



NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held at Alresford Recreation Centre on Tuesday 30th June 2026 commencing at 7.00 pm

Name	Present	Apologies
Cllr Bean	✓	
Cllr Dalling	✓	
Cllr Evans (Chair)	✓	
Cllr Flood	✓	
Cllr Harrison Clow	✓	
Cllr Jeffs		✓
Cllr Jones	✓	
Cllr Lipton	✓	
Cllr Sprott	✓	
Cllr Weston	✓	

IN ATTENDANCE: Nineteen members of the public, County Cllr Porter, City Cllr Pinniger, City Cllr Gordon-Smith and Richard Doughty (Town Clerk)

26/021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To approve apologies from Cllr Jeffs

26/022 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

- To receive Declarations of Interests - None
- To confirm any Dispensations - None

26/023 MINUTES

DEFERRED: To approve the Minutes 14th April 2026, 19th May 2026 and 23rd June 2026.

26/024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the availability and cost of electric vehicle charging. He outlined the challenges for residents that do not have the ability to install vehicle charging points at homes. The Chair suggested that he visit the Council Office to discuss the matter further.

Chairman

Date:

Several members of the public spoke regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. There was emphasis on need for the Council to conclude the plan including the allocation of housing.

A member of the public explained the reasons why they thought the Drove Lane site unsuitable for housing including issues relating to access, water, environment, the cycle plan and proximity to the water meadow.

A member of the public asked about the consultation in the Swan Hotel in November 2024 and the post it notes appended to posters at the event.

A member of the public commented that there did not seem to be any project management methodology applied to the Neighbourhood Plan.

26/025 COUNTY & CITY COUNCILLORS

The Council noted the reports from County and City Councillors.

26/026 GRANTS

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £1,000 to the Watercress Way.

26/027 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a. Project Overview

The Council noted, that having completed Stage 1 (Review and familiarisation), Stage 2 (Evidence, vision and objectives) and Stage 3 (Plan policy writing) with the exception of the Housing Allocation Policy of the Neighbourhood Plan project and recognising that the Plan has now progressed to Stage 4 (Revising and consulting on the Plan) that the primary focus of the project is now the completion, review and consultation of the draft Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan.

b. Recommendations agreed on 14 April 2026

It was noted that the “health check” had been completed; the arrangement with the existing consultant has been exited and that Advisory Committee activity had been paused.

c. Consultancy Costs

The Council noted that it entered into two agreements for planning consultancy support with Troy Planning and Design. The figures of £39,500 and £41,500 mentioned in recent public discussions represented estimated levels of consultant time and resources and were not fixed-price contracts. Actual expenditure under the agreements was based on work undertaken and invoiced and was as follows:

Chairman

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- Agreement 1 – £17,417
- Agreement 2 – £22,436

d. Advisory Committee

DEFERRED: To consider dissolving the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee with immediate effect in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee.

e. Delegation to Town Clerk

DEFERRED: To consider delegating responsibility for administering and progressing the Regulation 14 process to the Town Clerk.

f. Delegation to Councillors

DEFERRED: To consider delegating to Councillors Bean, Dalling, Jeffs and Weston the conduct of business related to the preparation and consultation of the Regulation 14 Plan.

26/028 YOUTH FACILITY PROJECT

a. **RESOLVED:** To approve Invitation to Tender document and Form of tender document regarding installation of a Multi-Use Games Area and Youth Facility/ Seating at Arlebury Park.

b. **RESOLVED:** To approve inviting HAGS UK, Kompan, Playsafe Playgrounds and Sutcliffe Play to participate in a closed tender process in line with Financial Regulation 5.6.

26/029 ARLEBURY BARK EVENT 5TH JULY 2026

RESOLVED: To approve that any money generated via the fun dog classes and agility classes be donated to the chosen charity, Hampshire Paws.

26/030 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED: To approve payments for April 2026.

The meeting was closed at 8.52 pm

Chairman

Date: