



# NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held at Alresford Recreation Centre on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 commencing at 7.00pm**

Name	Present	Apologies
Cllr Bean	✓	
1Cllr Evans	✓	
Cllr Flood	✓	
Cllr Harrison Clow	✓	
Cllr Jeffs	✓	
Cllr Jones	✓	
Cllr Lipton	✓	
Cllr Sprott	✓	
Cllr Weston	✓	

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Richard Doughty (Clerk) Sarah Johnson (Deputy Clerk) and 8 members of the public

**25/132 RESOLVED:** To appoint Councillor Bean to preside over the next three items on the agenda

**25/133 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received

**25/134 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

- a. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Declarations of Other Registerable Interests (ORIs), and Declarations of Non-Registerable Interests (NRIs)  
None
- b. To confirm any Dispensations  
None

**25/135 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED:** To elect Cllr Evans as Chair of the Council

Chairman .....

Date: .....

Cllr Evans signed the Acceptance of Office

**25/136 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**25/137 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

a. Members of the Public

A member of the public spoke about the poor state of the paving slabs in the town centre, particularly in front of Hobby Horse, where a family member had recently tripped. He acknowledged the Town Council are not responsible for maintaining Highways, but requested the issue be reported to Hampshire Highways.

The Chair confirmed that the incident will be reported to Hampshire Highways

A member of the public asked a question on the next stage for the Neighbourhood Plan and what groups had been dissolved. It was confirmed that the Housing and Policy Working groups had been dissolved and there would be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council focusing on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Two members of public raised a concern about the Council's response to a Decision Notice to the Council from the Information Commissioners Office.

b. Members of the Council

None

**25/138 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The reports were noted.

**25/139 FINANCE**

- a. **RESOLVED:** To authorise the payments for January 2026
- b. The Interim Internal Audit Report for 2025/26 was noted, and the office staff thanked for their work which has ensured 'systems and procedures are fit for purpose.'
- c. **RESOLVED:** To approve Cllr Bean, Evans and Weston as signatories for the Unity and Redwood bank accounts
- d. **RESOLVED:** To adopt the Information Technology policy, subject to the agreed amendments
- e. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Asset Register for 2025/26
- f. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Financial Risk Register for 2025/26

Chairman .....

Date: .....

**25/140 PROPERTY**

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve the quote from Marlowe Environment Services (WCS) for £2997.80, for remedial plumbing works at Alresford Recreation Centre following the Legionella Control risk assessment
- b. **RESOLVED:** To approve the use of Arlebury Park on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June for the Alresford Rotary 10k race, and for the temporary toilets to be located on the grass verge near the flint wall, before the tennis courts
- c. **RESOLVED:** To approve the use of Arlebury Park on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November for the Alresford Rotary Fireworks Night.
- d. The Council considered three quotes for the three-year grass cutting and grounds maintenance contract.  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the quote from Scandor for a three-year grass cutting and ground maintenance contract, at a cost of £14,852.81 per year

**25/141 COMMUNITY**

- a. **RESOLVED:** To accept £1500 from Metis Homes for a board at the new car park on The Dean as part of the Millennium Boards project
- b. **RESOLVED:** To transfer the donation of £1500 from Metis Homes to the Millennium Board project Ear Marked Reserve.

**25/142 PLANNING**

- a. The minutes of the Planning Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 were noted.

**25/143 ARLEBURY PARK EASEMENT DEED**

**RESOLVED:** To defer this item to a future meeting as the final version of the Deed of easement with New Alresford Town Trust has not been received

**RESOLVED:** To defer the item on The Arlebury Lease to an excluded session of the Council Meeting

**25/144 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** To approve Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 as the date for the Annual Town Meeting

**25/145 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).*

Chairman .....

Date: .....

**25/146 THE ARLEBURY LEASE**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the lease with The Arlebury subject to minor amendments

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Standing order 23, the lease shall be executed on behalf of the Council

The meeting ended at 20:31

Chairman .....

Date: .....