

NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Environment Committee

**Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 3rd February 2016
at Arlebury Park, Lower Meeting Room.**

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Present:	Cllr.S.Kerr-Smiley (Chair), B.Jeffs, E.Jeffs, L.Griffiths, S.Pinch, A.Saunders. Jan Field, Russell Gordon-Smith (Alresford Society)	
Apologies:	None	
Membership:	Cllrs: - S.Kerr-Smiley, B Jeffs, E.Jeffs, L.Griffiths, S.Pinch, A.Saunders.	
441	Declaration of Interests – Cllr M.Power as a Winchester City councilor regarding dog bins.	
442	Minutes of Meeting held on 28th October 2016 Proposed: Cllr M.Power Seconded: Cllr L.Griffiths (AGREED)	
443	Public Participation: Jan Field from the Alresford Society explained that Russell Gordon-Smith had done a lot of work on the original plans for West Street some 9-10 years ago. HCC gave the Society a grant of £5000 towards West Street Improvements and this is being earmarked for possible railings on top of a low wall from the Old Post Office to Pleasant House.	
444	Finance: Environment is over budget due partly to costs of grass cutting taken on from Recreation and a willow tree at Spring Gardens which natc were instructed to fell by HCC.	
445	West Street: Charlotte Smith (Landscape architect from HCC) has written to natc asking for a donation towards the cost of a planter for the junction of West Street and Jacklyns Lane. They have a quote of £4,468.35 for the planter and £3,502.97 for the supply and maintenance of a tree and shrubs/perennials. HCC would like to hand over the maintenance of the above to natc after one year. Resolution: Natc to reply to Charlotte Smith copying in Jackie Porter and Alresford Society explaining that we would like to source our own container and planting for this area of West Street. Proposed: Cllr S.Kerr-Smiley Seconded: Cllr M.Power (AGREED)	<i>Clerk</i>
445.1	Russell Gordon-Smith showed the committee various large detailed plans of his original work regarding West Street. He explained that in the area of the Fish & Chip shop the railings run at an angle therefore omitting large area of pavement. He suggested a low brick wall with simple railings on top, which would allow more pavement area, to run from the area of the Old Post office to Pleasant House. HCC will have up to date costings of materials and labour and he will endeavor to obtain these. Resolution: Natc to ask Hampshire Highways if they can give us current costings to do such a project. Proposed: Cllr S.Kerr-Smiley Seconded: Cllr.M.Power (AGREED) Resolution: To ask the Alresford Society and colleagues to a meeting to discuss the finance of further West Street improvements. Proposed: Cllr S.Kerr-Smiley Seconded: Cllr. M.Power (AGREED)	
446	Litter:	<i>.B.Jeffs</i> <i>Clerk</i> <i>Clerk</i> <i>Clerk</i>
446.1	The Environment Committee would like to support the National litter pick campaign ‘clean for the Queen’. Cllr.B.Jeffs offered to organize the event for Alresford. Clerk to register natc interest with WCC and write to various groups and societies. The event should be advertised in The Forum and Facebook.	
446.2	Litter around the town is worsening. Mr Jones at Perins to be contacted & offer that a Councillor could stand up in assembly and talk about litter. Also ask him if a team of students would like to volunteer and come on the litter pick day for the Queen. Bill Rushton litter picks for natc. Clerk to contact him and ascertain his area with the view of re-evaluating it.	
446.3	The closure of Prospect road Tip was discussed. Resolution: Environment Committee is opposed to the prospective closure of the Prospect Road Tip and will take this recommendation to Full Town Council. Proposed: Cllr S.Kerr-Smiley Seconded: Cllr M.Power (AGREED)	
447	Waste and Dog Bins:	<i>clerk</i> <i>E.Jeffs</i>
447.1	Jayne Chapman has produced a comprehensive action plan against dog fouling. She has installed metal clipboards with posters informing the public about the dangers of dog fouling including the details of neosporosis, sacocystosis and toxocariasis. The junior football club has produced a photograph showing what can happen if you get these infections. Along with various other incentives she has had excellent results. The committee would like to install similar clipboards around the town especially at the recreation grounds warning the public of the dangers. Clerk to establish the costs of similar clipboards for Alresford.	
447.2	Natc has an outstanding bill from WCC of around £5000 for the emptying of dog bins. This must be resolved soon. Resolution: Cllr.E.Jeffs is planning to meet with Environmental Health at Winchester and make an offer to pay half this amount on behalf of natc and request that the red dog waste bins be removed. Also a request for an additional bin at Benenden Green will be made. Proposed: Cllr E.Jeffs Seconded: Cllr S.Kerr-Smiley (AGREED)	

448	<p>Footpaths Cycling on the riverside footpath continues to upset pedestrians so natc have decided to produce their own signage. Clerk to ask the countryside department if cycles can go on footpaths. It was mentioned that a kissing gate could be installed however the Drove Lane end of the path crosses onto 'Old Alresford' so they should be consulted if this were to happen.</p>	clerk
449	<p>Bench project in The Dean There are two businesses that are keen to contribute to a new bench in The Dean. It is yet to be decided where to position the bench and the clerk to obtain 3 quotes including a litter bin. When this is ascertained residents should be informed.</p>	clerk
450	<p>Allotments All the plots are full at the moment and the chairman will make a visit next week to view their condition. A recent tree cut at the allotments has eaten into the budget but was necessary as its interior was rotten.</p>	
451	<p>Perins Coach Parking The school coaches have a predicament parking in the correct bays within the car park and have been parking on the Avenue as an alternative which is dangerous. Mr. S.Jones the head of Perins has a plan in hand that when the new hall building is completed, pupils will be held in groups and released coach at a time.</p>	
452	<p>SLR The speed camera continues to rotate positions on a fortnightly basis. It was suggested that a new position on Sun Lane should be added in the vicinity of Appledown.</p>	clerk
453 453.1 453.2	<p>Tree Cutting There is concern that there is tree overgrowth on the railway cutting between New Farm road and Bridge Road. Cllr Kerr-Smilely will contact Steve Opacic to ascertain the owner. Natc has had a request to cut trees near the pumping station and 70 de Lucy Avenue. Clerk to contact Town Trust to ask if these trees are their responsibility.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed: 21.15pm</p>	<p>Next meeting: 25th May 2016</p>
	<p>Chairman's signature.....</p>	<p>Date.....</p>