



New Alresford Town Council

Alresford Recreation Centre, The Avenue, Alresford, Hants, SO24 9EP

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Minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Alresford Recreation Centre, The Avenue, Alresford, SO24 9EP, on Tuesday 11 June 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Sprott (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Byrne	✓		
Cllr Bean	✓		
Cllr Cavell	✓		
Cllr Divall	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith	✓		
Cllr Griffiths	✓		
Cllr B Jeffs		✓	
Cllr Witchard	✓		
Mr Lewis (Tennis Club)		✓	
Mr Peters (ATYFC)		✓	
Mr Walshe (ATFC)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public, Marcia Phillibert-Town Clerk, Sarah Johnson - Deputy Clerk, and Liz Jenkinson – Assistant Clerk.

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R19/046 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Jeffs.
(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 s85)

R19/047 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Sprott expressed a non-pecuniary personal interest in R19/064.

R19/048 TO ELECT CHAIR OF RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

The Committee proposed Cllr Sprott as returning chairman.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Sprott as Chair of Recreation and Environment Committee.

R19/049 TO ELECT VICE CHAIR OF RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

The Committee proposed Cllr Gordon-Smith as returning Vice chair.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Gordon-Smith as Vice-chair of Recreation and Environment Committee.

- R19/050** **TO APPROVE DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**
The Clerk advised that nothing was received for this meeting.
- R19/051** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON ISSUES NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA. EACH PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK WILL BE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF THREE MINUTES.**
No members of the public participated.
- R19/052** **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FO THE RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 MARCH 2019**
It was **RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2019.** The minutes were duly signed.
- R19/053** **TO RECEIVE SPORTS CLUB UPDATES**
Sports Club update reports were received.
- R19/054** **INTRODUCTION TO WORK OF RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
The Clerk provided a summary of the Committee responsibilities. The Committee is responsible for:
- The open spaces within the Council’s ownership, Arlebury Park, Stratton Bates Recreation Ground, Sun Hill Recreation Ground and The Memorial Gardens.
 - The Council’s allotments at Spring Gardens.
 - Street furniture and lighting that fall under the ownership of the Town Council.
 - The Speed Limit Reminder programme.
- R19/055** **TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE BUDGET REVIEW**
The Clerk provided an overview of the Committee budget.
- R19/056** **TO REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE – RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee.
- R19/057** **TO REVIEW ALRESFORD LITTER PICK EVENT ON SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2019**
The litter pick event was viewed as successful with over 100 participants. The community groups, schools and residents who took part were thanked by the Committee.
Recommendation 1: An online sign up form will be investigated for next year’s event, for those not attending the ARC in person.
Recommendation 2: A comprehensive risk assessment is undertaken in advance of the event.
- R19/058** **TO DISCUSS NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL AND POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES AND TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM RESIDENT**
Cllr Spratt prepared an environment statement which will be circulated to the committee for their comments.
RESOLVED that this will be an agenda item on the next Full Council.

RESOLVED to forward the letter from the resident to the Eco Council at Perins school.

A discussion ensued around environmental issues in the town and the cleanliness of the river.

Recommendation 1: The Chamber of Commerce will be approached to discuss shops being encouraged to use paper bags.

Recommendation 2: Monthly green tips will be provided in the monthly Forum article.

Recommendation 3: Promote Clean Air Day with the schools, through circulating information

R19/059 **TO RECONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR BALL CATCHING NETS AT ARLEBURY PARK (MINUTE 19/035) SUBJECT TO FURTHER INFORMATION**

The Committee were reminded that the ball catching nets had been unanimously rejected previously due to their size. The proposed nets are considerably smaller.

RESOLVED for nets to be erected at both ends of the football pitch, on the proviso that:

- a) A risk assessment is completed by the Football Club,
- b) Advice is sought on the wildlife impact of nets
- c) Assurances are received from the Football Club that the net won't impact on pedestrians
- d) The nets are taken down at the end of the season.

R19/060 **TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT WILDLIFE TRUST WATERCRESS AND WINTERBOURNES COMMUNITY GROUP AND CONSIDER ENVIRONMENT GROUPS THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD CONSIDER ESTABLISHING LINKS WITH**

The Committee were informed that the Wildlife Trust are applying on behalf of the Watercress and Winterbourne community group for a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant. This will focus on invertebrate monitoring, community access to the river and a community watercress bed.

RESOLVED that New Alresford Town Council will offer assistance to the Wildlife Trust.

R19/061 **TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM RESIDENT IN RELATION TO SKATEBOARD PARK**

The letter was received and noted.

R19/062 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE QUOTES FOR EXTENSION OF SKATEPARK**

Two quotes were received by the Committee.

RESOLVED that a working group of Councillors would meet to compare the two quotes. They will make a recommendation to the rest of the Committee.

R19/063 **TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM RESIDENT IN RELATION TO MEMORIAL TREE**

The letter was received and noted.

RESOLVED that the Committee are happy for a memorial tree to be planted as part of a tree planting strategy. The resident will be informed.

R19/064 **TO RECEIVE QUOTES FOR TREE WORK AND FOR REDUCING THE LAUREL HEDGE AT MEMORIAL GARDENS.**

This was deferred to the next meeting

- R19/065** **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE QUOTE FOR TREE WORK AT SUNHILL RECREATION GROUND**
 One quote was received.
RESOLVED to accept the quote for £350 from C Matthews.
- R19/066** **TO CONSIDER NEXT PHASE OF STRATTON BATES PLAY AREA PROJECT**
 Committee were informed that a meeting has been arranged with a play specialist at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground on Wednesday 19th June. All are invited to attend.
- R19/067** **TO ARRANGE WALKABOUT OF ARLEBURY PARK AND STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND TO INCLUDE REVIEW OF GRASS MANAGEMENT TO ENCOURAGE INSECTS AND OTHER WILDLIFE. TO APPROVE INVITATION OF CONSERVATION AND TREE MANAGEMENT EXPERTS**
Recommendation 1 To arrange a date for a walkabout and circulate to the Committee.
- R19/068** **TO CONSIDER ALRESFORD PARKRUN'S REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE WEEKLY RUNS AT ARLEBURY PARK AND STRATTON BATES AND FOR FORMAL CONTACT TO BE ESTABLISHED**
 The Parkrun have suggested to the Committee that Arlebury Park be considered for a location for Parkrun.
RESOLVED that formal contact be established with the Parkrun group.
- R19/069** **TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF WATER FOUNTAINS AND CYCLE STANDS IN THE TOWN**
 The Committee discussed the provision of water in the town through water fountains or a water bottle refill scheme.
Recommendation 1: To approach Chamber of Commerce to discuss how a water bottle refill scheme might work.
Recommendation 2: To approach Winchester City Council to find out if a water fountain scheme is under consideration for Alresford.
Recommendation 3: To find out about the water station at Stratton bates recreation ground, and possible costs for a water station at Arlebury Park
- The Committee received a sketch plan from Cllr Gordon Smith with possible bike stand locations, and a style.
Recommendation 1: To approach Hampshire Highways and enquire about the possibility of locating bike stands on their land.
Recommendation 2: The committee to consider which locations on the sketch plan they think are most suitable for bike stands.
- R19/070** **TO CONSIDER USE OF PART OF LAND BETWEEN OFFICE AND TENNIS COURT AT ARLEBURY PARK**
 The Committee discussed options for wildflower turf and community vegetable planting on the space
RESOLVED that the clerk will get quotes for wildflower turf and wildflower soil for preparation in Autumn 2019.
- R19/071** **REPORTS AND ISSUES - FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

- I.** Burnetts Fair – awaiting confirmation of date
- II.** Lengthsman – visited 13th May 2019 - weeding in the town centre, and clearance of the footpath from the churchyard to Sun Lane
- III.** Arlebury Park play area – repair work undertaken on the swings
- IV.** Bench repairs on the river path
- V.** Letter sent to allotment holders about regular inspections. Bi-monthly meetings with allotment association
- VI.** Work undertaken at allotment to clear the ditch and reduce hedge
- VII.** Waiting response from Tichborne Estates about additional allotment land
- VIII.** Bollards at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground to be installed in June
- IX.** Stratton Bates car park – quotes will be requested
- X.** 100 leaflets on 'Idle car' have been requested from Winchester City Council
- XI.** Clean Air Day - 20th June 2019. Employees will be walking/cycling to work
- XII.** Playing Pitch Strategy referred to sports clubs

These were noted by the Committee.

The meeting closed at 22:00

The next meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee is Tuesday 16th July at 7:30