



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 24 September 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

Name	Present	Apologies
Cllr Byrne (Chair)	✓	
Cllr Bean	✓	
Cllr Dakin		✓
Cllr Eager		✓
Cllr Evans	✓	
Cllr Jeffs	✓	
Cllr Jones	✓	
Cllr Sprott	✓	
Cllr Weston	✓	

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Doughty (Town Clerk), Sarah Johnson (Deputy Clerk), Cllr Porter, Cllr Pinniger and six members of public

24/054 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Cllr Dakin and Cllr Eager

24/055 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Sprott stated an interest in item 'Rights of Way' as he is a member of New Alresford Town Trust

24/056 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16th July 2024

24/057 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident requested the Council's Speed Limit Reminder sign be located near the junction of Nursery Road and Sun Lane as part of the rolling schedule of locations. The resident believes speeding is a particular issue here, and with the development at Sun Lane will get worse.

The Resident was informed locations need to be approved by HCC, and in the past HCC had deemed this location unsuitable due to obstruction of sight lines by parked cars and trees. The Clerk will respond by letter to the resident.

Representatives from the Alresford Community Theatre Society were invited to speak about their grant application as part of agenda item - Grant Applications

24/058 COUNTY & CITY COUNCILLORS

The reports were noted.

24/059 GRANT APPLICATION

Alresford Community Theatre Society spoke about the organisation and their updated grant application which includes additional information about how a grant would be spent, costs and other income sources.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £1000 to Alresford Community Theatre Society, to contribute towards the production of The Sound of Music.

24/060 PLANNING

a. The minutes of the Planning Committee of 6th August 2024 were noted
Cllr Jeffs joined the meeting at 19:30

b. **RESOLVED:** To approve the amended Terms of Reference for Planning Committee
c. Council discussed responding to the consultation on the proposed Winchester Local Plan

RESOLVED: The Council will submit a response to the Local Plan consultation, and Councillors are asked to submit their comments on the proposed Plan to the Town Clerk, for these comments to be consolidated and reviewed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.

d. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Jones be appointed to the Planning Committee

24/061 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a. The minutes of the Neighbourhood plan Advisory Committee meeting on 12th August 2024 were noted

b. I. Council approved a proposal (21/160) on 23 November 2021 for £39437.50 from Troy Planning to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for New Alresford. The intention was that £28,000 grant funding would be obtained towards this. To date the Council has received £18,000 in grant funding.

Project costs have risen, and the scope of the project expanded. £34,604 has been spent on the project so far. The Council reviewed an additional quote from Troy Planning to complete the Neighbourhood Plan project up to Regulation 14.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote from Troy Planning for £41,500 to complete the Neighbourhood Plan to Regulation 14

Cllr Sprott requested votes for this motion are recorded:

Cllr Bean, Byrne, Evans, Jeffs and Weston voted in favour

Cllr Sprott voted against

Cllr Jones abstained

II. **RESOLVED:** To approve the revised Neighbourhood Plan project dates up to Regulation 14, September 2024 - June 2025

c. **RESOLVED:** To approve 21st November 2024 as the date for the next Neighbourhood Plan public consultation day

d. The Chair of NPAC provided an update on the 6 Locality packages (funded by Central Government) that have been obtained. The package will help provide an evidence base for the Plan to move forward. The packages are: Technical Sites Options, Strategic Sites Assessment, Housing Needs Assessment, Habitats Regulation Assessment, Design Codes and Masterplanning for Public Realm.

e. **RESOLVED:** To approve the 2024/25 meeting dates for NPAC

24/062 FINANCE

a. **RESOLVED:** To approve the finance reports for July and August 2024

b. Councillors were reminded that all grant applications for external funds need to be approved by Council

- c. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Forum payment of £1452 for a monthly page in the magazine
- d. **RESOLVED:** To approve the request from Forum to contribute £1000 towards the town calendar

24/063 CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve the quotes for water treatment contract renewal for Alresford Recreation Centre (£2015.37) and Stratton Bates Pavilion and allotments (£1112.50) from 1st November 2024 from WCS.
- b. The Council are investigating EV charging units at Arlebury Park car park.
RESOLVED: To approve signing an NDA with Believe EV charging

24/064 RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY (REC)

- a. The minutes of the REC committee meeting on 16 July 2024 were noted
- b. **RESOLVED:** To appoint Cllr Jones to the REC committee
- c. The Deputy Clerk provided an update on the allotments project. Works have been completed and plots are in the process of being assigned to those on the waiting list.
- d. **RESOLVED:** To approve recommended amendments to the Allotment Policy and Rules
- e. Three quotes were reviewed for a new item of play equipment at Sun Hill Recreation Ground to replace the fort.
RESOLVED: To approve the quote from Playsafe Playgrounds for a Triple Tower Traverse Play Unit for Sun Hill Recreation Ground at a cost of £25,594

24/065 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: The Town Council exercise their right to exclude the public and press by resolution from a closed meeting due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted. (*Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1(2)*)

24/066 FOOTBALL

An update was provided.

24/067 THE ARLEBURY LEASE

The lease has been executed.

24/068 MEMORIAL BENCH

A motion to install a memorial plaque on a bench was not carried

24/069 RIGHTS OF WAY

An update was provided.

The meeting closed at 21:30

Chairman

Date: