

NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL Environment Committee Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 28th October, 2015 at Arlebury Park, Lower Meeting Room.		Page 55
Present:	Cllr.S.Kerr-Smiley (Chair), L.Griffiths, M.Power, A.Saunders, E.Jeffs, B.Gower.	
Apologies:	Cllr.S.Pinch, B.Jeffs.	
Membership:	Cllrs: - S.Kerr-Smiley, B.Jeffs, E.Jeffs, L.Griffiths, S.Pinch, A.Saunders.	
426	Declaration of Interests – Cllr. Power has a declaration of interest as A WCC in reference Alresford Dog waste bins.	
427	Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd September 2015 Proposed: Cllr.M.Power Seconded: Cllr S.Kerr-Smiley (AGREED)	
428	Public Participation: Mr. J.Skyrme reported to the committee that he has encountered abusive language from cyclists whilst walking on the river path which is for pedestrian use only. He indicated that there are often groups of cyclists using the path and that they may possibly be members of a local club. Mr. Bailey reinforced this issue and suggested that the ‘no cycling’ signage on the path is not clearly positioned, especially from the stretch that runs from the bottom of the Dean to the Eel House. The clerk will inform PCSO Rhys Griffiths the times of day when cyclists have been spotted. In addition it will be publicized in the Forum and on the Natc website that the river path is a pedestrian footpath. The current signage will be photographed and a second request for new signage will be put into HCC.	Clerk SKS clerk
429	Finance It was reported that the budget is likely to exceed the limit of £11,800 set for 2015/16 in view of the fact that The Town Council has an outstanding dispute over the cost of emptying dog bins with WCC.	
430	Allotments Update: Natc removed a tree from plot 1 which was causing too much shade. John Cattle is approaching the land agent for Tichborne Estates to see if they will consider leasing more land for allotment use as there continues to be a long wait list. Cllr.S.Kerr-Smiley carries out regular visits to the allotments to review condition and maintenance.	
431	West Street Improvements The Committee agreed that a style for West Street should be established in that there are ad hoc railings, signage and aged bus shelters alongside the new improvements at the lower end. It was also noted that a lot of the pavement is weedy and therefore has an unkempt look. HCC to be contacted to weed kill in May and July 2016 and thereafter. An informal meeting should be arranged in 2016 with Jan Field of the Alresford Society to discuss an improvements list for West Street.	clerk clerk
432	The Soke. On 23 rd September there was a meeting with Bakkavor Salads, MP Steven Brine, Cllr E.Jeffs, J.Porter and Jan Field from the Alresford Society. They gave a short presentation of how the Company and their lorries operate. Interestingly only 25% of the heavy traffic recorded through Alresford is represented by Alresford salads. The remainder of the HGV traffic goes on through toward Basingstoke. Cllr J.Porter is pushing for a traffic survey to be carried out.	
433	Waste Bins/ Dog Bins Natc need to write to WCC to request a delivery date for new waste bins for the town. Following this it is hoped to settle the dispute over dog waste invoices for 2014/2015.	clerk
434	Footpaths The Committee suggested that the Alresford footpath map should be put on the website. Between Culley View and Jacklyns Lane the footpath is blocked by a landowner’s fence. The Committee request that a letter is written requesting him to remove it.	clerk/BG clerk
435	Balloon Launches The committee does not support the releasing of sky lanterns and massed balloon launches from Natc land and premises and this will be discussed at the next Recreation committee meeting. Resolution: There should be an update of the terms and conditions for hiring Natc recreation grounds clearly stating what activities are allowed. Proposed: Cllr M.Power Seconded: Cllr E.Jeffs Agreed	
436	The Avenue Grass Cutting The Committee does not support to undertake the financial commitment of grass cutting on the Avenue having reviewed the costs to date but would encourage parties to put their applications to full council.	
437	The Dean Cllr S.Kerr-Smiley will be working on the idea of local companies donating towards the installation of benches in The Dean.	
438	Traffic Management On 22 nd October Andy Smith (Traffic management South)came to Natc to meet with the Environment Committee and look at speeding issues in East Street and Jacklyns Lane. He agreed that speed limits need to be reduced going out of East Street toward Bishops Sutton and will add this to his list. Additionally he thought there should be improved signage here. Regarding Jacklyns	

	Lane, he pointed out that all the correct signage is in place but a clearer larger sign near the bridge would be helpful. The Committee would like a list of all the SLR camera locations and that the results should be printed in the Forum every 6months.	<i>clerk</i>
439	Perins coach parking on The Avenue The Chairman will confer with the Town Clerk on this matter.	
440	Webpage This is now live and will be continually updated.	
	Meeting closed at 21.00pm Date of next meeting: 3rd February 2016	
	Chairman's signature.....Date.....	