



# New Alresford Town Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of New Alresford Town Council held at Alresford Recreation Centre, The Avenue, Alresford, SO24 9EP, on Tuesday 25 February 2020 commencing at 7.30pm**

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Divall (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Sprott (Vice-Chair)	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith	✓		
Cllr Bean	✓		
Cllr Byrne	✓		
Cllr Cavell	✓		
Cllr Evans	✓		
Cllr Holmes	✓		
Cllr Jeffs	✓		
Cllr Jones	✓		
Cllr Weston	✓		

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marcia Phillibert - Town Clerk  
**2 members of the public present**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

**19/236 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies received

**19/237 DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.**

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting

**19/238 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Nothing declared

**19/239 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public thanked the council for all their hard work, and that the waiting list for the allotments has reduced. That moving forward only residents in New Alresford are eligible for an allotment.

Also, that some street in New Alresford are organising their own Litter Pick

**19/240 (i) CITY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Noted

**(ii) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Not received

- 19/241 APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2020**  
RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Town Council meeting held on 28 January 2020 be approved subject to minor amendments
- 19/242 RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 07 JANUARY 2020**  
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 07 January 2020 be ratified
- 19/243 RATIFY THE MINUTES OF FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2020**  
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee held on 14 January 2020 be ratified
- 19/244 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020**  
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 21 January 2020 be approved
- 19/245 RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020**  
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community and Tourism Committee held on 21 January 2020 be ratified
- 19/246 CLERKS REPORT AND TRAINING INFORMATION**  
Clerks Report was reviewed and updated  
Clerk advised of the HALC Conference to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 requesting.  
The Deputy Clerk attended a Tree Management course which was found to be beneficial with good tips to be implemented. The Clerk requested that another member of the Council attends the course.  
The internal auditor attended and conducted an interim audit assessment.
- 19/247 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS - For information only**
- (i) Town Council**  
Next Street Surgery is Saturday March 14 2020
- There was a meeting in relation to the WCC Parking and Access Strategy. There is a lot of work to do by WCC before details can be agreed.
- (ii) Finance and Facilities Committee**  
The Utility review is continuing, and investigations are ongoing
- (iii) Planning Committee**  
The Chair attended the WCC Planning Committee in respect of Sun Lane. The application was passed.
- (iv) Community and Tourism Committee**  
The Committee will be progressing the Bench marking report to update

(v) **Recreation and Environment Committee**

The trees and hedge have been planted at Arlebury Park

**19/248 PAYMENTS AND PURCHASE LEDGER UP TO 31 JANUARY 2020**

**RESOLVED:** That the payments up to 31 January 2020 be approved

**19/249 DETAILED BALANCE SHEET, BANK RECONCILIATION, BANK STATEMENTS AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2020**

<b>Ledger</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance Sheet (Asset – Liabilities)	385,537
Income- Expenditure YTD	102,007
Current Account	15,471.26
32 Day Notice	327,370.04
Petty Cash	17.85

**RESOLVED:** That the Detailed Balance sheet, Bank reconciliation, Bank Statements and Income and Expenditure report as at 31 January be approved

**19/250 APPROVE ALRESFORD MUSIC FESTIVAL AGREEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Alresford Music Festival agreement be approved following minor amendments. That the fee for the use of Arlebury Park is £1000.00.

**19/251 WCC CIL FUNDING BIDS**

**RESOLVED:** That the listed projects are applied for funding from the WCC CIL Funding Bids

- West Street project
- Stratton Bates Car Park
- Stratton Bates Playground
- Arlebury Park outdoor gym

**19/252 NATC LEGAL CONSULTANT DRAWS UP AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATC AND STRATTON BATES CHARITY**

**RESOLVED:** That NATC legal consultant draws up an agreement between NATC and Stratton Bates Charity.

**19/253 APPROVE SPEND UP TO THE VALUE OF £500.00 IN SUPPORT OF TOWN EVENTS 2020**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the spend of £500.00 in support of two Town events, the Easter Egg Hunt at £400.00 and £100.00 for Town shopping flyers.

**19/254 APPROVE ADDITIONAL SPEND OF £2040.00 IN RELATION TO SKATE PARK**

**RESOLVED:** That the additional spend of £2040.00 regarding the Skate Park is approved.

**19/255 APPROVE THE DESIGN AND SPEND TO RENOVATE COGSWELL MEMORIAL**

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed design of an information board and granite memorial is approved up to the value of £1500.00. Following completion of the works the Memorial is to be registered with the War Memorial Trust.

**19/256 AGREE TO OFFER THE TENNIS CLUB AN INTERIM ONE-YEAR LEASE, WITH THE VIEW TO A LONGER-TERM LEASE AT THE END OF THE TERM.**

**RESOLVED:** To approve to offer the Tennis Club an interim one-year licence.

**19/257 WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS RIVER PATH WORKS**

**RESOLVED:** That a River Path working Group is set up to address the issues along the River path. Councillors BEAN, GORDON-SMITH and SPROTT will be members of the Working Group.

**19/258 APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PARTY PACKS TO SUPPORT VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

The Council received an update from the VE Day working group regarding the plans for the VE Day celebrations at the Watercress Line Station

**RESOLVED:** That the purchase of party packs is approved via the WCC VE Day Grant

**19/259 NOTE RESPONSE FROM WCC - PREVIOUS MINUTE 19/231 REFERS.**

The response from WCC was noted in that the S106 allows for the construction of a community building on the parkland and NATC may approach the developer once the development is underway and Health and Safety plan known. See Appendix A

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020 AT ALRESFORD RECREATION CENTRE, THE AVENUE, ALRESFORD, SO24 9EP, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**



## Appendix A

17 February 2020

### Response received from WCC solicitor following discussion with developer's solicitor.

I understand that New Alresford Town Council have raised the possibility of constructing a community building on the parkland area

The letter which the Council has sent raises the following points:

1. *the terms of the s106 agreement should not prevent a relatively small proportion of the area designated as open space being developed for use as a community building to be, in the words of Mr Opacic, "sensitively located and designed"; and*
2. *the terms of the s106 agreement be drafted in such a way as to allow for the occupation of the land required for the community building as soon as is reasonably practicable from a legal, procedural and practical perspective.*

*In so doing, please take into account that in order to secure grant and other funding for construction, it is likely that the users will require some form of tenure over the land prior to the construction phase. Therefore, it would seem to be beneficial for provision to be made for tenure to pass at an earlier point in time than physical occupation is possible.*

The heads of terms for the proposed lease of the parkland which are set out in the sec 106 Agreement allowed for the construction of a community building on the parkland

We agreed a timetable for the handover of the parkland area taking account of the construction programme for the development. There will be significant activity on the parkland area during the development. Construction traffic will be travelling between the commercial and residential phases, there is a very considerable earth moving programme on the parkland and a number of the mains services will be brought in through this area. For this reason it will not be possible to level and layout this area in readiness for handover until the end of the programme. For health and safety reasons the whole of the parkland area is likely to be treated as part of the construction site under the control of the contractor.

For this reason we cannot agree to an early handover of a site for a community building. The whole of the parkland area will be handed over together when it is safe to do so and the parkland is in the right condition to be taken over by the Council

I hope this answers this query and you will be able to go back to the Town Council. Whilst our client is sympathetic to the request we cannot agree to any change to the terms of the sec 106. It would not be safe to do so. There is nothing to stop the Town Council approaching the developer when the development is underway and the health and safety plan is known