



NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Property Committee held on Tuesday 30 September 2025 commencing at 7.00pm

Name	Present	Apologies
Cllr Byrne	✓	
Cllr Bean	✓	
Cllr Dakin		✓
Cllr Evans (Chair)	✓	
Cllr Flood	✓	
Cllr Jeffs	✓	
Cllr Jones	✓	
Cllr Sprott		✓
Cllr Weston	✓	

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Johnson (Deputy Clerk) and three members of public

PR25/030 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Cllr Dakin and Sprott

PR25/031 **INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Non-registerable interest - Cllr Weston in The Arlebury lease

Non- registerable interest – Cllr Byrne in Goalposts, Stratton Bates

PR25/032 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public spoke to support the table tennis project, and his support in general for activities suitable for teenagers in Alresford. He is a regular user of the outdoor gym and thanked the Council for installing it, he would like to see it used by more people. He also highlighted the volunteer work he does clearing leaves along the paths in Arlebury Park. The Committee expressed their gratitude. Supported by Council officers, he is looking to gather a group of volunteers who might be interested in in helping with this work, along with other activities in the park.

A representative from Alresford Youth Football Club spoke about the Club's proposal to the Council to remove the four goalposts at Stratton Bates and replace with movable goals that would be bought out for matches and training. Moveable goals would limit the damage to the goal mouths, and the extensive maintenance that the youth football volunteers undertake each year to rectify them. The Club suggest installing two permanent youth sized goal posts (good size for a 'kickabout'), between the pavilion and playground at Stratton Bates for community use.

PR25/033 **MINUTES**
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of 8th July 2025

The committee agreed to bring forward the item on Goalposts, Stratton Bates

PR25/034 **GOALPOSTS, STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND (25/032 refers)**
The committee expressed concern about the proposed removal of four permanent goalposts and the potential locating of two new junior goalposts on a smaller area of land running along the road. They accepted that the goalposts at Stratton Bates are old, and the maintenance requirements for the goalmouths are high.
The committee requested Alresford Youth Football Club submit an updated proposal with greater clarification, for them to consider.

Cllr Byrne left the meeting at 19:25

PR25/035 **REPAINTING PLAY EQUIPMENT**
The committee reviewed the quotes.
RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Smith Decorating for £5015 to repaint the play equipment and fencing at Sun Hill Recreation ground playground and Arlebury Park playground

PR25/036 **BOAT, ARLEBURY PARK PLAYGROUND**
The boat at Arlebury Park playground is rotten. The committee reviewed quotes to replace it.
RESOLVED: To recommend to Council they approve the quote from Playsafe Playgrounds for a Robinia Roleplay Skiff boat, at a cost of £10,969

PR25/037 **TABLE TENNIS TABLE, ARLEBURY PARK (PR25/025 REFERS)**
The committee considered potential locations and different materials for a table tennis table. This is following requests from members of the public.
RESOLVED: To approve purchasing the Rotterdam table tennis table in green from Redlynch leisure, at a cost of £3975 (plus small additional extra for rounded corners) and locating it next to the outdoor gym at Arlebury Park

PR25/038 **STRATTON BATES PLAYGROUND MOUND**
The Clerk advised that the mound is being eroded. The Play Inspection Company have been appointed to provide a report on what could be done to address the issue, while ensuring compliance with the safety requirements of the current equipment. This may involve installing steps to ascend the mound in the first instance. The Clerk will share findings of the report once it has been received.

PR25/039 **ALLOTMENTS**
RESOLVED: To change Rule 8 on 'Fruit trees and cages' to allow plot holders to install polytunnels to a maximum size

Cllr Jeffs left the meeting at 19:40

- PR25/040** **TREE WORKS, ARLEBURY PARK**
RESOLVED: To approve scope of works provided by a tree surgeon for the tree behind Pound Hill in Arlebury Park, following a request from the resident. The resident will be asked to pay for the works.
- PR25/041** **BENCHES, MEMORIAL GARDENS**
The committee considered options to refurbish the four benches outside the pavilion at Memorial Gardens with either wooden or recycled slats.
RESOLVED: To approve refurbishing the four benches not under the pavilion at Memorial Gardens with wooden slats and investigating the cost of staining and installing the slats and confirming if they would be hard or soft wood.
- PR25/042** **BENCHES, ARLEBURY PARK**
Cllr Flood shared a plan of Arlebury Park with five suggested locations for potential new picnic benches, along with a range of picnic bench styles. These were considered by Committee.
The Committee would like to explore all five potential locations and two of the more robust styles of picnic benches. Cllr Flood agreed to obtain quotes.
- PR25/043** **BENCH, STRATTON BATES**
The Committee have received a request for a memorial bench in Stratton Bates Recreation Ground
RESOLVED: To develop a Memorial Bench policy for consideration by Council
- PR25/044** **SUGGESTED SKATEPARK IMPORVEMENTS**
The Clerk advised that suggested improvements for making the skatepark more suitable for beginners had been submitted to the Council by a member of public. The Clerk suggested that this may be a suitable project for a CIL application to Winchester City Council.
The Committee felt there would not be sufficient utilisation of an extended/ new skatepark and the suggestion from the Clerk to put in a CIL application was not supported.
- PR25/045** **WATER MAINTENANCE**
RESOLVED: To approve the contract from WCS to £3734.20 for legionella control at Alresford Recreation centre, Stratton bates pavilion and the Allotments for 1st November to 31st October 2026
- Cllr Flood left the meeting at 20:30
- PR25/046** **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**
RESOLVED: The Town Council exercise their right to exclude the public and press 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)*).
- PR25/047** **ARLEBURY LEASE**
RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Bean to The Arlebury lease negotiation team
- The meeting finished at 20:40