



New Alresford Town Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held on Tuesday 14 May 2024
commencing at 7.00pm

Name	Present	Apologies
Cllr Byrne (Chair)	✓	
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Cllr Cavell		✓
Cllr Dakin	✓	
Cllr Eager	✓	
Cllr Evans	✓	
Cllr Jeffs	✓	
Cllr Sprott	✓	
Cllr Weston	✓	

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Doughty (Town Clerk), Sarah Johnson (Deputy Clerk)

24/001 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor Michael Byrne as Chair of Council for the 2024/25 municipal year.

The Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and this was counter signed by the Proper Officer.

24/002 GOVERNANCE: SEPARATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

RESOLVED: The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council will not be Chair of a Committee.

24/003 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor Johnny Dakin as Vice-Chair of Council for the 2024/25 municipal year.

24/004 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Cllr Cavell.

24/005 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Sprott, Jeffs and Weston declared an interest in the item on 'Arlebury Park Recreation Area – Rights of Way.'

Cllr Weston declared an interest in the item on 'Planning - Case No: 24/00329/HOU.'

24/006 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 26th April 2024.

24/007 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

24/008 COUNTY & CITY COUNCILLORS

No reports

Councillor Gordon-Smith was congratulated by the Council on his mayorship and thanked for his time spent as a Town Councillor.

24/009 STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

- a. To elect Councillor Eager as Chair of Staffing Committee and appoint Councillors Jeffs, Bean, Dakin, Evans and Byrne as members of Staffing Committee
- b. To elect Councillor Evans as Chair of Operations and Resources Committee and appoint Councillors Weston, Eager, Dakin and Bean as members of Operations and Resources Committee
- c. To elect Councillor Bean as Chair of Planning Committee and appoint Councillors Weston, Sprott, Jeffs and Byrne as members of Planning Committee
- d. To elect Councillor Sprott as Chair of Recreation, Environment and Community Committee and appoint Councillors Dakin, Jeffs, Eager, Weston and Byrne as members of Recreation, Environment and Community Committee.

24/010 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY GROUP (NPAG)

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllrs Bean, Weston and Jeffs as members of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group and nominate Cllr Bean as Chair.

24/011 TERMS OF REFERENCE

To approve Terms of Reference for Standing Committees and NPAG

24/012 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:

- a. To appoint Cllr Byrne as Council representative on Hampshire Association of Local Councils
- b. To appoint Cllr Byrne as Council representative on Winchester District Association of Local Councils
- c. To appoint Cllr Cavell and Cllr Jeffs/Bean as Council representatives on 'Co-ordinating Alresford'
- d. To appoint Cllr Dakin as Council representative on Alresford Allotment Society

24/013 POLICIES

- a. **RESOLVED:** To adopt Standing Orders
- b. **RESOLVED:** To adopt Financial Regulations
- c. To **defer** the item on adopting the Complaints Policy

24/014 PLANNING

Case No: 24/00329/HOU

Location: West View, 30 Rosebery Road Alresford Hampshire SO24 9HQ

Proposal: Alterations and additions to existing chalet bungalow to form new first floor, attached garage and associated landscape works including replacement garden workshop/shed.

Comments

New Alresford Town Council requests that this application is referred to Winchester City Council Planning Committee for the following reasons:

The potential that the elevation of the extension may impose on the street scene.

The materials used, in particular zinc, may not be aligned with local characteristics as outlined in the New Alresford Town Design Statement.

The comments currently on the Winchester City Council portal provided by the Council will be retracted.

24/015 MEETING DATES

RESOLVED: To approve the dates for the Council and Committee meetings for the municipal year 2024/25.

24/016 FINANCE

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve the list of regular payments for 2024/25.
- b. To note the Council's insurance premium for June 24-June 25 of £4,448.04 (year 2 of 3)
- c. **RESOLVED:** To approve grant to Friends of St John's Church for £1000, towards the creation of a Town booklet.
- d. **RESOLVED:** To approve grant recommendation to Alresford and District Community Association for £1000, towards installing fire retardant curtains at the community centre.

24/017 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: The Town Council exercise their right to exclude the public and press by resolution 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)*)

24/018 THE ARLEBURY LEASE

RESOLVED: To go back to The Arlebury with an updated offer

24/019 ARLEBURY PARK RECREATION AREA

- a. Rights of Way
RESOLVED: The Council agreed the recommendations proposed.
- b. Northwest Field Lease
RESOLVED: The Council agreed the recommendations proposed.
- c. Football Club
Cllr Byrne and Evans will be attending a meeting with Alresford Town Football Club on 15th May 2024.

The meeting closed at 21:15

Chairman

Date: