present and future spends.

1935 hours Councillor Sprott arrives

21/192 (i) **City Councillors Report**
Noted

(ii) **County Councillor Report**

There is a Select Committee set up to address speed limits in the county, the Terms of Reference are in the process being agreed. Once agreed councils will be invited to comment.

21/193 **Approve minutes and recommendations of the Town Council Meeting held on 14 December 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Town Council Meeting held on 14 December 2021 are approved

Proposed: MB	Second: SH	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:

21/ 194 **Ratify the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 December 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 December 2021 be ratified

Proposed: AB	Second: AS	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:

21/195 **Ratify the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on 2 December 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on 2 December 2021 be ratified.

Proposed: SJC	Second: KD	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:

21/196 **Ratify the minutes of the Operations and Resources Committee held on 30 November 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Operations and Resources Committee held on 30 November 2021 be ratified

Proposed: MW	Second: SE	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:

21/197 **Ratify the minutes of the Community and Tourism Committee held on 16 November 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community and Tourism Committee held on 16 November 2021 be ratified

Proposed: SH	Second: SJC	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:

21/198 **Clerks Report**

The Clerk's Report is received. For all committees to focus on aged actions.

The Diversity training is proposed to be 28 February 2022, once confirmed councillors will be notified

21/199 Chairs announcements and working group updates

- (i) Town Council**
There will be a By Election for one councillor who will serve approximately 12 months. The cost of which will be in the region of £7000.00.
- (ii) Community and Tourism Committee**
No comment
- (iii) Operations and Resources**
No comment
- (iv) Planning Committee**
No comment
- (v) Recreation and Environment Committee**
No comment
- (vi) Working Groups**
No comment

21/200 Appoint Members to O&R and C&T committees

There are vacancies on the committees due to resignations

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dival is appointed as a member of the Operations and Resources Committee

Proposed: KD	Second: SE	
For: RGS, SH, SJC, MB, AB MW	Against:	Abstain: AS

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bean is appointed as a member of the Community and Tourism Committee

Proposed: SH	Second: SJC	
For: RGS, MB, AB, MW, KD, SE	Against:	Abstain: AS

21/201 Plans for the upcoming Town Assembly

Considered guest speakers to deliver a presentation at the Town Assembly
The Town Assembly is scheduled to be held on 8 March 2022 which is also the same time as New Alresford Football is playing at home to consider revised date of Monday 7 March 2022

RESOLVED: That the Town Assembly be held on Monday 7 March 2022 at the Alresford Recreation Centre.

Proposed: RGS	Second: SE	
For: MW, AB, MB, SH	Against: AS, KD, SJC	Abstain:

21/202 Approve the Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements, Income and Expenditure, Purchase Ledger and Payments Reports as of 31 December 2021

Ledger	Balance
Balance Sheet (Asset –Liabilities)	516,004
Income - Expenditure YTD	145,515
Current Account	222,976.61
32 Day Notice	297,954.85

Rent Deposit	1,666.64
Petty Cash	54.01

RESOLVED: That the Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements, Income and Expenditure, Purchase Ledger and Payments Reports as of 31 December 2021 is approved.

Proposed: SE	Second: SH
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/203 Approve recommended budget for financial year 2022/23

The By Election cost needs to be considered for this years projected expenditure and balanced from the wages budget for next year.

RESOLVED: That the recommended budget is amended to allow for the By Election costs and balanced by reducing the wages cost for financial year 2022/23.

Proposed: SE	Second: KD
For: All	Against: Abstain:

RESOLVED: That the budget for financial year 2022/23 is approved (£439960)

Proposed: SE	Second: SJC
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/204 Approve precept for financial year 2022/23

RESOLVED: That the precept is approved to the value £336694 for the financial year 2022/23

Proposed: SE	Second: AB
For: MW, MB, SH, KD, SJC, RGS	Against: Abstain: AS

21/205 Approve Financial Internal Controls and Financial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED: That the Financial Internal Controls and Financial Risk Assessment is approved

Proposed: KD	Second: AB
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/206 Approve Grant application

(i) Friends of St Johns

RESOLVED: That the grant of £1000.00 is approved as the clock tower is a notable landmark and iconic feature of the town.

Proposed: AB	Second: SJC
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/207 Approve spend of up to £5000 for Jubilee celebration

The Jubilee celebrations will not be until next year, however expenditure needs to be made to source equipment to support the celebrations.

RESOLVED: That a spend of up to £5000.00 is approved from 2022/23 budget

Proposed: MW	Second: SH
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/208 Approve quote for outdoor gym at Arlebury Park

RESOLVED: That the quote for the outdoor gym at Arlebury Park is approved to the value of £17,689.00

Proposed: AS	Second: SJC
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/209 Approve quote for 'Off you go' train at Sun Hill

RESOLVED: That the quote for the 'Off you go' train at Sun Hill is approved to the value of £5646.71

Proposed: SJC	Second: AB
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/210 Approve the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group Terms of Reference

Recommendation: That the document is referred to the planning committee for further revision

21/211 Approve the use of Arlebury Park for Rotary 10k run on Sunday 19 June 2022

RESOLVED: That the use of Arlebury Park for the Rotary 10k run on Sunday 19 June 2022 is approved

Proposed: MW	Second: SJC
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/212 Approve New Alresford Town Council Litterpick day as Saturday 26 March 2022

RESOLVED: That the New Alresford Town Council Litterpick day is Saturday 26 March 2022 is approved

Proposed: MW	Second: SJC
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/213 Approve CIL funding bid application for new allotments

RESOLVED: That a CIL funding bid application is submitted for the new allotments is approved

Proposed: SJC	Second: AS
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/214 Approve the use of Stratton Bates ground as Watercress Festival Parking on Sunday 15 May 2022

RESOLVED: That the use of Stratton Bates ground for Watercress Festival car parking on 15 May 2022 is approved at a fee of £250.00

Proposed: MW	Second: RGS
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/215 Approve excluding the public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

RESOLVED: That the public are excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

Proposed: MW	Second: MB
For: All	Against: Abstain:

21/216 Update regarding New Alresford Football Club.

Update received, and the draft Heads of Terms will be presented at an Extraordinary Meeting following review by the solicitor.

2046 hours Councillor Weston left the meeting.

21/217 Actions in respect of Rights of Way at Arlebury Park

The draft valuation report was reviewed and further enquiries are to be raised with the valuer prior to valuation report being finalised. Once finalised the valuation report is to be shared with the solicitor. The instructions to the solicitor are to be specific.

The meeting concluded at 20:55 hours.

Date of next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 February 2022, commencing at 7.30pm