



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held electronically via Zoom, on Tuesday on Tuesday 30 March 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

4 Members of the public present

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

20/212 Approve apologies for absence.

No apologies received.

20/213 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

20/214 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

Councillor Evans – Pecuniary interest - Agenda item 20/228

20/215 Public participation

A member of the public shared concerns regard House Martins. At present House Martins nest near to the Dean and collect materials for nest building from a near by muddy patch. With the development of the Dean the muddy patch has will disappear and the House Martins will have no means of collecting material for nest building. Requested that NATC and WCC councillors pursue WCC regarding their bio-diversity action plan 2021 and if a portion of land at Arlebury Park could be utilised to provide a muddy patch, which will be maintained by local volunteers for future generations of House Martins.

20/216 (i) City Councillors Report

Climate Emergency is the priority and considered with all actions such as Electric charging points, recycling and insulation for housing.

WCC Licensing portal for tables and chairs is now open.

(ii) County Councillors Report

Highways England have confirmed that the public consultation will commence in May 2021 regarding the Spitfire Link. WCC Robert Green is link for the consultation.

HCC are conducting a pilot of school streets.

WCC and HCC councillors are moving forward with the BT Openreach gigabit scheme to ensure residents have faster broadband connectivity.

20/217 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Town Council Meeting held on 23 February 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Town Council meeting held on 23 February 2021 be approved

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

20/218 Ratify the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 February 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 February 2021 be ratified

Proposed: AS		Second: RGS	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:	

20/219 Ratify the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on 3 February 2021.

Proposed: AS		Second: SJC	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:	

20/220 Ratify the minutes of Finance and Facilities Committee held on 9 February 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of Finance and Facilities Committee held on 9 February 2021 be ratified

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

20/221 Ratify the minutes of the Community and Tourism Committee held on 19 January 2021

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

20/222 Clerks Report

The Clerks Report was reviewed.

20/223 Chairs announcements and working group updates – For information only

(i) Town Council

For Councillors to consider their options at the Annual Meeting of the Council
Councilor etiquette – Reminded to send apologies, videos to be on, attending late, leaving early, accepting invites. To be respectful to others.

(ii) Planning Committee

New SLR has arrived and will be installed with the view that the 3 SLRs data is utilised appropriately to improve road safety.

Taylor Wimpey have requested meeting prior to any public consultation.

West Street – Meeting on 4 May to review plans in detail.

Design Statement is progressing

(iii) Recreation and Environment Committee

Ecologist report for the new allotment site suggest some mitigation must be put in place, of which most works will be in the autumn.

Stratton Bates Working Group are progressing the plans for the play park only and preparing a tender.

Tree Working Group – have planted further trees.

Sports Working Group will be meeting with HALC solicitors.

(iv) Finance and Facilities Committee

The plastering of the first-floor ceiling is scheduled to commence tomorrow.

The leak in the roof has been fixed.

ARC maintenance working group continues with building issues.

(v) Community and Tourism Committee

Commenced two working groups.

The New Alresford Automotive will not proceed this year and the working group closed.

20/224 Approve Payments and Purchase Ledger up to 28 February 2021

RESOLVED: That the Payments and Purchase Ledger up 28 February 2021 is approved.

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

20/225 Approve Detailed Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements and Income and Expenditure Report as at 28 February 2021

RESOLVED: That the Detailed Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements and Income and Expenditure Report as at 28 February 2021 is approved

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

20/226 Approve the date of the Annual meeting of the Council.

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 permits virtual meetings for town councils. This expires midnight 6 May 2021, after this date meetings will be held face to face subject to Coronavirus restrictions.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Meeting of the Council is held on Thursday 29 April 2021 at 7.30pm

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

20/227 Approve revised Financial Risk Assessment

The Financial Risk Assessment for year 2020/21 was reviewed.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Risk Assessment for year 2020/21 is approved.

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

2028hrs Councillor Evans left the meeting.

20/228 Approve draft Heads of Terms relating to new Allotment lease.

RESOLVED: That the draft Heads of Terms regarding the new Allotment site is approved

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

2031hrs Councillor Evans re-entered the meeting

20/229 Approve Alresford PIGS Association hosting a Chilli Festival.

RESOLVED: That the Alresford PIGS Association be permitted to host their Chilli Festival at Arlebury Car Park on Saturday 17 July 2021

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

20/230 Approve the cost of repair to land at Arlebury Park and measures to be implemented to prevent reoccurrence.

The damage to Arlebury Park caused by a vehicle was debated and for future to ensure that vehicles drivers have due regard to the weather conditions.

RESOLVED: That the repairs to Arlebury Park is approved to the value of £860 excluding VAT. That vehicle drivers have due regard to the weather and ground conditions.

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

2044 hrs Councillor Jeffs left the meeting due to connectivity issues.

20/231 Approve the refurbishment of Cogswell Memorial.

A joint venture between NATC, The Alresford Society, The Historical and Literary Society

RESOLVED: That the design for the refurbishment of the Cogswell Memorial is approved and NATC contribute up to value of £2500.00

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

20/232 Approve the amendments to Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations were reviewed and an amendment made to insert an additional section 4.2 referring to experts used for projects over the value of £5000.00

RESOLVED: That the amendments to Financial Regulation are approved

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

20/233 Approve the amendments to Standing Orders

The amendments to Standing Orders were debated.

9d to remain as the current Standing Orders

9h to be amended to add on a publicly available log.

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

1q remains as it is and at the commencement of second sentence insert However,

Proposed: AS		Second: MB	
For: All	Against: KD, SE	Abstain:	

1rvi, 3, 4dv, 10ix, 12 15bi, 18d and 18e reverts to the model wording.

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

This item is to be deferred to the next meeting.

20/234 Exclude members of the public.

RESOLVED: That members of the public are excluded from the meeting

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

20/235 Approve rent review of The Arlebury Limited

RESOLVED: That the Arlebury Limited is charged a 50% reduction from the when government legislation allows reopening for a period of three months. That NATC are allowed the use of the main hall on Tuesdays from 6pm onwards from now until the end of the of the three month period.

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

The Meeting concluded at 2203 hours.

Date of next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 April 2021, commencing virtually at 7.30pm