



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the New Alresford Recreation and Environment Committee held at Alresford Recreation Centre, The Avenue, Alresford, SO24 9EP, on Tuesday 8 October 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Sprott (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Gordon Smith (Vice Chair)		✓	
Cllr Byrne		✓	
Cllr Bean	✓		
Cllr Cavell	✓		
Cllr Jeffs		✓	
Mr Horgan (Tennis Club)	✓		
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)			✓
Mr Walshe (ATFC)		✓	
Mr Weston (ARFC)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R19/091 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Byrne, Gordon-Smith and Jeffs and Mr Walshe
(power used: Local Government Act 1972 s85)

R19/092 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Nothing was declared.

R19/093 TO APPROVE DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.

The Clerk advised nothing was received for this meeting.

R19/094 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS TO ASK QUESTIONS OF, AND MAKE COMMENTS, REGARDING THE TOWN COUNCIL. QUESTIONS NOT ANSWERED AT THIS MEETING WILL BE ANSWERED IN WRITING TO THE PERSON ASKING THE QUESTION OR MAY APPEAR AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE NEXT MEETING. EACH PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK WILL BE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF THREE MINUTES.

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1)

One member of the public spoke from New Leaf community group, regarding:

- Whether separate recycling bins might be possible for the High Street?
- Whether discussions on a water fountain were progressing?
- New bicycle racks for the town centre

The member of the public was informed that labels for shops prepared to refill water bottles, are currently being progressed by the Community and Tourism Committee. New bicycle racks are being progressed by the Planning Committee.

R19/095 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2019

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th July as a true and accurate record.

R19/096 TO RECEIVE SPORTS CLUBS UPDATES

Sports Club update reports were received. The football club provided a written report which is provided separately.

Alresford Rugby Football Club

- Played four games and won one
- Good attendance at training
- Rugby Minis is going well, and are essential for feeding players into the Seniors
- Positive mood in the Club

Alresford Tennis Club

- Club is in good health and the finances are healthy
- Courts are in a good state of repair
- 100-120 members
- Clubhouse is functioning well, and the facilities enable coaching to take place with younger children

R19/097 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW COMMITTEE BUDGET

The budget was received and reviewed.

R19/098 TO PREPARE FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee considered items for inclusion in the 5 year Recreation and Environment Committee Plan. This included the redevelopment of Stratton Bates play area, allotments, benches, tree management and grass cutting. The full list will be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration.

As part of the 5 year plan, it was proposed to set up a tree planting working group to consider tree management.

A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.

RESOLVED: To set up a tree planting group who will meet with a tree expert to consider tree management.

R19/099 TO APPROVE NEW BENCH AT STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND

The Committee discussed a potential location for a new bench behind the football pitch, along the hedge line. A range of bench types were discussed.

Recommendation 1: To research different types of benches and defer this item to the next agenda of the Recreation and Environment Committee

- R19/100** **TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE LOCATION FOR HAPPY TO CHAT BENCH**
The Committee discussed a location for the Happy to Chat bench and the type of plaque they would like.
A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.
RESOLVED: For the Happy to Chat bench to be a bench on the River Arle near the duck feeding station and for up to £50 to be spent on a plaque
- R19/101** **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE QUOTE FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND**
A proposal was received, seconded and voted for.
RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Feria Urbanism for schools and community consultation at a cost of £475/£275 per day for up to 6 days.
- R19/102** **TO REVIEW CHARGES FOR ALLOTMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2019 TO OCTOBER 2020**
The Committee were advised that the last increase to the allotment charges was in 2015. Increasing water rates, and high level of maintenance in recent years has increased the costs associated with the allotments.
A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously
RESOLVED: To increase the cost of the allotments by 10% for October 2019-20
- R19/103** **TO CONSIDER GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FR MARCH 2020**
A discussion ensued around the length of a new contract and advertisement.
Recommendation 1: To undertake research with neighbouring clerks about grounds maintenance contracts.
- R19/104** **TO CONSIDER ‘ADOPT A STREET LITTER’ SCHEME**
The Committee discussed a scheme whereby residents ‘adopt a street’ that they are prepared to litterpick, on an informal basis. This could be done via an interactive map.
A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.
RESOLVED: To approach New Leaf Group to see whether they might be interested in coordinating an ‘Adopt a Street’ litter scheme with support from the Council.
- R19/105** **MATTERS TO BE RAISED AT COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING WITH PERINS SCHOOLS**
- Future repairs to Perins tennis courts
 - Community Gym
 - Multi Use games Area at Sun Hill Junior School
 - Youth Council
 - Eco Council
- R19/106** **REPORTS AND ISSUES - FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- (i) **Bike racks have been referred to Planning Committee**
 - (ii) **Wildflower turf at Arlebury park has been laid**
 - (iii) **Repairs to fort at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground undertaken**
 - (iv) **Skatepark extension – delayed to w/c 28th October 2019**

**(v) Quotes being sought for survey of potential carpark extension Stratton
Bates**

The meeting concluded at 9.49

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7:30