



# NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Property Committee held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 commencing at 7.00pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sarah Johnson (Deputy Clerk), Cllr Dalling and two members of the public

**PR26/001**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED:** To accept apologies from Cllrs Bean, Flood, Jeffs, Lipton and Sprott

**PR26/002**      **INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None

**PR26/003**      **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the Property Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

It was agreed to defer Public Participation until later in the meeting and bring forward items on the agenda that don't require a Council decision.

**PR26/004**      **STRATTON BATES MOUND**

The Clerk provided an update on erosion of the mound at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground. The play area has been in for 4 years, and the mound is now eroding. This is in part due to children climbing up the mound, and the soil being dug into as part of play.

The Clerk will obtain quotes/ recommendations regarding covering the mound in an artificial surface.

**PR26/005**      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public queried the accuracy of a minute reference in relation to spending on the installation and purchase of picnic benches at Arlebury Park.

The member of public was advised that the minute reference related to a Town Council meeting rather than Property meeting, which was why the minute number was not sequential.

**PR26/006**

**TREE SURVEYS**

Every two years, the Council commission a survey of all Council owned trees to check on the health of the trees and any potential risks.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the quote from Hampshire Arboriculture Services (Hampshire County Council) for £1024 to conduct trees surveys at Arlebury Park, Stratton Bates Recreation Ground, Sun Hill Recreation Ground and Memorial Gardens

Cllr Dalling asked if the surveyor might be able to recommend spaces for new tree planting in the parks. The Clerk advised that this wasn't part of the commissioned work, but would ask if the surveyor had suggestions as a result of their walkabout.

**PR26/007**

**ROOM HIRE FEES, ALRESFORD RECREATION CENTRE**

The committee noted that the room hire charges for the ground floor meeting room at Alresford Recreation Centre had not increased since 2022 and reviewed a document on charges for comparable sized rooms in local community facilities.

**RESOLVED:** To approve an increase in hire changes for the ground floor meeting room at the ARC to £8p/h (residents and charities), £10p/h (New Alresford commercial and non-residents), £15p/h (commercial)

**PR26/008**

**ALRESFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB REQUESTS**

The committee considered a request to relocate the dug outs on the Senior football pitch at Arlebury Park, to the other side of the pitch away from spectators. The new dug outs would be portable, meaning they could also be used by the Youth football teams on other pitches. They would also be located away from increasingly young spectators (there can be an issue with the use of bad language in the dug outs). Moving the dug outs would also be advantageous when the footpath is narrowed slightly, due to the construction of the Mens Sheds on the boundary with the pitch.

The committee were very concerned to note the extent of bad language used on Council property, and particularly in the vicinity of children.

The Council noted the request for the installation of a French drain, and that this request would be obsolete if the request to relocate dug outs was approved.

The Committee also considered the request to erect a plaque on the rear external wall of Alresford Recreation Centre, in memory of a former manager of ATFC.

**RESOLVED:** To give permission to Alresford Town Football Team to remove the dug outs at the Senior football pitch, and bring in portable dug outs that would be located on the other side of the pitch, and for the Clerk to write to ATFC about serious concerns the Council have with regard to the frequent use of bad language on Council property and particularly in the vicinity of children

**RESOLVED:** To allow the installation of a plaque in memory of a former ATFC manager on the external rear wall of the ARC near the stair case, subject to the committee having sight of the wording on the plaque and that the plaque would be no larger than approximately 15cm x 15 cm (6 inch x 6 inch)

**PR26/009**      **UPDATE ON PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

The Clerk advised the following works had taken place in recent months:  
Arlebury Park – installation of 4 picnic benches and memorial bench, new double zipwire, safety handrail on climbing unit and repainting of play equipment  
Sun Hill Recreation Ground – refurbishment of 4 benches, repainting of play equipment and fencing, and tree work on slope  
Stratton Bates – repainting of car park lines  
Works shortly due to be completed include installation of the mental health awareness bench at Stratton Bates, a new handrail for the steps at Sun Hill Recreation Ground and installation of a temporary volleyball pitch at Arlebury Park

**PR26/010**      **CCTV**

The item on approving installing an additional CCTV camera was deferred pending further investigation.

**PR26/011**      **FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT, ALRESFORD RECREATION CENTRE**

The Chair provided a summary of the fire risk assessment recently completed for the ARC, and advised on the immediate actions to undertake, as well as those in the medium and long term.

The meeting finished at 19:48