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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Arlebury Park and electronically on Wednesday 8th September 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R21/33 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from ClIrs Byrne, Evans, Gordon-Smith and Weston and Ms Mott, Mr Ramseyer and Mr Weston

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

R21/34 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R21/35 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

R21/36 Public participation

No members of public present

R21/37 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 8 July 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held 8 July 2021 be approved

Proposed: KD	Second: AB
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R21/38 Sports Club updates
Alresford Rugby Football Club report
Supporting Document

Alresford Town Youth Football Club
Supporting Document

Alresford Tennis Club

The Tennis Club thanked the Council for arranging for the floodlights to be repaired, and enquired when the hedge will be cut.

R21/39 Clerks Report
Noted

R21/40 Chairs Update

The hog roast van on Rosebery Road has been reported again to Hampshire County Council.

A letter has been received from a member of the public asking for the skatepark to be updated.

The Council are waiting on figures from Taylor Wimpey in relation to ongoing maintenance costs for the current proposals for the open space at Alresford Meadows (Sun Lane development). Following this, the Council will commence consultation with residents.

Four tender submissions have been received for the redevelopment of Stratton Bates playground. The office will assess the submissions to ensure they adhere to the requirements of the tender document; they will then be made available to the Committee.

The Council awarded a grant to Play Life Learning to run wild play days in the parks during the Summer Holidays. Four events were held, attended by over 200 families.

R21/41 Committee Accounts
The committee accounts were reviewed

R21/42 Working Group reports
The Tree Working Group recommend additional tree planting at Arlebury Park this Winter. Cllr Gordon-Smith will prepare an updated planting plan for Arlebury Park for the Committee to consider.

R21/43 Committee Five Year Plan
The Committee discussed large projects that could be considered for inclusion in the Committee five year plan - the redevelopment of Arlebury Park and Sun Hill Recreation Ground playgrounds, employment of a groundsman, commissioning youth engagement work. The Five Year plan will be on the next Recreation and Environment Committee agenda.

R21/44 Reptile report for proposed new allotment site and approve quote for reptile relocation
The reptile report was noted.

A 'good' population of slow worms was recorded. As such, the Council are advised to conduct a reptile relocation programme. One quote has been received from the ecologist who has undertaken the work at the site to date for £3307.50 plus expenses, though additional work may be required

RESOLVED: To approve the quote for £3307.50 plus expenses from CC Ecology subject to ensuring the fee represents value for money

Proposed: KD	Second: AS
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R21/45 Draft lease for proposed new allotment plot at Spring Gardens

The draft lease with Tichborne Estates for the proposed new allotment land at Spring Gardens was reviewed. The Clerk is waiting on a map to determine the access point referred to in 5.4.

RESOLVED: Subject to clarification of 5.4, the draft lease is recommended to Council for approval

Proposed: KD	Second: AS
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R21/46 Quote for initial design layout of proposed new allotment site at Spring Gardens

A quote was received for £375.

RESOLVED: To accept the quote for £375 from RMJ Surveys to undertake the initial allotment design.

Proposed: KD	Second: SC
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R21/47 Management of allotments

The Clerk and Chair of the Committee met with the Allotment Society to consider management options for the proposed new site and the current allotment site.

Recommendation: This item will be revisited following the initial design of the allotments, when the approximate number of plots will be known.

R21/48 Vandalism at Arlebury Park

There have been no reports of vandalism from the Rugby Club. The Football Club have experienced ongoing vandalism, including littered drug paraphernalia, on the football stands and in the dug-out. The train at Sun Hill Recreation Ground playground was pushed over, and the boat at Arlebury Park was set on fire. The new tree near Arlebury park playground was snapped.

Recommendation: To speak to NATTA and McCarthy and Stone about any security lights etc, that they may be willing to install on their premises.

Consider as part of the Youth engagement work identified in the Recreation and Environment Committee budget for 21/22

8.35 Cllr Jeffs left the meeting

R21/49 Hampshire County Council Tree Inspection Reports and immediate actions

The Tree Working Group advised that the immediate and routine work identified in the Tree Inspection Reports should be undertaken.

RESOLVED: To obtain quotes for the immediate and routine tree work identified in the tree inspection reports, and for moving three new trees at Arlebury Park away from the hedge

Proposed: KD	Second: AS
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R21/50 Hedge at Arlebury Park

RESOLVED: To cut the hedge at Arlebury Park to a height of 2.5 metres at the front, and 2 metres at the back and approve up to £1000 for work to the hedge where necessary

Proposed: AS	Second: SC
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R21/51 Hedge at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground

A quote was received for clearance work along the hedge at Stratton Bates, near to Rosebery Road.

This item was rejected as it was not deemed necessary

R21/52 Quote for repairs to the slope at Sun Hill Recreation Ground

One quote was received of £8324 for repairs to the area on the slope to the left of the playground at Sun Hill Recreation Ground, and for £5826 for repairs to the area in the corner behind the play area. Two other companies visited the site but were not willing to undertake the work

Recommendation: To confirm with a solicitor that the Council are liable for undertaking the repairs.

R21/53 Metal detectorist at Arlebury park

The Council have received a request for metal detecting on the open spaces.

This was not approved.

The meeting ended at 21:20

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 6th October 19:30