



New Alresford Town Council

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FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Town Council Offices, Alresford

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Power	✓		
Cllr Deeming	✓		
Cllr Evans	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith	✓		
Cllr E Jeffs	✓		
Cllr B Jeffs	✓		
Cllr Spencer	✓		
Cllr Sprott	✓		
Cllr Witchard	✓		
Cllr Pinch		✓	

Also present: Frances Simpson- Committee Clerk and County Councillor Jackie Porter

- 3752 To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pinch
- 3753 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Item**
There were no declarations of interest relevant to the agenda
- 3754 To receive the Minutes of Full Council meeting on 20th March 2018**
The minutes of Full Council Meeting on 20th March 2018 were received and approved as a true record of the meeting with the following amendment to item number 'The Town Trust request for a grant to help with Avenue Tree work and Avenue grass cutting.
Cllr Sprott declared an interest as a member of the Town trust. It was agreed that the Town Council would offer £625 to the Town Trust towards grass cutting from the 2018/19 budget.
Proposed: B. Jeffs Seconded: E. Jeffs AGREED
It was agreed that NATC would offer £2000 from 2018/19 budget to the Town Trust towards tree work on the Avenue.
Proposed: M. Power Seconded: E. Jeffs AGREED
- 3755 Public participation**
members of the public to make statements or ask questions on items on the agenda or on other items relevant to the Town to which an answer will be given, or if necessary a written reply will follow or the questioner will be informed of the appropriate contact details. Each person is limited

to 3 minutes and the total amount of time set aside will be 15 minutes.

There were four members of the public who spoke at the meeting.

A Resident suggested he would like a meeting with NATC on behalf of ATFC, the rugby club, the pop-up bar facility and a lady who has proposed to set up a part-time café in the ARC building. It was suggested and agreed that there should be a public meeting with proper notice given for this. To be set up and held by Recreation and Environment Committee.

A Resident updated the council that there had been a public meeting in Alresford regarding the quality of water in the River Arle and a subsequent follow-up meeting with water specialists, ecologists, river keepers and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust representatives. They came to three conclusions: there should be water quality testing, an educational programme and thirdly potential restoration of Alresford Pond.

A Resident gave a resume of why he would like to apply for the vacancy of Councillor. He has lived in Alresford for more than 40 years. He had been a previous councillor involved in the original setting up of Arlebury Park, had worked with the football foundation to help obtain grants for the rebuilt facilities. He was involved as a youth football trainer.

A Resident also gave a resume of why he would like to apply for the vacancy of Councillor. He has lived in Alresford for 21 years working as a chartered engineer and project manager. Now that he has taken early retirement he would be interested in being a town councillor.

Cllr Jackie Porter Referred to her monthly report and updated the council that the 40mph for the Cart & Horses at Kingsworthy had come through. The Countryside department had reported that they will devote one and a half people to work on the Millennium Trail project. However, this will only happen in an 8-week period during September, October and November as agreed with EA for each 10 meters stretch of the trail. The trail in its entirety is 170 meters.

3756 To note any correspondence received

A letter from Steve Brine MP was noted.

3757 To consider any matters arising not covered on the agenda elsewhere

Firstly, the chairman announced that the new website was moving forward and that new Councillor email addresses would be part of this progression.

The MOU between the AMF and NATC still has some ambiguities which are being resolved. It was agreed by all councillors that for 2019 a template for all users of the Arlebury Park site should be constructed and put into place. Procedural advice from the town clerk and independent legal advice must be sought in future. This needs to be costed and to go to the next town council meeting for discussion. Cllr Spratt offered to help the Chairman with this.

Regarding Finance Cllr Power said NATC should put a note on all items that deviated by 10% from the budget. There was an underspend of £85,000 that needed to be accounted for.

Regarding the Avenue paths the Chairman will approach Mr Bridges to ask if he would be available with his digger to do the work on the Avenue footpaths. The spend for this has previously been agreed and would now be brought into the current year's budget.

The current situation regarding no.2 East Street, (the former Barclays Bank building) is that following the Bank's decision to sell the freehold interest, with the benefit of a lease to themselves the property is now subject to more than one lease. The repairing obligations are therefore shared and need to follow a process prescribed by the Landlord and Tenant Act. We are advised that that the Landlords have now served the required notices to enable the refurbishment programme to proceed.

Cllr Spencer will put a note in the Form magazine so that residents are aware.

Cllr Spratt has written a draft letter to Cllr Perry regarding the Western Approach to New Alresford-B3047, The Avenue and Winchester Road. There will be an amendment to this letter to read 'the Town Council has resolved to consider a substantial contribution from reserves as its contribution towards the project. The letter was agreed to be despatched, signed by the chairman and copy to Steve Brine MP and noted in the Forum magazine.

Cllr B. Jeffs pointed out that the convention over the past 18 years had been to hold co-options in the public part of the meeting not the exempt session. Cllr B Jeffs was unhappy with this diversion. The AMF/NATC MOU It was noted that clarification of charges to AMF charges will be in line with the published list of fees.

3758 To note the current financial situation

The current financial situation was noted and agreed.

3759 To receive and approve the list of payments

The list of payments was approved for payment.

Proposed: Cllr Power Seconded: Cllr Deeming AGREED

3760 To endorse amendments to MOU to be the organisation that will be running the Music Festival 2018

A resolution was put forward that on the basis that as this is the first year that both parties have used a MOU, and both have agreed that published charges for the building will be applied, for this year there will be no charge made for the recreation ground at Arlebury Park.

Proposed: Cllr Spencer Seconded: Cllr Sprott 7 in favour 2 abstained.

3761 To endorse Claygate as the website model (tabs to be as current website). This was agreed.

3762 To finalise the agenda of the Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday 9th May 2018

There was a suggestion that a PCSO should be invited to address the Council and public at the next meeting on local policing and suggest ways in which the community could work together. This was agreed that this should take place before public participation for the duration of 3-5 minutes.

Cllr Evans agreed to speak at this meeting on Facilities.

3762 To note the minutes of the following committees and ratify the resolutions therein

Planning- 3rd April 2018. These minutes were noted by the committee.

3763 To note interest that has been recorded in providing café facilities on the first floor of the Recreation Building and for the Council to decide if it wishes a small group of Councillors to undertake initial discussions.

This item was deferred until the next council meeting.

3764 Resolution: NATC are willing in principle to consider a contribution top traffic management measure from CIL receipts if they make a significant contribution to road safety.

Proposed: Cllr Sprott Seconded: Cllr Power AGREED

3765 Resolution: NATC to identify lead councillors for the following major projects: the lead councillor is responsible for working with staff to ensure resolutions brought to council include all the information necessary to make decisions, a clear risk/cost/benefit analysis; and a draft project plan.

GDPR; Alresford Music Festival; ARC refurbishment; Stratton Bates works.

Cllr Witchard volunteered to lead AMF, Cllr Spencer ARC refurbishment, Cllr Deeming Stratton Bates and Cllr Evans the website.

3766 Resolution: NATC to identify lead councillors for all future resolutions-to enable staff to have a first point of reference should difficulties arise.

This was agreed.

3767 To note Reports from outside bodies.

The reports were noted.

3768 To confirm date of next meeting as 15th May 2018

The date of the Annual Town Meeting was confirmed to be 9th May and 15th May 2018 as the AGM and Full Council

3769 Exempt Meeting resolution: To exclude Public and Press in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 S100A

There being no further business this meeting closed and moved onto the exempt meeting.

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