



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of New Alresford Town Assembly held electronically via Zoom, on Tuesday 16 March 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Weston (Chair) (MW)	✓		
Cllr Bean (Vice-Chair) (AB)	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith (RGS)	✓		
Cllr Divall (KD)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (MB)	✓		
Cllr Cavell (SJC)	✓		
Cllr Evans (SE)	✓		
Cllr Holmes (SH)	✓		
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
Cllr Jones (JJ)	✓		
Cllr Sprott (AS)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Marcia Phillibert - Town Clerk, Liz Jenkinson – Clerk,
7 Members of the public present

T/21/001 The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

T/21/002 Approve apologies for absence.
No apologies received.

T/21/003 Approve Minutes of Annual Town Assembly held 7 May 2019
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Town Assembly held on 7 May 2019 be approved

Proposed: AS	Second: AB
For: All	Against: Abstain:

T/21/004 Chairs annual reports
Council – Councillor Weston provided a summary of the year and the issues raised by COVID-19. The COVID-19 support network supported by volunteers is still in operation and the council has continued to be in operation albeit virtually.
Community and Tourism – Councillor Evans provided a summary that the committee focuses on the vitality of the Town. Entered The parish in bloom competition and hoping to improve of the Silver Gilt award won last year. The telephone kiosk in the town is now a Tourist Information point and working towards a creating a communication strategy, a walking guide and volunteer task force.
Finance and Facilities – Councillor Divall, thanked the previous council for leaving this council substantial funds which is required to address the legacy issues. Worked through several issues, such as flooding and recently identified

the entire roof of the ARC needs to be replaced. Hopefully from next year there will be improvements to the buildings. There are other legacy issues which create a shortfall such as the pension scheme and the unaudited accounts has been an issue for the past two years.

Planning – Councillor Bean provided a summary that New Alresford received additional cycle racks. Awarded CIL funding for the widening of West Street and the works and designs have commenced. Appointed Troy Design to assist with the revision of the Design Statement. We now have three speed cameras and eleven licences and the intention is that there will be a two weekly rota for the three cameras and the data is downloaded and analysed. The Sun Lane development has now gained traction and Taylor Wimpey are the developers and want to engage with the town. The Parking Strategy stalled due to COVID-19 but appears to be back on the agenda.

Recreation and Environment – Councillor Sprott summarized that the non-voting members of the committee is the sporting groups which make a great contribution to the Town. The largest project is the redevelopment of Stratton Bates play area, following consultation with resident's adventure play is the preferred scheme. The skate park extension is now complete. We are now enhancing the wildflower verges and increased tree and hedge planting to support our Environmental statement and increase biodiversity. The committee has identified additional land for allotments and hope to proceed with the development of additional allotments next year.

All chairs thanked the staff for their contribution throughout the year

T/21/005

Winchester Basics Bank – Mike Whitehead, received a grant of £500.00 and have opened a food hub at Alresford Recreation Centre. There are four food hubs in the area and New Alresford is the first one outside the city. Advised regarding the promotion of the voucher scheme. The pandemic has caused a substantial increase in customers

Citizens Advice – Sue Campbell, received a grant of £500.00. Have had to adapt due to COVID and now all working from home. There has been an increase in demand. Across the district have assisted 7000 persons. Queries regarding unemployment and benefits, however debt queries have not increased as expected. Advice first aid is a new programme working with partnership working and training individuals with other agencies.

Sun Hill Junior School - Hannah Rose, received a grant of £1000.00. Identified there was a need for a quiet space in the playground following the return to school. The grant purchased rainbow coloured play equipment

The Clerk read other Grant reports

Victim Support - received a grant of £100.00 which contributed towards the cost of security devices for victims so that persons can feel safer in their home.

Alresford Mens Shed - received a grant of £1500.00, which contributed towards the cost of Planning advice

St Johns Church - received a grant of £1500.00 which contributed to the upkeep of the church yard.

Busy Bee Pre School - received a grant of £946.20 Sink and accessories have other equipment

New Alresford Town Trust - received a grant of £1000.00 contributed to the grass cutting and maintenance of The Avenue.

The Police provided advice regarding dog thefts and thefts from vehicles. Requested that all crimes are reported via 101. Next Police surgery 23 March 2021

T/21/006 Councillor Yvette Riley thanked the council for all work that has been put into the COVID-19 support network.

The Chair thanked all the staff for their hard work and support and the work that the councillors have contributed over the past year.

The Assembly concluded at 2030 hours.