



# New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 commencing at 7.30pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tracy Predeth, Locum Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**22/216 APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

**RESOLVED:** To approve apologies from Cllrs S Holmes and Cllr A Sprott.

**22/217 DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.**

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

**22/218 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Councillor Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Watercress Festival request as he is a member of that committee.

**22/219 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of public present.

**22/220 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 28 February 2023 and 7 March 2023 were a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**22/221 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The reports were noted.

**22/222 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman informed Members of forthcoming leave for staff and requested that they refrain from interrupting or placing undue pressure on the staff.

The Chairman reminded members to forward their election nomination forms to the office by Wednesday if they wish the Deputy Clerk to submit on their behalf.

There has been confusion regarding the number of defibrillators in the Town, once this is confirmed then an update will be provided.

**22/223 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED:**

- To approve the February 2023 Accounts
- To receive and note the Asset Register

**22/224 DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY**

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the Dignity at Work Policy.

**22/225 COMPENSATION**

Members considered a request from The Arlebury requesting £500 compensation for loss of business on the 21 March 2023 due to no water supply, in accordance with schedule 6 of their lease.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council would refund the equivalent of one days rent in accordance with the lease and will ask The Arlebury to provide a breakdown of the additional costs before this can be considered.

**22/226 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** The Town Council may exercise their right to exclude the public and press by resolution from a closed meeting due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted. (*Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1(2)*)

**22/227 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Members noted the conclusion on a Code of Conduct matter which resulted in their being no breach to the Members Code of Conduct.

**22/228 WAYLEAVE REQUEST**

This item was deferred.

**22/229 STAFFING MATTERS**

*The Locum Clerk was asked to leave the meeting due to her marital status with a member of staff.*

**RESOLVED:**

- To readvertise the role of Town Clerk.
- To recruit an Admin Assistant for 2 days a week, the Clerk will advertise this post, locally.
- To offer inclusion to Local Government Pension Scheme to all Members of staff, this will take place once the new Town Clerk is recruited.
- To ensure that all appraisals are up to date to progress with the annual pay review.

- Not to offer staff a cost-of-living payment.

The Locum Clerk re-joined the meeting.

**22/230 RIGHT OF WAY/EASEMENT**

This item was deferred:

**22/131 ALRESFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

Members received an update on the future of the Football Club. It was agreed that further discussion needs to take place regarding the future rent.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Chairman .....

Date: .....