



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 30 August 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Marcia Phillibert – Town Clerk/RFO, Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk
Two members of the public.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting

22/080 Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillors Deeming, Gordon-Smith and Divall

RESOLVED: That apologies for Councillors Divall, Gordon-Smith and Deeming are approved

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

22/081 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

22/082 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

Councillor Weston – Non-pecuniary on item 22/087

Councillor Sprott - Non-pecuniary on item 22/087

Councillor Jeffs - Non-pecuniary on item 22/087

Councillor Bean - Non-pecuniary on item 22/087

22/082a Public Participation

A member of the public stated that the dispute over the rights of way could be sorted out in ten minutes over a cup of tea. If not, hopefully an arbitrator can be found.

Councillors debated difference of opinion regarding email communications.

22/083 Grant permission for St Johns Church to use Stratton Bates on September 18 2022

St Johns Church wish to hold a service at Stratton Bates on Sunday 18 September commencing at 4pm

RESOLVED: That subject to it not interfering with the Youth Football, that permission is granted for St Johns Church to utilise Stratton Bates ground on Sunday September 18 2022 to host an outdoor service at 1600 hours

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

22/084 Consider the current situation regarding Stratton Bates Play area and agree forward actions.

The Stratton Bates playground has been a success but partly due to weather and the contractors there have been some issues identified. Meetings with the supplier Eibe have been held and will continue regularly until all the issues are addressed.

Council wishes to acknowledge the hard work and thanks to Councillors Divall, Cavell and Sprott and Sarah Johnson in ensuring the delivery of the playground.

RESOLVED: That the issues identified will be monitored and meetings with Eibe continue until all matters are addressed to a satisfactory conclusion.

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

22/085 Approve excluding the public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

RESOLVED: That the public are excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

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

2005 hours Two members of the public exit the meeting

22/086 Update regarding New Alresford Football Club

New Alresford Football Club are proposing a restructure of the Club. The Club need to seek permission from the Football Association to approve their new structure and need time to do so.

They will require the appropriate costings from council.

2020 hours Councillor Weston and Jeffs exit the meeting

22/087 Consider forward actions in respect of Rights of Way at Arlebury Park

A response has been received from New Alresford Town Trust legal representatives and their press release noted.

RESOLVED: That the council will draft a response to the press statement and make enquiries re conflict of interest to be sent to the solicitor.

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

A debate ensued considering increasing the original offer to progress negotiations.

RESOLVED: That the offer for the Right of Way is increased by £1500

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

RESOLVED: That NATC inform the Town Trust that they are open to mediation.

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

RESOLVED: That NATC is prepared to consider any reasonable form of words to cover the usage of the Right of Way granted

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

The meeting concluded at 2136 hours

Date of next meeting will be 27 September 2022, commencing at 19.30 hours

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