



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Bean (Vice-Chair) (AB)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (MB)	✓		
Cllr Cavell (SJC)	✓		
Cllr Evans (SE)	✓		
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
Cllr Sprott (AS)	✓		
Cllr Weston (MW)	✓		

IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Predeth - Locum Clerk, Sarah Johnson - Deputy Clerk and one member of the public

23/001 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor Michael Byrne as Chair of Council for the 2023/24 municipal year

23/002 DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

The Chair signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of all and this was counter signed by the proper officer.

23/003 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Councillors Gordon-Smith, Issacs and Power, and County Councillor Porter.

23/004 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Nothing received.

23/005 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25th April 2023, subject to checking the minute in relation to CIL applications.

23/006 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor Ann Bean as Vice-Chair of Council for the 2023/24 municipal year

23/007 CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The new Chair expressed thanks to the outgoing Chair Councillor Weston for her dedication and hard work over the last few years. The Chair said that he is looking forward to the year ahead. As well as chairing Council meetings he will represent the Council in public when required. The Chair explicitly requested that at meetings Councillors raise their hands when they wish to speak.

23/008 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No reports

23/009 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of public expressed concern that the Council had resolved to provide financial support to the Coronation celebration event organised by the Watercross Line. He also highlighted that mowing has become an issue at the allotments since it was identified by the Council that tenants shouldn't be using the communal mower due to a lack of suitable insurance. The Council contractors are now cutting the main paths, but this has not helped with the smaller paths between plots. He understood that the Council has advised the Allotment Committee with regards to suitable public liability insurance that they may wish to purchase.

23/010 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

RESOLVED:

To elect Councillor Bean as Chair of Planning Committee and Councillor Jeffs as Vice Chair

To elect Councillor Sprott as Chair of Community and Open Spaces Committee and Cllr Cavell as Vice Chair

To elect Councillor Evans as Chair of Operations and Resources Committee

Membership of Committees:

Planning Committee – Councillors Bean, Byrne, Jeffs, Sprott and Weston

Community and Open Space Committee – Councillors Bean, Byrne, Cavell, Jeffs and Sprott

Operation and Resources Committee – Councillors Evans, Jeffs and Weston

23/011 REVIEW COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

23/012 REVIEW STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

A review of Standing Orders was deferred to the next meeting.

A review of Financial Regulations was deferred to the next meeting of the Operations and Resources Committee and will then be brought back to Council for approval.

23/013 SCHEME OF DELEGATION

A Scheme of delegation should mirror the levels of authority to spend in Financial Regulations. This item was therefore also deferred to the next meeting of the Operations and Resources Committee and will then be brought back to Council for approval.

23/014 MEETING DATES FOR 23/24

A draft schedule of meeting dates for 23/24 was reviewed. Changing the start time of meetings to earlier in the evening was suggested. Council discussed that it would be better to consider any changes to dates and times of meetings after the potential co-option of additional Councillors at the Council meeting on 20th June.

23/015 WORKING GROUPS

The Council confirmed two Working Groups:
Neighbourhood Plan Action Group – continue to meet monthly.
Football Working group

Cllr Bean highlighted that NPAG is not a typical Working Group, rather it is a resident led Action Group.

23/016 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED: To approve the list of regular payments for 23/24

23/017 COMPLAINTS POLICY

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

23/018 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

RESOLVED: To approve holding a Neighbourhood Plan Community Engagement Day at The Swan on Thursday 29th June at a cost of up to £500

23/019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: The Town Council may 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)*)

23/020 LAND REGISTRY

The Council have received correspondence from the Land Registry about a small area of land at Arlebury Park.

23/021 QUOTATIONS

Members considered flooring designs alongside 3 quotations to lay new flooring in the foyer area of the ARC.

Councillors agreed that they would like to consider refurbishment of the entrance hall as a whole to include painting, new doors etc. The item on flooring was therefore not progressed at this time.

The meeting closed at 20:32.

Chairman

Date: