



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Alresford Recreation Centre, The Avenue, Alresford, SO24 9EP, on Tuesday 26 November 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Sprott (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith (Vice Chair)	✓		
Cllr Bean	✓		
Cllr Byrne		✓	
Cllr Cavell	✓		
Cllr Jeffs	✓		
Cllr Jones	✓		
Cllr Weston	✓		
Mr Horgan (Tennis Club)		✓	
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)	✓		
Mr Walshe (ATFC)		✓	
Mr Weston		✓	

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson - Deputy Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R19/112 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
Apologies were received from Cllr Byrne

R19/113 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**
Nothing was declared

R19/114 **DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.**
The Clerk advised nothing was received

R19/115 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
One member of the public asked for an update on:

- Availability of additional land for allotments from Tichborne Estates
- Whether non-residents have been removed from the allotment waiting list
- The 'adopt a street' litter scheme

The member of the public was informed that Tichborne Estates are considering whether to make an additional area of land available for allotments, the waiting list will be reviewed along with the Tenant Agreements and Allotment Rules in early 2020, and that the Council have met with a local community group in order to progress the Adopt a Street scheme.

- R19/116** **TO APPROVE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER AND 29TH OCTOBER 2019**
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th October and 29th October as a true and accurate record.
- R19/117** **TO RECEIVE SPORTS CLUBS UPDATES**
 Sports Club update reports were received. The football club provided a written **Alresford Town Football Club** – written report noted
Alresford Tennis Club
 - The Courts have been cleaned
- R19/118** **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**
 The Report was received and reviewed.
- R19/119** **TO REVIEW COMMITTEE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT AND BUDGET**
 The Report was reviewed and noted.
- R19/120** **TO APPROVE A WORKING GROUP FOR STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND PROJECT AND AGREE DATE FOR INCEPTION MEETING**
RESOLVED: For a Stratton Bates Recreation Ground working group to be set up and an inception meeting with the Consultant agreed for December 2019.
- R19/121** **TO APPROVE UP TO A MAXIMUM 9 DAYS SPEND CONSULTATION FOR THE STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND PROJECT**
RESOLVED: For a maximum 9 days spend consultation for Stratton Bates Recreation Ground project be approved.
- R19/122** **TO CONSIDER NEW HEDGE AT ARLEBURY PARK**
 The Committee were advised that four overgrown hawthorns, that form part of old hedgerow, could be laid into a new hedge. The new hedge would need to be interplanted with a mix of native whips and would provide a wildlife corridor, offer wind protection and help with drainage on the Football pitches. An approximate price of £2000 for 100 metres was considered.
RESOLVED: For quotes to be obtained for the laying and planting of up to a maximum 100 metres new hedge, and for the Clerk to select the best value quote.
- R19/123** **TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TREE WORKING GROUP REPORT**
RESOLVED: To approve recommendations from the Tree Working Group report to plant trees at Arlebury Park this Winter, subject to amendments.
- R19/124** **TO AGREE SPECIES AND NUMBER OF TREES FOR PLANTING IN WINTER 19/209 AT ARLEBURY PARK, AGREE BUDGET AND QUOTES TO BE SOUGHT**
Recommendation 1: The Deputy Clerk will liaise will Cllr Gordon Smith regarding selecting appropriate tree species, and to consider planting trees that absorb more CO2.
Recommendation 2: To keep a register of all trees felled and planted.
RESOLVED: For quotes to be obtained for planting large Standard trees in Winter

19/20 at Arlebury Park. For the Clerk to select the best value quote, so long as it does not exceed the tree planting budget.

R19/125 **TO APPROVE STYLE OF BENCH FOR NEW LOCATION AT STRATTON BATES, AND PURCHASE (DEFERRED ITEM R19/099)**

RESOLVED: To purchase the traditional metal frame with wooden slats bench from Neptune, for Stratton Bates Recreation Ground.

Recommendation 1: For a future new bench, to consider contacting Alton College about the potential of a 'bench design' project.

R19/126 **TO RECEIVE SPORTS CLUBS UPDATES**

Alresford Youth Football Club attended and provided the following report:

- Currently 20 boys teams and 4 girls teams. Over 300 members.
- Availability of pitches and quality of surface is a problem, particularly in Winter.
- Perins are putting together a bid to the Football Foundation for a new facility, which the Youth Football team are keen to be involved in.

R19/127 **TO APPROVE GRASS CUTTING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR MARCH 2020, AND RECOMMEND ADVERTISING AVENUES**

A discussion ensued around the number of cuts, grass cutting on the entrance to the towns, and maintenance along the Millennium trail.

Recommendation 1: To keep the number of grass cuts in the parks at 22.

Recommendation 2: To remove areas not in New Alresford Town Council ownership (e.g. entrance to town, and Millennium Trail) from the contract.

Recommendation 3: For Councillor Gordon-Smith to provide maps of the open spaces showing grass cutting regimes, which will be attached as Appendices.

A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.

RESOLVED: To approve the grass cutting and maintenance contract, subject to amendments and for it to be advertised via the Website, Social Media and Newspapers.

R19/128 **TO APPROVE QUOTE FOR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TO WORKS AT SKATEPARK, TO INCLUDE NEW FRENCH DRAIN, GROUND REMODELING AND REMOVING METAL FENCE**

Recommendation 1: To recommend to Council that the extension of the contract to works at the skatepark, to include new French drain, ground remodelling and removing metal fence, be approved.

The meeting concluded at 9.05

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2020 AT 6:00pm