



# New Alresford Town Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 26 October 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/RFO

2 members of the public

### 21/120 Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillors Weston, Byrne, Evans, Holmes, Jones and Sprott – previous appointments

**RESOLVED: That apologies for Councillors Weston, Byrne, Evans, Holmes, Jones and Sprott Jeffs are accepted**

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

### 21/121 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

### 21/122 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

None received

### 21/123 Public participation

No members of the public participated.

### 21/124 (i) City Councillors Report

Noted. The complaint regarding the grass cutting is finalised and there are several findings, poor launch of project, communication etc. apologies to all concerned. The final cut has taken place. There will be nine cuts next year.

There are issues with The Dean carpark, which is currently stalled, due to environmental issues which is being worked through. The Town Clerk to write to WCC to ascertain the current status.

There has been a call for SHEELA sites and there will be work on WCC Local Plan, the regulation 18 will be completed next year with a view to the Local Plan completed in two years.

**(ii) County Councillor Report**

Noted. The Lenghtsman Scheme is to be revised. There will be no cuts to the recycling centres or the libraries. West Street project discussions continue and there remain a shortfall in funding. The Millennium path repairs will not commence prior to August 2022.

**21/125 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Town Council Meeting held on 28 September 2021**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 28 September 2021 are approved**

Proposed: KD		Second: AB	
For: RGS	Against:	Abstain: BJ	

**21/126 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 13 September 2021**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 13 September 2021 are approved**

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

**21/ 127 Ratify the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 September 2021**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 September 2021 be ratified**

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

**21/128 Ratify the minutes of the Operations and Resources Committee held on 14 September 2021**

**That the minutes of the Operations and Resources Committee held on 14 September 2021 be ratified**

Proposed: AB		Second: RGS	
For: KD	Against:	Abstain: BJ	

**21/129 Ratify the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on 8 September 2021**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on 8 September 2021 be ratified.**

Proposed: KD		Second: AB	
For: BJ	Against:	Abstain: RGS	

**21/130 Clerks Report**

The Clerk's Report is received

**21/131 Chairs announcements and working group updates**

**(i) Town Council**

The Vice Chair congratulated the Town Clerk for passing Certificate in Local Council Administration  
It has been requested that the NATTA sign be removed from the front of Arlebury Park.

**(ii) Community and Tourism Committee**

No report

**(iii) Operations and Resources**

No report

**(iv) Planning Committee**

The questionnaire for Broad Street will be distributed with The Forum.  
The Planning Inception meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

**(v) Recreation and Environment Committee**

The repairs to Sun Hill Play area are completed. The Tennis Floodlights have faulted and are considering LED lighting.  
The quotes for the Outdoor Gym are expected next week.  
The new allotments works will commence with a view to being complete by March 2022

**(vi) Working Groups**

No report

**21/132 Approve the Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements, Income and Expenditure, Purchase Ledger and Payments Reports as of 30 September 2021**

Ledger	Balance
Balance Sheet (Asset –Liabilities)	569,690
Income - Expenditure YTD	199,201
Current Account	277,726.21
32 Day Notice	297,932.63
Rent Deposit	1,666.58
Petty Cash	67.66

**RESOLVED: That the Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements, Income and Expenditure, Purchase Ledger and Payments Reports as of 30 September 2021 is approved**

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

**21/133 Approve court fee of £115.00 to issue counterclaim regarding the Speed Limit Reminder device**



The new device has never worked properly and was returned to the supplier. The supplier has submitted a claim for the remainder of the funds. On seeking legal advice, NATC can issue a counter claim.

**RESOLVED: That the fee of £115.00 is approved to issue a counterclaim against the supplier of the new Speed Limit Reminder device**

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

**21/134 Approve grant applications**

**i. Citizens Advice**

The grant application was reviewed for a new project Advice First Aid

**RESOLVED: That the grant application from Citizens Advice for £1000.00 is approved**

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

**ii. PIGS**

The grant application was reviewed for the Christmas Tree project.

**RESOLVED: That the grant application from The PIGS for £400.00 is approved**

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

**21/135 Approve the lease for new allotment at Spring Gardens**

**RESOLVED: That the lease for the new allotment site at Spring Gardens is approved**

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

**21/136 Approve use of the council seal to be applied by the proper officer to the lease for new allotment at Spring Gardens.**

**RESOLVED: That the council seal be applied by the proper officer to the lease for new allotment at Spring Gardens.**

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

**21/137 Amendments to Code of Conduct**

The revised wording to addition of Part 1 3.10 is agreed as per Agenda notes

**RESOLVED: That the revised wording to 3.10 of the Code of Conduct is approved**

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

**21/138 Review draft budget**

The draft budget is reviewed, focusing on funding Stratton Bates playground, funding

**21/139 Approve Eibe Limited as the preferred playground contractor for Stratton Bates refurbishment.**

The agenda item is amended to add the funding of the project, so that R&E can proceed with the negotiations.

**RESOLVED: That the Agenda item 21/138 is amended to include funding of the Stratton Bates playground project**

Proposed: AB		Second: BJ	
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For: All	Against: KD	Abstain:
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The Eibe design was presented. In addition to Earmarked Reserves and grants the council will fully fund the project.

**RESOLVED: That Eibe Limited is approved as the preferred contractor for Stratton Bates Play area and that the funding is approved in principle to the sum of £145,000.00.**

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

**21/140 Approve the next steps in development of the council's strategy**

That Local Council Consultancy is appointed to assist the Council developing a strategy.

**RESOLVED: That Local Council Consultancy is appointed to aid the council develop a strategy**

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

**21/141 Exclude the public**

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

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

**21/142 New Alresford Football Club update**

The clerk provided an update following the meeting held with the Football Club on 21 September 2021. Awaiting a response from the Football Club

**21/143 Actions in respect of Rights of Way at Arlebury Park**

Councillor Jeffs declared an interest and left the meeting.

Chair declared the meeting no longer quorate. Meeting adjourned.

The meeting concluded at 21:25.

**Date of next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 November 2021, commencing at 7.30pm**