



NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of New Alresford Planning & Community Committee held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 commencing at 7.00pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Harrison-Clow (chair)	✓		
Cllr Sprott (AS)	✓		
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)		✓	
Cllr Flood (CF)	✓		
Cllr Jones		✓	
Cllr Lipton	✓		
Cllr Weston (MW)		✓	
Cllr Bean	✓		

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Dalling, Frances Simpson, Claire Boniface-Clerks to the committee.

P26/8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To approve apologies from Cllrs Weston, Jeffs and Jones.

P26/9 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Bean declared an interest in planning application 26/00636/FUL as her home is opposite.

Cllr Harrison-Clow declared an interest planning application 26/01066/HOU.

P26/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Planning and Community meeting held on 2nd June 2026.

Cllr Sprott joined the meeting

P26/11 a. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

b. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Members of the Council who have declared an interest, but do not have a dispensation, may speak on the relevant item for a maximum of five minutes.

Comments on The Old Forge Works / Bennett House proposal

Cllr Bean reminded the Committee that New Alresford Town Council had previously objected to The Old Forge Works, which forms part of the Bennett House proposal, on the grounds of overdevelopment and insufficient parking.

She noted that the current proposal still appears to provide inadequate parking. She suggested that car ports should be considered instead of garages, as garages may be used for storage or other purposes rather than for parking. Cllr Bean also expressed concern that access to the site remains problematic.

Cllr Bean left the room at the relevant time, in line with her declaration of interest and rejoined the meeting for the agenda item about bus shelters.

P26/12

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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Case No: 26/00959/LDP

Location: 1 Covey Way, SO24 9QN

Proposal: Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation.

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for the conversion of an existing integral garage to habitable accommodation, with no enlargement of the dwelling house, relying on permitted development rights.

Comment: The decision regarding this application was made by WCC ahead of this meeting.

Case No: 26/00819/LDP

Location: Derryveagh, Bridge Road, Alresford SO24 9ET

Proposal: To Knock down existing Conservatory and build a single storey extension to the rear of the property 6.8m (width of house) and go out 2.8m

Knock out existing rear wall to open up into extension

Comment: The decision regarding this application was made by WCC ahead of this meeting.

Case No: 26/01066/HOU

Location: 32 Orchard Close, SO24 9PY

Proposal: Single storey side extension.

Comment: The committee would like to seek advice from Hampshire Highways, as it is not clear from the plan how feasible parking and visibility would be.

Case no: 26/01203/TPO

Location: 21 Shepherds Down Alresford Hampshire SO24 9PP

Proposal: G1 Sycamore - Crown lift trees up to 4/5m on branch ends to lift over driveway & footpath. Remove epicormic growth.

Comment: No objection.

Case no: 26/01190/FUL

Location: Bailey House Station Road Alresford Hampshire SO24 9JG

Proposal: Provision of a larger entrance lobby to enable clear emergency services access/egress. Removal of thermally inefficient conservatory to the rear and construction of thermally efficient orangery.

Comment: No objection.

Case no: 26/01207/HOU

Location: Jophelia 11 Haig Road Alresford Hampshire SO24 9LX

Proposal: Regularise erection of 4ft fence with trellis above.

Comment: No objection provided the owner creates openings in the fence to serve as a hedgehog highway, as hedgehogs are common in the area.

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Case no: 26/00636/FUL

Location: Bennett House The Dean Alresford Hampshire

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of the site consisting of 9no. 2 storey dwellings (1no. 2 bed, 8no. 3 bed), 1no. commercial (Class E) unit, plus associated car parking and landscaping.

Comment: Objection.

Presentation and design clarity: The Committee was disappointed that the developer did not attend to present such a significant proposal. A presentation would have helped address the design matters on which New Alresford Town Council requires further clarification.

Parking provision: Hampshire Highways notes that garages are seldom used for parking and are often used for storage or converted for other purposes. The Committee therefore suggests that car ports be provided instead, on the condition that they are retained solely for parking.

Existing parking pressure: Parking in The Dean is already limited, particularly as some on-street spaces have already been lost.

Access and emergency services: The site appears very compact, with difficult access for fire and emergency services, even with the proposed dual access via Huxley Drive.

Drainage: The Committee would also like clarification on Southern Water's concerns regarding drainage.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that this application be referred to the WCC Planning Committee.

26/13

BUS SHELTER

To confirm the grant award and discuss the style of bus shelter to be put forward under Hampshire County Council's Parish Council Bus Shelter Grant Scheme.

RESOLVED: Before deciding on the style of the new bus shelters in West Street, the Clerk to research the location of underground utility services.

26/14

MILLENNIUM BOARD PROJECT

To confirm the membership of the Millennium board's working group.

RESOLVED: To confirm that the working group will consist of Cllrs Weston, Bean,

Lipton, Spratt and Harrison Clow who will progress the project and advise the clerk.

26/15 GRANTS APPLICATIONS

To consider grant application from Friends of Perins (FOP)

RESOLVED: This agenda item will be deferred to the next Town Council meeting on 28th July 2026.

26/16 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

To note that the town clerk has requested that the clerk to the committee research this matter which was raised at the last Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED: The clerk will continue to research EVC charging points for New Alresford.

Meeting closed at 20.18pm

Chairman.....Date.....

DRAFT for Council Approval