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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Arlebury Park and electronically on Thursday 8th July 2021 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 Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
CLlr Sprott (AS)	✓		
CLlr Weston (MW)		✓	
Ms Mott (Tennis)		✓	
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)	✓		
Mr Scriven (ATFC)	✓		
Mr Cleeve (ARFC)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R21/17 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Evans, Gordon-Smith and Weston and Ms Mott

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

R21/18 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R21/19 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

R21/20 Public participation

No members of public present

R21/21 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 10 June 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held 10 June 2021 be approved

Proposed: KD	Second: SC
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R21/22 Sports Club updates

Alresford Rugby Football Club report

Pre-season rugby will start the week commencing 12th July. Numbers are looking good.

Alresford Town Youth Football Club

The season has now finished however some teams are still training. The club is now preparing for next season.

Alresford Tennis Club

Membership numbers are significantly growing and are the highest they've ever been. Currently there are 187 members, of which 46 are juniors.

Perins have been using the tennis courts for their matches, which the Club are hoping promotes tennis to younger players.

Alresford Town Football Club

The football pitch has recently had work carried out on it and the first team have returned to pre-season training (at Southampton) and matches (at Arlebury Park). The Club are sad to report that there has been increased vandalism to the stand seats and dugouts over the last month which is becoming a more regular occurrence. It has been reported to the police.

R21/23 Extension of permission for temporary floodlights at rugby pitch

Alresford Rugby Football Club have requested that permission for the use of temporary floodlights at the rugby pitch be extended, as the clause in the lease and licence agreement terminated on 30th April 2021.

No complaints have been received from the public.

RESOLVED: To grant permission for the use of temporary floodlights at the rugby pitch until 30th April 2022

R21/24 Clerks Report

Noted

R21/25 Chairs Update

A hog roast van has begun visiting Stratton Bates Recreation Ground car park. The owner has been informed by the office that the car park is private and permission will need to be granted by the Council.

An allotment inspection was recently undertaken and three informal warning letters sent out to plot holders whose plots are not sufficiently maintained or cultivated.

Two strimmers have been purchased for use by the Council Caretaker and Litter Picker.

R21/26 Committee budget

The committee budget was reviewed

R21/27 Trial for parking during Youth Football matches and training on the Grange Road side of Stratton Bates Recreation Ground

Concerns were raised about the potential close proximity of vehicles to pedestrians on the footpath, and that measures that should have been undertaken by ATYFC

(positioning traffic cones opposite driveways during matches and training, and writing to all parents to remind them to park responsibly) have not yet happened.

This item was rejected

The Youth Football Club suggested that cones supplied by the Council to be positioned opposite driveways on Grange Road, are not large enough to deter parking

Recommendation: To reinforce what the Council are currently doing to address parking issues on Rosebery Road by purchasing larger cones and encouraging ATYTC to write to all parents to remind them to park responsibly.

R21/28 Reset Working Groups in light of new Committee for municipal year 21/22

RESOLVED: That Cllr Divall joins the Working Group for Stratton Bates Playground Redevelopment

Proposed: AS	Second: BJ
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RESOLVED: The next deliverable for the Stratton Bates playground redevelopment Working Group is to review the Tender documents that pass the criteria after sifting by the office and raise first review questions and comparisons for the Committee to review, and take presentations from Contractors if necessary. The Working Group will continue to be led by Cllr Sprott.

Proposed: AS	Second: SC
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RESOLVED: The next deliverable for the Tree planting Working Group is to propose improvements to the tree and hedge planting on our open spaces in light of the tree surveys and the Queens Green canopy project, for actioning over the Winter of 2021/22. The Working Group will continue to be led by Cllr Sprott.

Proposed: SC	Second: MB
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R21/29 Termination of splitting allotment plots over 100msq when they come up for renewal (R19/139 refers)

The Committee were advised that the length of time it takes someone on the waiting list to acquire a plot has reduced considerably. The number of plots over 100 msq has reduced, and 7 new plots have been created. However, it can be difficult to split plots where, for example, existing structures are in place.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk uses their discretion to split allotment plots over 100msq where it is feasible to do so

Proposed: AS	Second: BJ
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R21/30 Benches at Arlebury Park

The Committee were advised there is insufficient budget in 2021/22 to spend on park benches. This item will be considered in advance of setting the budget for 2022/2023.

R21/31 Bin by youth shelter at Arlebury Park

Concerns were raised about locating a bin directly next to the Youth Shelter, primarily due to serious vandalism to previous bins in this location.

RESOLVED: To install a new Amberol bin to the value of £412 at the bottom of Arlebury Park, with the exact location to be determined at a site visit by the Committee

Proposed: AB	Second: AS
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R21/32 Installation of removable bollard at entrance to Arlebury park and keeping gate permanent open

It was highlighted that a removable bollard could easily be damaged by a vehicle entering the park without authority.

This item was rejected.

The meeting ended at 21:32

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 8th September 19:30