



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held electronically on Wednesday 7th April 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
ClIr Sprott (Chair) (AS)	✓		
ClIr Byrne (Vice Chair) (MB)			✓
ClIr Bean (AB)	✓		
ClIr Cavell (SC)	✓		
ClIr Gordon-Smith (RGS)	✓		
ClIr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
ClIr Jones (JJ)			✓
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.

R20/111 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Ms Mott and Mr Weston
RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

R20/112 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R20/113 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

R20/114 Public participation

No members of public present

R20/115 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 3 March 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 3 March 2021 be approved

Proposed: AS

Second: AB

R20/116 Sports Club updates

Rugby Club – Training recommenced on Tuesday 30th March with a record turnout of 63 men and 4 women. The Rugby minis start training again on Saturday 10th April.

Alresford Town Football Club have appointed a new manager from Bournemouth and are able to start playing again.

R20/117 Cleanliness of Arlebury Park changing rooms

It has been highlighted by Finance and Facilities Committee that the changing rooms at Arlebury Park are not in a clean state.

Mr Scriven (Alresford Town Football Club) reported that the issue had been brought to the Club’s attention and the changing rooms have now been cleaned. The Club have appointed a new ‘kit man’ who will be responsible for checking the state of the changing rooms.

RESOLVED: To ask Finance Committee to consider a one off clean of all the changing rooms to bring them up to a good level of cleanliness, and developing a checklist to ensure they are kept at a consistently good standard

Proposed: AB	Second: BJ
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R20/118 Clerks Report

Noted

R20/119 Working Groups Update

- ***Sports Agreements***
The Working Group met with Hampshire Legal Services who will provide a template licence agreement for the Football Club by the end of this week.
- ***Stratton Bates Playground Redevelopment***
The Working Group report is considered in Item R20/121. Positive conversations about funding have been had with local organisations.
- ***Tree Planting***
Adam Gaskill has agreed to join the Working Group

Mr Scriven left the meeting at 19:52

R20/120 Members of Tree Working Group and Chair

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllrs Sprott, Bean, Cavell and Gordon-Smith and Adam Maskill as members of the Tree Working Group, and Cllr Sprott as Chair.

Proposed: BJ	Second: RGS
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R20/121 Stratton Bates Playground Redevelopment working group recommendations

**RESOLVED: To approve the Working Group recommendations:
That the playground is natural play with an element of ‘big equipment’ and the sketch design and suggested equipment from the consultation is indicative and helps form the brief moving forward;
That a tender is undertaken for a landscape architect or suitable professional to develop a detailed design, specification and package up to Construction Contract tender stage;**

**That a 'Friends of Stratton Bates' is considered;
That funding opportunities are identified by Councillors**

Proposed: RGS	Second: BJ
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R20/122 Date for Alresford Community Litter Pick

RESOLVED: To approve Saturday 22nd May as the date for the Alresford community litter pick

Proposed: BJ	Second: AB
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R20/123 Wooden posts at Arlebury Park to protect grass from unauthorised parking

Three quotes were considered for 14 round timber 6 inch posts, set in concrete:

Quote A - £902

Quote B - £840

Quote C - £670.30

RESOLVED: To appoint South Coast Fencing to provide and install the wooden posts at a cost of £670.30

Proposed: BJ	Second: AB
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R20/124 Defunct water fountain at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground

Two quotes were considered for removing the defunct water fountain and making good with turf:

Quote A - £550

Quote B - £361.45

RESOLVED: To appoint Busby Builders to remove the water fountain at a cost of £361.45

Recommendation: To identify where the water has been capped and record this information on file

Proposed: AB	Second: MW
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R20/125 Snowdrop spend at Arlebury Park

RESOLVED: To approve up to £105 for spending on snowdrop bulbs at Arlebury Park

Proposed: AS	Second: MW
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R20/126 Skatepark benches at Arlebury Park

RESOLVED: To approve £280 expenditure repairing the skatepark benches at Arlebury Park

Proposed: MW	Second: SC
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R20/127 Deferring budgets to 2021/22

RESOLVED: To ask Council to conder a virement of £4,400 for the proposed new allotments, to 2021/22

Proposed: BJ	Second: MW
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R20/128 Scandor credit for hedge flailing

Due to Covid-19 and wet Winter weather Scandor were unable to undertake the hedge flailing around the parks. They suggested a credit of 75%, as the hedges will be higher next year and require additional cutting.

RESOLVED: To accept credit of £524.30 for hedge flailing

Proposed: MW	Second: AB
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R20/129 Tree Management Policy

RESOLVED: To recommend the Tree Management Policy to Council subject to inclusion of a list of trees with Tree Preservation Orders, and minor changes

Proposed: AS	Second: MW
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Recommendation: That tree management training is investigated for Cllrs Cavell, Sprott and Bean – who may be interested in assisting with the informal tree surveys

R20/130 Playground Inspection reports

The reports were noted

R20/131 Reptile Survey at proposed new allotment site

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from CC Ecology for £720 for a reptile survey at the proposed new allotment site

Proposed: AS	Second: SC
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R20/132 Charges/ useage of open space by exercise groups and personal trainers

The Committee did not think there should be charges for small groups undertaking exercise classes/ personal training sessions in public open spaces due to the difficulty in policing, the benefits that such groups bring to health and well-being and it being publicly available land. However, they wanted to ensure that such groups didn't infringe on the use of the public open space by others.

Recommendation: To draw up a short policy on useage of public open spaces by exercise groups/ personal trainers and contact the Council insurance company

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBC