



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held electronically via Zoom, on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Sprott (Chair) (AS)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (Vice Chair) (MB)		✓	
Cllr Bean (AB)	✓		
Cllr Cavell (SC)	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith (RGS)	✓		
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
Cllr Jones (JJ)	✓		
Cllr Weston (MW)	✓		
Ms Mott (Tennis)		✓	
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)		✓	
Mr Scriven (ATFC)	✓		
Mr Weston (ARFC)		✓	

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk and 1 member of public

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R20/059 Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Byrne, and Ms Mott, Mr Ramseyer and Mr Weston

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

R20/060 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R20/061 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

R20/062 Public participation

No members of public wished to speak at the public participation session

R20/063 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 4 November 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 4 November be approved

Proposed: AS

Second: SC

R20/064 Sports Club updates

Tennis Club

- Following C19 restrictions and Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) guidance, tennis courts have been closed during lockdown and will re-open on 3rd December 2020.

Alresford Town Youth Football Club

- Following C19 restrictions no training or fixtures took place in lockdown.

Alresford Rugby Football Club

- Latest guidelines published by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) allow full-contact rugby from 18th December, with law changes temporarily outlawing scrums and mauls.
- Will hold up to two training sessions per week
- Planning a Rugby Family Day
- Hampshire RFU may hold a knock-out tournament that could involve 1st and 2nd teams. Awaiting details of fixtures and protocol around travel and facilities.

R20/065 Clerks Report

Noted

R20/066 Quote for tree planting in Arlebury Park and clearance of sycamore and whip planting at Stratton Bates

RESOLVED: That the quote for £350 from Chris Matthews Tree Care Service to undertake clearance of sycamore and whip planting at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground to fill gaps is approved.

Proposed: RGS	Second: SC
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RESOLVED: That the quote for £650 from Chris Matthews Tree Care Service to plant 10 large trees at Arlebury Park is approved and quotes for a maintenance scheme sought

Proposed: AS	Second: AB
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R20/067 New entrance to Stratton Bates Recreation Ground at corner on boundary of Makin's Court and Ashburton Road

A new entrance can be created by removing one fence panel and making good the ground. The intention is to stop jumping over the fence as a short cut into the park

RESOLVED: That the new entrance at corner on boundary of Makin's Court and Ashburton Road is approved

Proposed: AS	Second: JJ
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R20/068 Reforecast and budget for 21/22 to deliver savings of £5000

RESOLVED: That savings are made through:

£2000 – Benches from 20/21 budget

£1000 - Grass cutting from 21/22

£500 - Environmental nudge projects 21/22

£500 - Tree management from 21/22

£1000 - Memorial Park redesign from 21/22

As a contingency plan if savings must be found from next year's budget, savings are made through £1000 from Grass cutting, £1000 from Environmental nudge projects,

£500 from Tree management, £1000 from Memorial Park redesign, £1000 from Open Spaces and £500 from Benches

Proposed: RGS	Second: AS
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R20/069 Repairing zipwire in Arlebury Park

The zipwire trolley needs to be returned to the manufacturer for refurbishment.

RESOLVED: That the quote from the manufacturer Wicksteed for £760 for repairing the zipwire is approved

Proposed: RGS	Second: BJ
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R20/070 Quote for preliminary Ecological Appraisal at proposed new allotment site

Two quotes were reviewed

RESOLVED: That the quote for £630 (plus mileage) from CC Ecology to undertake the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is approved

Proposed: AS	Second: SC
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Cllr Jones left the meeting

R20/071 Trees at Arlebury Park

RESOLVED: That up to £1100 is approved for spend on trees at Arlebury Park. The Clerk will source quotes and in collaboration with the Chair, select the best value.

Proposed: AS	Second: RGS
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R20/072 Yellow Rattle in long grass edge at Arlebury Park

Yellow Rattle is a semi-parasitic plant that can be used to turn grassland into wildflower meadow. It needs to be sown on scarified land and trodden in. This advice follows item R19/067 - walkabout with biodiversity expert.

RESOLVED: That up to £1000 is approved to spend on scarifying the grass edge at Arlebury Park and Yellow Rattle seed.

Proposed: AS	Second: SC
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R20/073 Skatepark grant from the CO-OP

The Council have received a grant of £1243.28

Recommendation: To send a letter of thanks to the CO-OP and investigate installing a new graffiti sign

The Meeting concluded at 21:01

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY 2021, 7.30PM VIA ZOOM