



NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of New Alresford Town Council held at Alresford Recreation Centre on Monday 3rd August 2026 commencing at 7 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: Nine members of the public, Richard Doughty (Town Clerk)

26/042 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To approve apologies from Cllr Harrison Clow

26/043 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

a. To receive Declarations of Interests – None

Councillor Sprott made a statement clarifying advice he received from the Monitoring Officer's team. The full statement is attached at the end of these minutes.

b. To confirm any Dispensations - None

26/043 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public emphasised the importance of the selection process for members of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee and stated that members of Committee must declare interests.

Chairman

Date:

A member of the public asked questions regarding the post it notes from the November 2024 public consultation.

A member of the public asked what is required of the Council regarding the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.

26/044 REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council noted the Review of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

26/045 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOT MOVED: To approve dissolving the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

RESOLVED: To approve reconstituting the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee; and recruiting non-Councillor members

26/046 PUBLICATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORTS

RESOLVED: To approve publication of the:

- a. Draft Review of proposed Local Green Spaces (Land Use Consultants)
- b. Draft Local Green Space Assessment (Troy Planning)
- c. Key Views Assessment (Troy Planning)
- d. New Alresford Conservation Area Enhancements Report (Aecom)
- e. New Alresford Design Guidance and Codes (Aecom)
- f. New Alresford potential site allocations: high level transport review (Hampshire Planning and Transport)

26/047 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 7 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Council noted items to be included on the agenda for the proposed ECM on Monday 7th August 2026.

The meeting was closed at 8.02 pm

Chairman

Date:

Cllr Sprott made the following declaration:

There has been continued speculation in relation to my personal interests including misleading comments at the last council meeting I attended. Therefore, I would like to make a brief statement for the sake of absolute transparency.

As you are aware, I live close to Barn Meadow, which is being promoted as site NA07 in the SHELAA housing site allocation process of the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). I have taken advice from the Monitoring Officer's team at Winchester City Council that I do not have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to site NA07, as my family home is not within the 'red line' boundary of that site.

However, I have declared an Other Registerable Interest in issues that directly relate to the promotion of site NA07 for development and/or its protection as Local Green Space under any future NDP, by virtue of my membership of the Friends of Barn Meadow.

I also believe that I have a Non-Registerable Interest in issues that directly relate to the promotion of site NA07 for development and/or its protection as Local Green Space under any future NDP. When discussions at this council have specifically related to those aspects of that individual site - as opposed to discussing, as we shall at this meeting, whether the council should follow any particular process - I have consistently declared an interest and left the room to ensure the integrity of the decision-making process. This is also the reason why I have excluded myself from membership of both the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee and Group.

It appears clear from the wording of agenda for this evening's meeting that we will not discuss issues that directly relate to the promotion of site NA07 for development and/or its protection as Local Green Space under any future NDP.

My interpretation of the agenda is that today's meeting will be focused entirely on the general process and methodology of stabilising the NDP and not any issues specific to site NA07. If this is the case, the advice I have taken from the Monitoring Officer's team is that as this is a policy discussion that applies to the whole council area, it does not directly relate to my property, nor does it affect my well-being or financial interests to a greater extent than those of the majority of other residents.

Therefore, under the Councillor's Code of Conduct, I do not believe I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, an Other Registerable Interest or a Non-registerable Interest that prevents me from participating in this evening's debate and voting. I will continue to approach this discussion on the process and methodology of the NDP with a completely open mind. I am here to represent the interests of the community as a whole, without bias or predetermination.

I will confine all my contributions to the general process and methodology of the NDP and trust that the Chair will ensure that the debate remains firmly on this topic. Should the debate discuss specific individual sites, I will of course observe the Councillor Code of Conduct and take appropriate steps.

I note that despite the clearly stated requirements of paragraphs 2 and 6 of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference, paragraphs 3, 13 and 14 of the Council's Standing Orders and the provisions of Localism Act 2011 Section 27(4), as set out in the Definitions of the Council's Councillors Code of Conduct, and Section 13(4)(e) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and my repeated suggestions over the past three or four years that these basic

Chairman

Date:

governance safeguards were not being observed, no member of that committee has ever declared any interest whatsoever in the outcome of the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan.

DRAFT for Council Approval

Chairman

Date: