



# 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 3 March 2020 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	✓		
Ms Mott (Tennis)		✓	
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)		✓	
Mr Munro (ATFC)	✓		
Mr Walshe (ATFC)		✓	
Mr Weston (ATRFC)		✓	

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sarah Johnson - Deputy Clerk and 3 members of public

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

**R19/149**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gordon Smith, Cllr Cavell (personal) and Ms Mott, Mr Ramseyer, Mr Walshe and Mr Weston.

**RESOLVED:** That apologies are accepted

**R19/150**      **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Nothing was declared

**R19/151**      **DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.**

The Clerk advised nothing was received

**R19/152**      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two members of the public would like there to be an outdoor gym at Arlebury Park. The current outdoor gym at Perins is inaccessible for much of the day, and the members of public have concerns about the lack of opportunity for older people in the town. The two suggested locations are the green area to the side of the Alresford Recreation Centre, or dotted around Arlebury Park.

The Committee advised that while an outdoor gym is not on the 5 year plan for the Recreation and Environment Committee, it was resolved by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020, to submit a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) bid application to Winchester City Council for this project.

**Recommendation 1:** For an Outdoor gym to be included as an agenda item at the next Recreation and Environment Committee meeting

A member of public suggested that the Council should be more assertive in the management of the allotments at Spring Gardens, to ensure they are substantially worked by the plot holders and also provide value for money for the residents of Alresford. He also spoke about his wish to coordinate a 'Commit to your Street' scheme in Alresford, with the support of New Alresford Town Council

**Recommendation 1:** For allotment rules and tenancy agreement to be an agenda item at the next Recreation and Environment Committee

**Recommendation 2:** Volunteers for 'Commit to your Street' will be sought at the Community Litter pick Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March and through social media, and recorded on a register

**R19/153** **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January are approved as a true and accurate record.

**R19/154** **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February are approved as a true and accurate record.

**R19/155** **SPORTS CLUBS UPDATES**

Sports Club update reports were received. The Football Club, and Rugby Club provided written reports. The Tennis Club are holding their Annual Key Day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Football Club also provided a presentation. Currently they have ground grading F, but if promoted, compulsory upgrading to Category E is required by March 2021.

The Football Club would like permission to:

- Increase the size of the stand from 50 to 125 seats
- Install temporary monoflex fencing around the perimeter of the ground (this would be installed and removed at each match)
- Install a temporary turnstile, that can be removed after each match
- Put netting under the green barrier bars
- Have separate male and female toilets by the pitch (although the toilets in the ARC may be sufficient, the Football Club will investigate)

Alterations would be at no cost to the Council.

The Football Club will get pre-planning application advice.

**Recommendation 1:** For improvements to the Football Ground to be an agenda item at the next Recreation and Environment Committee.

- R19/156**     **BOLLARDS AT ARLEBURY PARK CAR PARK AND UNAUTHORISED PARKING IN YELLOW HATCHED AREAS**  
**Recommendation 1:** Investigate suitable areas and cost of protecting the grass area around the car park with wooden posts. Contact the Football Club and Rugby Club about coning off the hatched area by the gate during matches and request a contribution from the Club towards the cost of installing the posts.  
**Recommendation 2:** All Councillors be provided with the padlock code to the gate at Arlebury Park and reminded not to disclose.
- R19/157**     **CLERKS REPORT**  
The report was reviewed.  
**Recommendation 1:** Contact Cheriton and Itchen Abbas Schools about the Litter pick day.
- R19/158**     **COMMITTEE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**  
The report was reviewed.
- R19/159**     **TREE AND BENCH DONATION POLICY**  
**RESOLVED:** That the policy is amended to remove bench donation. Subject to this and other minor amendments, the policy is recommended to Town Council for approval.
- R19/160**     **TREE PLANTING LOCATION PLAN FOR ARLEBURY PARK**  
This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- R19/161**     **TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY**  
**RESOLVED:** To draw up a policy for managing the trees in our public open spaces
- R19/162**     **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOOTPATH AT ARLEBURY PARK**  
**RESOLVED:** To obtain quotes for extending the hard-standing footpath to the entrance to the upper rugby pitch.  
**Recommendation 1:** Inform the sports clubs that access by ambulance to the pitches is not necessarily possible at present.  
**Recommendation 2:** Contact Southern Ambulance about their ability to drive to the rugby pitches and the skatepark.
- R19/163**     **STRATTON BATES CAR PARK EXTENSION**  
This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- R19/164**     **PRIZE CATEGORIES FOR ALRESFORD COMMUNITY LITTER PICK**  
**Recommendation 1:** Prizes for the litter pick will be for the most interesting piece of rubbish and biggest bag collected.
- R19/165**     **ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**  
Actions undertaken that work towards the Council's environment statement include:
- Working with environmental community groups – New Leaf and Watercress and Winterbournes project
  - Hedge and tree planting at Arlebury Park

- Change in grass cutting regime to leave some grass longer
- Laying wildflower turf in Arlebury Park.
- Ongoing review of utilities by Facilities and Finance Committee

**RESOLVED: To ask Facilities and Finance Committee to investigate the practicality of increasing the number of solar panels on the roof to aid with electricity generation, and to consider a green energy tariff and alternatives to gas when replacing the boiler.**

**Recommendation 1:** A half page in the Forum article be used to give advice on recycling in the town, in conjunction with New Leaf.

The meeting concluded at 22:10

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5th MAY 2020 AT 7:30pm**