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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Arlebury Park on Thursday 2nd December 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Divall (Chair) (AS)	✓		
Cllr Bean (AB)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (MB)		✓	
Cllr Cavell (SC)		✓	
Cllr Evans (SE)		✓	
Cllr Gordon-Smith (RGS)	✓		
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)		✓ attended virtually	
Cllr Sprott (AS)	✓		
Cllr Weston	✓		
Ms Mott (Tennis)		✓	
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)		✓	
Mr Scriven (ATFC)		✓	
Mr Weston (ARFC)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk and one member of public

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R21/87 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Byrne, Cavell and Evans and from Mr Ramseyer, Ms Mott and Mr Scriven. Cllr Jeffs attended virtually.

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

Proposed: KD

Second: MW

R21/88 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R21/89 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

R21/90 Public participation

One member of public gave his thanks to the Council for improved management of the allotments and what he felt to be increased levels of cultivation.

R21/91 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 3rd November 2021 be approved

Proposed: KD	Second: AB
Abstain: AS	

R21/92 Sports Club updates

Alresford Rugby Football Club

The teams are performing well this season and are 4th in the Premiership. The 4th December fixtures could not unfortunately be fulfilled due to injuries and illness. The Minis are doing well with over 100 young people taking part. The ladies team however, is lacking some cohesion due to the loss of the coach. The Club held a successful lunch attended by their sponsors, with more sponsors to be joining shortly. Storage is an ongoing issue. The Club are looking to clad the existing container near the entrance to Arlebury Park, and are also investigating having an additional container located on the pitch, under 50 cubic metre in size.

Alresford Football Club

The football season is going well, with the Men's team having a good run of results during November.

R21/93 Clerks Report

The report was noted.

R21/94 Chairs Update

Complaints have been received about the hedge and a number of trees at Sun Hill Recreation Ground. The residents have been met and appropriate work authorised.

The new double yellow lines in Arlebury Park car park made no difference to the parking during the Rugby match on weekend of 27th November, with vehicles continuing to park irresponsibly. Winchester City Council Parking enforcement have been informed. A meeting will be held with the Sports Clubs about marshalling the parking.

Thanks to the pupils and staff at Sun Hill Junior School, the Rotary Club and Cllr Weston and John Weston for their help planting hundreds of crocus and daffodils bulbs in Arlebury Park.

NATTA have informed the Council that that they are having an accurate drawing of the bank between Arlebury Park and Vision housing development drawn up by an engineer. NATTA will then be able to address our concerns relating to the hedge and slope about health and safety and the potential for anti-social behaviour.

The signs and cones now being put out by Alresford Town Youth football club during training and matches to stop irresponsible parking opposite resident's driveways on Rosebery Road is generally working.

A complaint has been received about anti-social behaviour around the new bench in Stratton Bates Recreation ground near Rosebery Road. This has been reported to the police and will be monitored.

Following amendments from the Council, the quote from Eibe for the new playground at Stratton Bates is £144,999.99. Eibe are currently working on a redesign of the layout, and the Council are putting together a JCT contract.

Work at the new allotment site has confirmed that the spring doesn't go up on to the bank on the boundary of the site.

R21/95 Committee Accounts

The Committee Accounts for October 2021 were reviewed.

R21/96 Budget response from Operations and Resources Committee

The Committee were asked to recommend savings of £10,000 from the Committee budget for 2022/23.

RESOLVED: To reduce the Playground and equipment budget for 22/23 by £5000 and Memorial Gardens by £5000

Proposed: AB	Second: KD
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R21/97 Working Group reports and next steps

The Tree Planting Working Group have researched options for suitable species and locations for additional tree planting at Arlebury Park as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project.

R21/98 Tree planting for Queen's Green Canopy project

RESOLVED: To spend up to £1500 on new trees for Arlebury Park (on species identified by the Tree Planting Working Group) and up to £1500 on tree planting as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project.

Proposed: AS	Second: KD
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R21/99 Quote for Outdoor Gym at Arlebury Park

The three outdoor gym suppliers were invited to submit quotes for eight pieces of equipment (R21/82 refers).

Recommendation: To approach one of the suppliers and ask if they can reduce their quote to under £20,000.

To investigate the practicalities of siting the outdoor gym on the upper field in front of the new hedge at Arlebury Park.

R21/100 Slope repairs at Sun Hill Recreation Ground

The Committee considered two quotes for the slope repairs at Sun Hill Recreation Ground following additional information provided by one of the suppliers (R21/83 refers). The quotes were for £8,324 and £10,502.37. Each quote proposed a different method of works to address the issue.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council that 1M Civils Engineering are appointed to undertake the slope repairs work at a cost of £10,502.37

Proposed: KD	Second: AS
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The higher quote was approved due to the Committee selecting this method of works as their preferred approach.

R21/101 Management of Allotments at Spring Gardens

The Committee discussed the current management of the allotments and the relationship with the Allotment Society

Recommendation: For the Clerk to monitor how much time is currently spent by the office on the management of the allotments.

R21/102 Potential charges for hire of outdoor spaces

The potential charges for hire of outdoor spaces were reviewed by the Committee. A recommendation on the item was deferred to a future meeting.

R21/103 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) applications

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council that a CIL application for improvements to Memorial Gardens be submitted to Winchester City Council

Proposed: AS	Second: KD
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The meeting ended at 21:58

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 5th January 2022