



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Arlebury Park on Wednesday 6th October 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
ClIr Divall (Chair) (AS)	✓		
ClIr Bean (AB)	✓		
ClIr Byrne (MB)		✓	
ClIr Cavell (SC)	✓		
ClIr Evans (SE)	✓		
ClIr Gordon-Smith (RGS)	✓		
ClIr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
ClIr Sprott (AS)	✓		
Mr Horgan (Tennis)	✓		
Mr Scott (Tennis)	✓		
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)		✓	
Mr Scriven (ATFC)			✓
Mr Weston (ARFC)		✓	

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R21/54 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Byrne and Mr Ramseyer and Mr Weston

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

R21/55 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R21/56 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

R21/57 Public participation

No members of public present

R21/58 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 8th September 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 8 September 2021 be approved

Proposed: KD	Second: SC
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R21/59 Sports Club updates

Alresford Rugby Football Club

The 1st team lost their first two games away but won their first home game 65-5. There is good attendance at training sessions, including the rugby minis on Sunday mornings.

The parking situation on Tuesday evenings when Rugby and Football both have training/ matches is a continuing problem, however the Rugby Club are aware of the issue and will play their part in managing the issue.

Alresford Tennis Club

There is on an ongoing intermittent fault with the tennis court floodlights. The Tennis Club believe the fault is on the power cable that runs from the plant room at Alresford Recreation Centre to the first floodlight. The intention is to replace the cable and the Club are currently waiting on a quote. They will liaise with the Council regarding any necessary works. The Club are considering replacing all the floodlights in the future

The Club wanted it raised that there is an increasing glare from the Football Club floodlights, and wondered if there was a way of addressing this issue.

It was agreed to bring the items on Stratton Bates Playground and the Outdoor Gym to the beginning of the meeting

R21/60 Recommendations from Stratton Bates Playground Working Group and next steps.

The Council received four tender submissions for the redevelopment of Stratton Bates playground. The Committee reviewed the report from the Working Group which proposed scores for each tender submission based on the criteria in the Tender. The scores using weighted averages (out of 5) were:

Tender 1 - 2.9

Tender 2 - 3.8

Tender 3 - 2.45

Tender 4 – 2.15

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations from the Stratton Bates Playground Working Group and select Eibe (Tender 2) as the preferred contractor for developing the new playground, and for Cllrs Divall and Sprott to represent the Committee at meetings with Eibe which in the first place will explore potential changes to some aspects of the design.

Proposed: KD	Second: AS
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Recommendation: All Councillors are invited to submit their ideas for amendments to the design by 15th October 2021

R21/61 Arlebury Park Outdoor Gym

On 15th September 2021, Winchester City Council approved the Council's CIL application for £20,000 for an outdoor gym at Arlebury Park.

The Committee considered different locations for the gym at Arlebury Park, whether it should be concentrated in one place or the equipment spread out around the edge of the park. They also discussed surfacing options.

Recommendation: To consult with the community via social media and the website on preferences for an outdoor gym concentrated in one location or spread around the park, and to ask suppliers if in principle they can provide tuition.

R21/62 Clerks Report

The report was noted. The Clerk was asked to install a sign on the corner of Ashburton Road and the footpath to Makin's Court, asking people not to park on the pavement.

R21/63 Chairs Update

Discussions are underway with Alresford Rugby Club about marshalling the car park during matches/ training on Tuesday evenings to ensure the emergency access to Arlebury Park is not blocked. Alresford Town Football Club put cones along the slip road and The Avenue on Tuesday to stop irresponsible parking, and this seemed to help. Discussions are being pursued with Perins about parking in the top car park out of hours.

The dog dip/ access to the river in Memorial Gardens is getting larger and more churned up. The Committee may need to consider reducing access and repairs.

R21/64 Committee Accounts

The accounts were reviewed.

R21/65 Reforecast for 2021/22 and Budget for 2022/23

RESOLVED: To approve the reforecast for 2021/22 and committee budget for 2022/23 subject to minor amendments to the Memorial Gardens budget and Stratton Bates playground redevelopment

Proposed: KD	Second: AS
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R21/66 Quote for reptile relocation at new allotment site, Spring Gardens

The Council previously resolved (R21/44) to accept the quote for £3307.50 plus expenses, subject to ensuring value for money. However, it was subsequently found that the quote is for the minimum number of site visits required, and it is likely that up to an additional £2000 will be needed. An alternative quote of £3000 was obtained, and this quote is not subject to any increase.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote for £3000 from Herpetologic for undertaking reptile relocation at the new allotment site, Spring Gardens

Proposed: KD	Second: SJ
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R21/67 Tree work as recommended in Tree Inspection reports

Two quotes were received for undertaking the tree work across the Council's four open spaces as recommended in the Tree Inspection reports from Hampshire County Council:

Quote A: £1175

Quote B: £1650

RESOLVED: To approve the quote from C & D Trees for £1175 to undertake the tree work recommended in the Tree Inspection reports, subject to any damage at Memorial Gardens being made good.

Proposed: KD	Second: SC
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R21/68 Parking at Arlebury Park car park

The Committee discussed irresponsible parking at Arlebury Park car park.

Recommendation: To recommend to Operation and Resources Committee to request a 24 hour parking limit at Arlebury Park car park (in line with other car parks in the town) which might stop camper van parking, and double yellow lines on the slip road and around the edges of the car park near the tennis courts.

R21/69 Bulb planting at Arlebury Park

RESOLVED: To approve up to £400 to spend on bulbs including daffodils, cyclamen and crocuses, to be planted at the entrance to Arlebury Park.

Proposed: BJ	Second: AB
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The meeting ended at 21:22

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 3rd November 19:30