



# New Alresford Town Council

Alresford Recreation Centre, The Avenue, Alresford, Hants, SO24 9EP

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**Minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Alresford Recreation Centre, The Avenue, Alresford, SO24 9EP, on Tuesday 16 July 2019 commencing at 7.30pm**

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Sprott (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Byrne	✓		
Cllr Bean	✓		
Cllr Cavell	✓		
Cllr Divall	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith	✓		
Cllr Griffiths		✓	
Cllr B Jeffs	✓		
Mr Lewis (Tennis Club)	✓		
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)		✓	
Mr Walshe (ATFC)		✓	
Mr Weston (ARFC)	✓		

**ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public, Sarah Johnson - Deputy Clerk**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

**R19/072 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Griffiths, Mr Walshe and Mr Ramseyer.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 s85)

**R19/073 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

**R19/074 TO APPROVE DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

The Clerk advised that nothing was received for this meeting.

**R19/075 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON ISSUES NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA. EACH PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK WILL BE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF THREE MINUTES.**

One member of the public spoke about the Council's allotment provision. He enquired whether the Town Council:

- had heard back from Tichborne Estates about their ability to offer additional allotment sites to the Town.

- could contact Cheriton Parish Council to enquire about their allotment provision.
- could provide a strimmer at the Allotment Site.

He also highlighted a successful Town Litter scheme operating in Walton on Thames.

**R19/076**

**TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 JUNE 2019**

**RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 following agreed amendments.**

**R19/077**

**TO RECEIVE SPORTS CLUB UPDATES**

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

**Alresford Rugby Football Club**

- Pre-season training is going well however Perins pitches are no longer in a good state to be used.
- ARFC would like temporary flood lighting, that will light the lower pitch from mid-September until mid-March.
- ARFC are also seeking to install a small container on the pitch.
- Consultation with residents will be undertaken via door knocking and leaflets.
- ARFC will seek planning permission and raise funds.
- A demonstration of proposed temporary floodlights for the rugby pitches will be provided to the Committee Members.

**Recommendation 1:** To contact ARFC to arrange a suitable date/time for temporary floodlight demonstration.

**Alresford Tennis Club**

- The new path from the car park to the courts has been installed along with posts, to ensure vehicles don't park there.
- The beech saplings provided by the Council are progressing well and being maintained by the Club.
- The Tennis Club enquired whether cutting the beech hedge could be included as part of the new grounds maintenance contract from March 2020.
- The floodlights have all been recently replaced.

**Recommendation 1:** Maintenance of the hedge will be raised as part of a future agenda item concerning the new grounds maintenance contract.

**Alresford Youth Football Club**

- Around 270 boys and girls are registered, with the expectation that this number will increase nearer the start of the football season. This is a record for the club.
- The Wildcats Centre has begun on Saturday morning at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground, with the support of Hampshire FA. Around 30 girls are attending each week. As a result of this AYFC are adding two further girls teams to the Hampshire girls league, bringing the total number of teams across the club to a record 19.

- R19/078**      **RECEIVE AND REVIEW COMMITTEE BUDGET**  
The budget was received.
- R19/079**      **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE QUOTE FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND**  
One quote was received. This was for three days consultation, two and a half days developing a vision for the space and outline design brief, and 1 day implementation planning.  
A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.  
**RESOLVED: That two additional quotes be obtained for the next Recreation and Environment Committee meeting.**
- R19/080**      **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE QUOTE FOR WILDFLOWER TURF – ARLEBURY PARK**  
A quote for £840 was received for preparing the site, maintaining until September and then laying 60 metres squared of wildflower turf at Arlebury Park.  
A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.  
**RESOLVED: To approve the quote, subject to confirmation that the manure in the soil will not pose a problem for establishing wildflowers.**
- R19/081**      **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE QUOTES FOR CAR PARK EXTENSION – STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND**  
Three quotes were received. One quote was incomplete.  
A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.  
**RESOLVED To approve the quote for £19,832 and request approval from Full Council Town Council at the next meeting.**
- R19/082**      **TO REVIEW AND APPROVE LOCATIONS FOR NEW BIKE STANDS**  
A discussion ensued around the most appropriate locations for bike stands on West Street, Broad Street, The Dean and at Arlebury Park. The Sheffield style of bike rack was preferred by Councillors.  
The Committee were advised that the Principal Engineer at Hampshire County Council has granted approval for two locations on Broad Street and two locations on West Street, subject to the Contractor applying for a S171 license prior to installation.  
A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.  
**RESOLVED: For Councillors to consider specific locations for bike stands for approval at the next meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee.**  
**Recommendation 1:** Cllr Gordon Smith will draw a scale drawing of locations on West Street and Broad Street.  
**Recommendation 2:** To investigate costs of Sheffield bike stands.  
**Recommendation 3:** To identify the scope for bike racks at the new carpark on The Dean.
- R19/083**      **TO REVISE THE FREQUENCY OF MOVING THE SPEED LIMIT REMINDER DEVICE**  
Committee were advised that the new Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) device is now operating in the Town.  
Committee were advised that reducing the frequency of relocating the SLR from fortnightly to monthly would help ensure drivers get used to driving at a particular speed and improve the quality of data collected.  
A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To revise the frequency of moving the SLR's from fortnightly to monthly.**

**Recommendation 1:** To circulate amongst the Committee the document of data produced by the SLR, prepared by Cllr Sprott.

**R19/084**      **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To approve the Environmental Statement, subject to amendments agreed by the Committee, and recommend it for approval at the next Full Town Council meeting.**

**R19/085**      **TO PREPARE 5 YEAR PLAN FOR RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE SHORT TERM AND MEDIUM TERM PROJECTS**

Projects confirmed in the short term for inclusion in the 5-year plan are the skatepark extension at Arlebury Park, wildflower meadow at Arlebury Park, car park extension at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground and tree work at Memorial Gardens. For the medium term the confirmed project is the redevelopment of Stratton Bates Recreation Ground.

The Committee discussed a range of other potential projects to be included in a 5-year plan.

**Recommendation 1:** To draw up a 5-year plan for approval at the next Recreation and Environment meeting.

**R19/086**      **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE SEAT TO BE INSTALLED AT BUS STOP ON JACKLYN'S LANE ALONG SALISBURY ROAD**

A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To approve the installation of a seat at the bus stop on Jacklyn's Lane along Salisbury Road**

At 10:00 Standing Orders were suspended.

**R19/087**      **TO REVISE WATER MANAGEMENT AT SPRING LANE ALLOTMENTS**

A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To defer this item to the next meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee**

**Recommendation 1:** To gather additional actual readings for water use at the site.

**R19/088**      **TO AGREE AND APPROVE LOCATION FOR 'HAPPY TO CHAT' BENCH**

A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To approve having Happy To Chat bench/s in Alresford and for Councillors to identify their preferred locations for the next meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee.**

**R19/089**      **TO REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE – RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (DEFERRED AGENDA ITEM R19/056)**

A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To defer this item to the next meeting.**

**R19/090**

**REPORTS AND ISSUES - FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

- I. Lengthsman – visited 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – cut back vegetation on Grange Road and cleared footpath from New farm Road.
  - II. Bollards on Stratton Bates Recreation Ground car park have been installed.
  - III. Ongoing communication with Hampshire Playing Fields Association and Winchester City Council about potential Park Run in Alresford.
  - IV. Letter received from Sun Hill Infants School about litter picking idea.
  - V. To promote New Alresford Town Council's support for Sports Clubs.
- These were noted by the Committee.

The meeting closed at 22:25

The next meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30.