



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Arlebury Park on Wednesday 5th January 2022 commencing at 7.45pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R21/104 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Cavell, Mr Ramseyer and Mr Weston.

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

Proposed: KD	Second: SE
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R21/105 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R21/106 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

R21/107 Public participation

None present

R21/108 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 2nd December 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 2nd December 2021 be approved

Proposed: KD	Second: MW
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R21/109 Sports Club updates

None provided.

R21/110 Clerks Report

The report was noted.

R21/111 Chairs Update

The budget suggested by the Committee for improvements to Memorial Gardens in 22/22 will not form part of the Council budget for 22/23 due to the need to find cost savings.

Cllr Jeffs has resigned from the Recreation and Environment Committee.

R21/112 Committee Accounts

The Committee Accounts for November 2021 were reviewed.

R21/113 Quote for Outdoor Gym at Arlebury park and location in park

The preferred supplier for the Outdoor Gym (R21/99 refers) was asked to submit a quote for under £20,000, which is the maximum level of the CIL grant secured by the Council. A revised quote with fewer items of equipment was received for £17,689. Discussions ensued around the most appropriate location in the park, taking into account the youth football pitch and spectators, resident concerns, visibility of the gym to reduce anti-social behaviour, the slope of the park and views, and concerns of mess if the gym were located under trees.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council that the quote for £17,689 from the Great outdoor Gym Company is accepted for the provision and installation of a new Outdoor Gym at Arlebury Park, with the exact location to be determined.

Proposed: AB	Second: KD
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R21/114 Quote for Clearance Work at new allotments and next steps.

Four quotes have been received for clearance work at the new allotments:

Quote A: £14,500

Quote B: £3850 (for the first phase of the clearance work only)

Quote C: £7,900

Quote D: £11,620

The costs of providing water to the site are still being investigated though mains provision or a borehole. Concerns were raised that if the cost of providing water are too high, the overall project may be too costly.

RESOLVED: To delay the reptile relocation for a year (R21/66 refers), recommend to Council that a CIL bid be submitted for the provision of new allotments and continue to investigate alternative low cost methods of water supply

R21/115 Train play equipment at Sun Hill Recreation ground

The Committee considered five different pieces of 'train' play equipment provided by three play companies. The prices were £5,646.71, £5490, £4897.80, £4140.57 and £3062.34.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council that the 'Off You Go' Train from Sovereign Play be purchased, at a cost of £5646.71

Proposed: KD	Second: AB
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The most expensive piece of new train play equipment was selected by the Committee as it was felt to provide the most play value and be the most aesthetically pleasing

R21/116 Agreement between Alresford Allotment Society and New Alresford Town Council

The Committee reviewed an initial discussion document.

Recommendation: To invite the Allotment Committee to a meeting to discuss a potential new agreement

R21/117 Update design for Stratton Bates playground

Several amendments to the original design from Eibe had been requested by the Council (R21/60 refers). However not all of these could be included in the new design due to space issues, such as moving the mound to an alternative location.

RESOLVED: To accept the updated design from Eibe for the new playground at Stratton Bates recreation ground

Proposed: AS	Second: AB
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R21/118 Three design ideas for Memorial Gardens

A CIL application is being submitted for improvements to Memorial Gardens (R21/180 refers). Cllr Gordon-Smith shared his sketch design for improvements to Memorial Gardens. The Committee put forward additional suggestions which included a poetry trail, reflective space, raised paths/ boardwalks, wildlife friendly, space for picnicking, better access to the river, carved animals and a dipping station.

It was considered that rather than asking three design companies to put forward proposals, Cllr Gordon Smith develops his sketch design taking into account the ideas of the Committee. This will then form the basis of the CIL application.

RESOLVED: Cllr Gordon-Smith develops the sketch design for improvements to Memorial Gardens taking into account the ideas of the Committee. This will then form the basis of the CIL application.

Proposed: SE	Second: AB
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R21/119 Increasing price of tree donation

The Committee were advised that the price of trees has increased and the previous price of £200 for a member of public to donate a tree, no longer covers the costs.

RESOLVED: To increase the price of tree donation to £250

Proposed: KD	Second: AS
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The meeting ended at 20:59

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 2nd February 19:30