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 29th September 2026 commencing at 7.00 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Six members of the public, County Cllr Porter and City Cllr Pinniger, Richard Doughty (Town Clerk) and Sarah Johnson (Deputy Clerk)

26/056 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To approve apologies from Cllrs Flood, Harrison Clow and Lipton

To note apologies from City Cllrs Power and Gordon-Smith

26/057 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

a. To receive Declarations of Interests –

Cllr Dalling – in agenda item Planning Application

Cllr Evans – in agenda item Property – Community music festival

Cllr Sprott referred the Council to his statement of 3rd August 2026

b. To confirm any Dispensations

The clerk confirmed a standing dispensation for Cllr Sprott as a member of the New Alresford Town Trust in relation to agenda item – Neighbourhood Plan

26/058 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 28th July and 3rd August 2026

Chairman …….

Date: ……

DEFERRED: Approving minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th September 2026

26/059 RESIGNATION

The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Guy Jones and thanked him for his time with the Council

26/060 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked if there was any update regarding streaming of meetings. He also expressed his concern about the Council potentially providing £30,000 towards resurfacing the tennis courts which he felt amounted to preferential treatment to the Tennis Club over the Men's Shed (who are also Council tenants).

A member of the public expressed his concern about leaves on the path between The ARC and the outdoor gym.

A member of the public asked what has been done to ascertain that providing £30,000 towards resurfacing the tennis courts represents value for money

26/061 COUNTY & CITY COUNCILLORS

The Council noted the reports from County and City Councillors.

26/062 FINANCE

a. The Council noted the Conclusion of Audit for the year ended 31st March 2026.
b. The Council noted the Final External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2025/26. Cllr Bean thanked the Clerks for their work on the audit.
c. **RESOLVED:** To approve payments for May, June, July and August 2026 subject to minor amendments
d. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Q1 2026/27 Bank reconciliations

26/063 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a. The Council noted advice from the monitoring office that non-councillor members of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) are not subject to the Councillor Code of Conduct
b. The Council considered adopting the Terms of Reference for NPAC

Cllr Bean raised a point of order concerning what she considered to be disorderly conduct by Cllr Sprott. She referred to standing order 2(b), read out the provision and requested that it be invoked. The provision included the alternatives that a person be no longer heard or be excluded from the meeting.

Chairman …….

Date: ……

The Chair sought a seconder and called a show of hands. Neither alternative was expressly identified as the action proposed before the vote. The motion was carried.

Cllr Sprott asked whether he had been excluded. A further point of order was raised referring to standing order 2(c), which was read out. The Chair referred to the power to take further reasonable steps, asked Councillor Sprott whether he would allow the business to proceed and subsequently raised the possibility of suspending or closing the meeting. Councillor Sprott then left the room.

Cllr Sprott left the room at 19:44

RESOLVED: To adopt the Terms of Reference to enable NPAC to meet and elect a Chair.

Cllr Sprott re-entered the room at 19:45

c. **RESOLVED**: To adopt the Register and Disclosure of Interests Guidelines

26/064 PROPERTY

a. The Council noted the Tennis Court Resurfacing report
b. **NOT MOVED:** To consider agreeing match funding the project with Alresford Tennis Club up to £30k by each party.
c. **RESOLVED:** To approve the request from Alresford Rotary to allow The Flowerpots and The Arlebury Café to operate as vendors at Alresford Fireworks Night
d. **RESOLVED**: To approve the quote from WCS for October 2026- October 2027 for legionella control at The ARC, Stratton bates pavilion and the allotments at a cost of £6148.90
e. **RESOLVED**: To reserve Arlebury Park for a potential community music festival on Saturday 12th June, and in principle approve the concept of such an event.

26/065 PLANNING

Case No: 26/01618/FUL

Location: The Lakehouse, Ladycroft, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0RG

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and double garage followed by the erection of a replacement dwelling and new double carport with accommodation above.

Comment: The Council have concerns about the bulk of the build and want the landscape impact to be checked, with particular regard to views from the South Downs National Park. They support the statutory authorities in relation to ensuring suitable flood risk management and habitat preservation.

Chairman …….

Date: ……

26/066 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The Town Council may 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).

Cllr Sprott left the meeting

26/067 MUGA TENDER

The Clerk provided an update on the closed Tender process for a MUGA and Youth Shelter at Arlebury Park

RESOLVED: To extend the Tender deadline and provide further clarification on specifications in the document

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm

Chairman …….

Date: ……