



# New Alresford Town Council

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held virtually on Tuesday 4 May 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Weston (Chair) (MW)	✓		
Cllr Bean (Vice-Chair) (AB)	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith (RGS)	✓		
Cllr Divall (KD)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (MB)	✓		
Cllr Cavell (SJC)	✓		
Cllr Evans (SE)	✓		
Cllr Holmes (SH)	✓		
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
Cllr Jones (JJ)	✓		
Cllr Sprott (AS)	✓		

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marcia Phillibert - Town Clerk

**No members of the public present**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

### **21/001 Elect Chair of New Alresford Council Town for municipal year 2021/22**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Marilyn Weston is Chair of Council for the municipal year 2021/22

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

#### **(i) Receive the declaration of acceptance of office by the Chair**

The Chair read out the acceptance of office which will be signed and delivered to the proper officer at a later date.

**RESOLVED:** That the declaration of acceptance of office is delivered to the proper officer at a later date

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

### **21/002 Elect Vice Chair of New Alresford Town Council for municipal year 2021/22**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Ann Bean is Vice Chair of Council for the municipal year 2021/22

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

### **21/003 Receive and approve apologies for absence.**

No apologies received.

**21/004 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.**

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

1945 hours Councillor Jeffs joins the meeting.

**21/005 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.**

None declared.

**21/006 Public participation**

No members of the public present

**21/007 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Town Council meeting held on 27 April 2021**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Town Council meeting held on 27 April 2021 is approved**

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

**21/008 Approve structure and membership of the Standing Committees for the municipal year 2021/22**

**(i) Community and Tourism Committee**

**RESOLVED: That members of the Community and Tourism Committee are Councillors Jones, Cavell, Weston, Divall, Jeffs and Holmes**

**(ii) Finance and Facilities Committee**

**RESOLVED: That the Finance and Facilities Committee is renamed to Operations and Resources Committee and includes staffing**

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

**RESOLVED: That members of the Operations and Resources Committee are Councillors Evans, Bean, Jeffs, Gordon-Smith and Weston**

**(iii) Planning Committee**

**RESOLVED: That members of the Planning Committee are Councillors Bean, Sprott, Jeffs, Byrne, Weston and Gordon-Smith**

**(iv) Recreation and Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED: That members of the Recreation and Environment Committee are Councillors Cavell, Gordon-Smith, Bean, Divall, Evans, Jeffs, Byrne and Sprott**

**21/009 Appoint Chairs for all Standing Committees for the municipal year 2021/22**

**(i) Community and Tourism Committee**

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

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

(ii) **Operations and Resources Committee**

**RESOLVED: That the Chair of Operations and Resources Committee is Councillor Evans**

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

(iii) **Planning Committee**

**RESOLVED: That the Chair of Planning Committee is Councillor Bean**

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

(iv) **Recreational and Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED: That the Chair of Recreation and Environment is Councillor Divall**

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

**21/010 Review, confirm and adopt core documents.**

The core documents have been reviewed by the Finance and Facilities Committee in detail

**RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset Register, Insurance Cover, NATC Subscriptions, General Data Protection Regulation policies and procedures and Local Government Act 1972, Section 137 expenditure has been reviewed and confirmed and where relevant adopted by Council.**

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

**21/011 Approve dates of Council and Committee meetings for the municipal year 2021/22**

**RESOLVED: That the calendar of meetings is accepted subject to amendment that the Operations and Resources Committee meet on 30 November and Town Council meet on 14 December 2021**

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

**21/012 Confirm Council and Committee Working Groups**

**RESOLVED: That the Pop-Up Measures, Sports Leases and Licences, Stratton Bates, Tree, Walking Cycling and NATC Events working groups continue and the Design Statement working group be dissolved.**

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

**21/013 Approve Fair and Circus using land at Stratton Bates.**

The debate wants to ensure that the Football season is not disrupted.

**RESOLVED: That the Fair and Circus do not attend on their suggested dates and that the clerk seek alternative dates and or locations to be considered.**

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

**21/014 Approve to lobby ministers for the extension of virtual council meetings.**

**RESOLVED: That it is approved to lobby ministers for the extension of virtual council meetings**

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

**21/015 Approve communication to residents regarding BT Openreach better broadband project.**

**RESOLVED: That the council supports the concept of better broadband by communicating the opportunity to residents.**

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

**21/016 Receive External Auditor reports for financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.**

In summary the external auditor stated that the 2017/18 accounts were sufficient, but improvements are to be made regards documenting earmarked reserves. In 2018/19 and 2019/20 they are satisfied with the budgeting process and accounts.

**RESOLVED: That the External Auditor reports and certificates are accepted. With thanks to Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Councillor Divall for all their hard work with respect to the council accounts.**

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

The Meeting concluded at 21.25 hours.

**Date of next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 May 2021, commencing at 7.30pm**