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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Arlebury Park on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 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 Sprott (AS)	✓		
CLlr Weston	✓		
Mr Scott (Tennis)	✓		
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)		✓	
Mr Scriven (ATFC)	✓ (connection failed)		
Mr Weston (ARFC)		✓	

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R21/120 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from CLlr Bean and Gordon-Smith, Mr Ramseyer and Mr Weston.

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

Proposed: KD	Second: SE
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R21/121 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R21/122 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

CLlr Weston declared a non-pecuniary item in R21/129

R21/123 Public participation

None present

R21/124 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 5th January 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 5th January 2022 be approved

Proposed: KD	Second: SC
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R21/125 Sports Club updates

Tennis

The intermittent fault on the tennis flood lights seems to be cured, with the problem traced to a faulty circuit breaker on one of the panels in the plant room.

Tennis members are experiencing excessive glare from the football lights on the tower at the north east corner of the pitch and queried if the angle of the lights could be altered slightly, without detriment to the football pitch lighting, to overcome this.

A group of youths regularly meet behind the tennis courts, along the edge of the football pitch to smoke cannabis. The resulting smell is very strong and unpleasant.

Youth Football

The season is progressing well with little interruption from the weather so far.

Rugby

Alresford RFC has experienced mixed results with two wins, two draws and two losses for the first team. They are mid-table in the Hampshire Premiership. There remain four fixtures and one rearranged fixture for the two adult teams. The minis last session will be on Sunday 24th April.

R21/126 Clerks Report

The report was noted.

R21/127 Chairs Update

CIL bids for Memorial Gardens and the new allotments are being prepared for the March 31st deadline.

R21/128 Committee Accounts

The Committee Accounts for January 2022 were reviewed.

R21/129 Request from Alresford Rugby Club for a close board fence around container, vehicular access to rugby pitches, fence for additional sponsor signs and storage facility on pitch

This item was not considered as additional information requested from the Rugby Club has not yet been received. The Rugby Club sent apologies for this.

R21/130 Quote for replacement bench at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground and antisocial concerns around bench

One quote has been received to remove the damaged bench on the Rosebery Road side of Stratton Bates Recreation Ground and make good (£585) or to install a new bench (£650). A replacement like for like bench would be £450.

Recommendation: To get an alternative quote for a bench identical to the neighbouring bench at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground

A letter has been received from a resident citing antisocial around the existing bench on the Rosebery Road side of Stratton Bates Recreation Ground. The Committee acknowledged the letter.

R21/131 Boundary hedge and slope at Arlebury Park along NATTA/Vivid housing development

The Committee have previously raised the potential health and safety concerns of the slope between Arlebury Park and the housing development, with NATTA and Vivid housing association.

A site meeting has been arranged with NATTA and Vivid.

Cllr Sprott left the meeting at 20:09

R21/132 Request from Alresford PIGS to use Stratton Bates pavilion to store mobility scooters

The Alresford PIGS have been given notice on the premises where their mobility scooters are currently stored. They have enquired as to whether the scooters could be accommodated at the pavilion on Stratton Bates Recreation Ground, along with the equipment stored by Alresford Youth Football Club.

Recommendation: That Alresford PIGS put a formal request into the Council to use the Stratton Bates pavilion to store their mobility scooters

R21/133 Responsibility negotiations with Alresford Allotment Society

The Committee are concerned about the office resources used in managing the allotments and have held informal meetings with Alresford Allotment Society to discuss roles and responsibilities.

Recommendation: To investigate having an allotment manager

R21/134 Slope repairs at Sun Hill Recreation Ground

The contractor selected to undertake the work to repair the slope at Sun Hill Recreation Ground (21/179) has declined the work. Additional quotes are being sought.

The meeting ended at 20:32

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