



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 26 April 2022 commencing at 7.32pm

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Marcia Phillibert – Town Clerk/RFO and Cllr Fiona Issacs (WCC)

The Vice Chair welcomed all to the meeting

21/261 Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillors Sprott, Deeming and Weston

RESOLVED: That apologies for Councillors Sprott, Deeming and Weston are approved

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

21/262 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

21/263 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

Councillor Divall – Non-pecuniary on item 21/284

Councillor Bean - Non-pecuniary on item 21/284

Councillor Cavell - Non-pecuniary on item 21/284

21/264 Public Participation

Councillor Issac provided an update relating the enhancements Bishops Sutton footpath and various options are under consideration.

Ukraine families are starting to arrive in New Alresford and seeking employment especially those with previous skills. Any donations are gratefully received.

The antisocial behaviour in the town is being dealt with.

The grass cutting regime is being monitored especially sight lines.

21/265 County and City Councillors Report

The County and City Councillors reports were noted.

Additional Updates

The new phosphate mitigation rules created by Natural England has created a pause on planning applications until a process in in place of how to deal with the new rules. This will have a financial impact for developers.

21/266 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Town Council Meeting held on 29 March 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Town Council Meeting held 29 March 2022 are approved

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

21/267 Ratify the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 March 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 March 2022 be ratified.

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

21/268 Ratify the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on 2 March 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on 2 March 2022 be ratified.

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

21/269 Ratify the minutes of the Operations and Resources Committee held on 15 March 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Operations and Resources Committee held on 15 March 2022 be ratified

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

21/270 Clerks Report

The Clerk's Report was received and noted

21/271 Chairs announcements and working group updates

(i) Town Council

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Town Council. Consideration is to be given to merge Recreation and Environment and Community and Tourism Committees

NATC will have a stand at the Watercress Festival

(ii) Community and Tourism Committee

The event management plan has been submitted for Picnic in the Park. There will be competitions, such as best dressed wheelbarrow and best crown made of recycled materials. The other town groups are contributing and seeking support from anyone to assist on the day managing the Park.

(iii) Operations and Resources Committee

The issue was raised regarding the management of the building and a fundamental change in approach is required.

(iv) Planning Committee

Neighbourhood Planning Engagement Day is Thursday, the questionnaires will be left in the Community Centre for those who could not make the day. The committee need to consider the pros and cons regarding taking ownership of SHEELA sites.

(v) Recreation and Environment Committee

Stratton Bates play area is on schedule.

The committee has created a planned maintenance schedule which is a 3-4 year plan.

(vi) Working Groups

No updates

21/272 Approve the Purchase Ledger as of 31 March 2022

RESOLVED: That the Purchase Ledger as of 31 March 2022 is approved.

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

21/273 Approve amendments to 2021/22 Earmarked Reserves

The Earmarked Reserves from 2021/22 were considered and the agreed. Carfest and Town Survey Earmarked Reserves are to be removed. The other Earmarked Reserves will remain.

RESOLVED: That the new Earmarked Reserves for 2021/22 is Website, Broad Street, Strategy Development, New Allotments, Health and Safety, Memorial Gardens, Cogswell Memorial, Sunhill Slope and Outdoor Gym.

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

21/274 Approve amendment to 2022/23 budget

An error was identified in the calculation of the budget to the value of £600.00

RESOLVED: That the budget be amended to the value of £439360 from £439960

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

21/275 Review and approve Grants Policy

The draft policy and application were reviewed

RESOLVED: That the Grants Policy and application form is approved

Proposed: SE		Second: AB	
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For: All	Against:	Abstain:
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2035 hours Councillor Jeffs arrived

21/276 Consider and approve Grant applications

All applications were considered

(i) Victim Support

RESOLVED: That the grant application to the value of £100.00 is approved in support of Victim support activity

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

(ii) St Johns Church

As per Grant Policy it is suggest that the Church reapply for an application for a specific project

RESOLVED: That the Grant application is refused on the basis that ongoing maintenance is not support by the Grant policy and suggest a new application is submitted for a specific capital project.

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

(iii) Perins School

RESOLVED: That the grant application to the value of £1000.00 is approved to support the school's theatre production.

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

21/277 Approve Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: That the draft Financial Regulations is approved

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

21/278 Approve working in the office Risk Assessment

RESOLVED: That the draft Working in the Office Risk Assessment is approved

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

21/279 Approve updated cost for Outdoor Gym at Arlebury Park

RESOLVED: That updated cost for the Outdoor Gym at Arlebury Park is approved to the value of £20,515.00

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

21/280 Consider supporting permanent additional signage in the Town

Permanent signage was considered and campaigning for specific topics can be communicated in a different way other than road signs.

RESOLVED: That permanent signage is not supported and for groups to find alternative ways to communicate their message.

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

- 21/281 Consider and approve stone markers to support St James Way Waymarking project.**
RESOLVED: That the stone markers to support St James Way Waymarking Project is approved in principle

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

- 21/282 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: SE		Second: RGS	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:	

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

- 21/283 Update regarding New Alresford Football Club**

An update was provided, following a meeting held today. Security of tenure remains ATFC primary concern. Awaiting further information from ATFC.

Recommendation: That professional advice is sought in regard to the value of the land and the clerk conducts further research with other councils.

2145 hours Councillors Jeffs leave the meeting

- 21/284 Consider forward actions in respect of Rights of Way at Arlebury Park**

Awaiting response from Town Trust legal advisor.

The meeting concluded at 2203 hours

Date of next meeting is to be confirmed