



# New Alresford Town Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 29 March 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

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)		✓ (Virtual)	
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
Cllr Sprott (AS)	✓		

### ALSO PRESENT:

Marcia Phillibert – Town Clerk/RFO, Cllr Fiona Issacs (WCC), and a member of public

### 21/237 Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor Gordon-Smith

**RESOLVED: That apologies for Councillor Gordon-Smith are approved**

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

### 21/238 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

### 21/239 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

Councillor Weston – Non-pecuniary on Item 21/260

Councillor Divall – Non-pecuniary on item 21/260

Councillor Jeffs – Non-pecuniary on item 21/260

Councillor Sprott - Non-pecuniary on item 21/260

Councillor Bean - Non-pecuniary on item 21/260

Councillor Cavell - Non-pecuniary on item 21/260

### 21/240 Public Participation

A member of public wished to make a statement as Chairman of the New Alresford Town Trust.

**1932 hours** Councillors Jeffs and Weston leave the room

The Chairman stated that as a result of the failure by the Clerk to keep all councillors fully informed by not sharing all the correspondence between solicitors, that he wishes to share NATT's position for clarity, there are five points.

1. In order to protect NATT assets, that is the Rights of Way solicitors have been instructed to apply for an injunction against the Council for unlawful use of the Rights of Way
2. NATC solicitors have accepted in correspondence/communications and supplementary deed approved by the clerk that NATC is in breach of the 1980 Deed and NATT need rectification and settlement. There is no case to rebut the injunction. The purpose of getting the injunction is to stop NATC's unlawful use of the Rights of Way outside the 1980 Easement Deed
3. Until the unlawful use of the Rights of Way ceases NATT refuses to have any further discussions on settling the matter and will not give any future rights regarding the Rights of Way
4. If discussions restart NATT will not give any rights for future access including use until terms have been agreed
5. Given NATC unlawful behaviour, NATT will be seeking costs on an indemnity basis against each councillor

**1935 hours** Councillor Weston and Jeffs re-enter the meeting.

**21/241 County and City Councillors Report**

The County and City Councillors reports were noted.

Additional Updates

Natural England have recently stated the Phosphate mitigation measures are required in the catchment area of the Itchen in order to reduce the effect of excess nutrients being washed into the Solent and having an adverse effect on habitat. As a result, there is a hold on all new planning permission until the issue is resolved.

**21/242 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Town Council Meeting held on 22 February 2022**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Town Council Meeting held 22 February 2022 are approved**

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

**21/243 Approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meetings held on 1 February and 1 March 2022**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meetings held on 1 February is approved and the minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on 1 March is approved subject to amendments.**

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

**21/244 Ratify the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 February 2022**

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

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

**21/245 Ratify the minutes of the Operations and Resources Committee held on 8 February 2022**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Operations and Resources Committee held on 8 February 2022 be ratified**

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

**21/246 Approve Operations and Resources Committee Terms of Reference**

**RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference for the Operations and Resources Committee be approved subject to amendment.**

Proposed: SD	Second: KD	
For: MW, SJC, SH, MB, BJ, SE	Against:	Abstain: AS

**21/247 Appoint Chair of Community and Tourism Committee**

**RESOLVED: That the Chair of Community and Tourism Committee is Councillor Weston.**

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

**21/248 Appoint members to Operation and Resources Committee**

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

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

**21/249 Clerks Report**

The Clerk's Report was received and noted

That the item regarding the Councillors attendance is pending.

**21/250 Chairs announcements and working group updates**

**(i) Town Council**

Chair expressed disappointment with councillor attendance at the Strategy meeting. This will be taken forward following the Neighbourhood plan engagement day.

**(ii) Community and Tourism Committee**

No comment

**(iii) Operations and Resources Committee**

The committee have assigned some funding to the purchase of bench slats, laptop, repair to bathroom furniture on first floor, fingerpost and map.

**(iv) Planning Committee**

Lengtsman will be in New Alresford all week.

**(v) Recreation and Environment Committee**

The contractors for the repairs to Sun Hill has withdrawn

**(vi) Working Groups**

The Stratton Bates play are preparing an opening event for the new play area

**21/251 Approve the Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements, Income and Expenditure, Purchase Ledger and Payments Reports as of 28 February 2022**

Ledger	Balance
Balance Sheet (Asset –Liabilities)	459,506
Income - Expenditure YTD	89,018
Current Account	176,894.83
32 Day Notice	297,969.11
Rent Deposit	1,666.67
Petty Cash	27.46

**RESOLVED: That the Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements, Income and Expenditure, Purchase Ledger and Payments Reports as of 28 February 2022 is approved.**

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

**21/252 Terms of Reference for Neighbourhood Plan advisory group**

**RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference of the Neighbourhood Plan advisory group is approved**

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

**21/253 Approve Neighbourhood Plan public engagement date**

**RESOLVED: That the Neighbourhood Plan public engagement date is Thursday 26 April 2022 at The Swan Hotel between 1200 and 1900 hours.**

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

**21/254 Approve holding town meeting regarding Hosts 4 Ukrainians Hants**

**RESOLVED: That Hosts 4 Ukrainians Hants is held at Alresford Recreation Centre on Monday 11 April 2022**

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

**21/255 Approve a Council presence at Watercress Festival and Alresford Show**

**RESOLVED: That the council have a presence at the Watercress Festival at a cost of £50.00 and Alresford Show price to be determined.**

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

**21/256 Approve CIL bid applications**

**RESOLVED: That CIL bid applications are submitted for the new allotments at a cost of £25,000 and Memorial Gardens at a cost of £113,100**

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

**21/257 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: SD	
For: All	Against:		Abstain:

**21/258 Approve annual pay award for all members of staff**

**RESOLVED:** That all members of staff receive the annual pay award of 1.75% back dated to 1 April 2022.

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

**21/259 Update regarding New Alresford Football Club**

Following solicitor review the draft Heads of Terms was forwarded to Alresford Town Football Club for consideration. Awaiting response.

**2033 hours Councillors Weston and Jeffs leave the meeting**

**21/260 Consider forward actions in respect of Rights of Way at Arlebury Park**

All councillors have received legal advice regarding personal liability. Options were considered including the response received from the Town Trust legal advisor. That the clerk refers to the solicitor for further advice, dependent on the response the clerk to action the advice.

**RESOLVED:** The clerk has delegated authority to action the solicitor's advice.

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

The meeting finished at 21:50

**Date of next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 April 2022, commencing at 7.30pm**