

<b>New Alresford Town Council</b> <b>Meeting of Recreation Committee Meeting</b> <b>Held at the Alresford Recreation Centre</b> <b>7.30pm Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2014</b>		90
Present	<b>Cllrs S.McCullough (Chair), R. Gentry, M. Power, A.Stow, L.Griffiths</b> <b>Sports Club representatives: John Weston (Rugby), Trevor Ingram &amp; Chris Burt (Football), Howard Lewis (Tennis), K.Veitch (in part).</b>	
Apologies	<b>Rob Walls (Rugby)</b>	
501	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None</b>	
502	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
503	<b>Resolution:</b> To approve the Minutes of 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2014 as a true and accurate record. <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr.S.McCullough <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr.M. Power <b>(AGREED)</b>	
504	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-</b>	
505	<b>FINANCE</b> The budget for 2014 is £33,000 and now a new budget must be set for 2015/2016. West Field will be operational from the end of January 2015 so the cost to the council for grass cutting from April to September has to be accounted for. A 5' path was agreed to be mown in the area of West Field not used by Rugby. Other winter cutting maintenance jobs such as hedge and tree maintenance also are scheduled. A budget of £33,500 was suggested by committee. <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr.S.McCullough <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr J.Read <b>(AGREED)</b>	
506	<b>SPORTS AND YOUTH</b>	
506.1	<b>Football Club</b> – Trevor Ingram reported that there is repeated rubbish left by the side of the pitch especially on Saturdays and Sunday mornings. NATC and the Police are aware of youths loitering in Arlebury Park car park and this is being monitored. Dog fouling continues on the pitch and surrounding areas due to uncaring dog owners despite numerous signs in all the Recreation grounds. A pile of old chestnut fencing behind the football storage area needs to be removed. Mr Ingram also suggested that perhaps some hooks could be put up on the football garage on which the goal posts could be hung when not in use. Additionally he asked if a light could be fixed on the wall under the new balcony extension so that the footballers can find their way to the changing rooms. <b>Resolution:</b> A new wall light should be purchased. <b>(AGREED)</b> . The pitch had an autumn feed in September. There is no progression on a football stand at present as the FA are looking at funding for a possible small 50 seat stand. Mr Ingram agreed that he would send an invoice in future to the Music Festival as opposed to an agreed donation when they use the football floodlights. Also an agreement needs to be reached with the Music Festival that if there is any damage to the pitch that they put it right immediately after the event. Despite these issues the football club has 42 playing members at present and continues to thrive. <b>Youth Football</b> – Chris Burt reported that the youth football club has had its most successful year yet. Sadly, Mr Burt is stepping down at Christmas after 20 years' service for the Alresford youth section. A new secretary has already been found also. Parking at Stratton Bates is still fraught with visiting cars blocking Grange Road during matches. Storage is still in short supply and a minimum of £4000 is required in order to build a lean to. One of the Councillors will be looking into funding for this – possibly the Solar Farm Grant.	natic  natic  LG
506.2	<b>Rugby</b> –Mr Weston reported that there was a site meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> November between NATC, ARFC, RFU, HRFU and Kestral chaired by John Hacker (Professional Sportsturf Design).A full report of this will soon be available. Some minor adjustments to the drainage are required which Kestral have agreed to carry out. The first match is expected to be played on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2015, weather depending. Gates are still to be installed (top access gate and two vehicular access gates). Negotiations are taking place with Peter Bridges regarding ground maintenance. NATC cut the grass between April and August. Kestral will mark out the pitches thereafter it is the responsibility of the club. The width of the upper pitch will be shortened by 2 meters either side to allow safer run-offs. At the meeting with the Music Festival on 9 <sup>th</sup> November it was agreed that the lower pitch could be used for camping only with no vehicular access during the festival. Signage at the Town Council building has still to be fitted. Training is good and all members are looking forward to using the new pitches. There is a gap in members between the minis and seniors but it is hoped that the new pitches will encourage the 16-19year olds.	
506.3	<b>Tennis</b> – Howard Lewis is looking for funding to finish the new clubhouse as, although the building is up there are no electricians or fire fighting apparatus within the building so it cannot as yet be used by members. Late application to the Solar Farm fund came to nothing. Coaching and recreational tennis is very successful and the mini teams finished mid league. Mr. Lewis mentioned that the ladies who play on Tuesday mornings need longer than 2hour parking. The Committee agreed it was appropriate to just issue a new ticket after the first 2 hours had expired. The courts are getting rather mossy and the club will clean this in due course. Also one light is out but the club will replace this when the second one blows.	HL
507	<b>RECREATION GROUNDS &amp; PARKS</b>	
507.1	<b>Sun Hill-</b> The extension of fencing was discussed in all play areas. The committee deemed this unnecessary at this point in time. A new zip wire and spinning disk is to be ordered for this recreation ground.	
507.2	<b>Arlebury Park-</b> A near dog attack on a child prompted a resident to write in and suggest that all play equipment areas should be checked for security in preventing dogs from entering. This has been immediately checked and scarping have been added under gateways to the play areas. It was suggested that more signage should be issued advertising 'dog owners are responsible for the control of your dogs.' The clerk will investigate the cost of 10 x A4 and 10 xA3 signs for use in all 3 recreation grounds.	clerk clerk
508	The retention repair to the footpath at the bottom of Arlebury Park is scheduled to be done during the first week of December by the Winchester Wednesday volunteer group.	
508.1	The Petanque pitch needs a weed killing programme and it was proposed that this be carried out at the appropriate time of year. <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr R.Gentry <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr S.McCullough <b>Agreed</b>	
508.2	The football pitch has been flooding heavy rain. Mr I',ngram suggested a second soak away at the other end of the building by way of a permeable pipe and French drain. This could be dug at the same time as the football stand is erected when the equipment is on site. The	

508.3	cost of this needs to sought and approved.	TI
508.4	The showers in the changing rooms were reported to be working more efficiently now that the header tank has been amended. However some minor adjustments to the shower heads and doors are required.	natc
508.5	CCTV at Arlebury Park car park was discussed to combat nuisance youth behaviour. This has been investigated in previous years and the cost is prohibitive but clerk will explore rental options. This was Proposed: Cllr.M.Power <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr A.Stow <b>AGREED</b>	clerk
508.6	The removal of a Sycamore tree adjacent to the garden of 40 Pound Hill/Arlebury Park was discussed as it causes a lot of dropped leaves on the tennis courts and the neighbours do not like it. Clerk will apply for its' removal by contacting Ivan Gurdler at WCC planning department.	
508.7	Mrs Tiplady has asked if she can purchase a bench to be positioned in Arlebury Park in memory of her late father. This was agreed providing it is concreted in and made vandal proof. Peter Bridges should be the installer as he has public liability insurance. Siting of the bench to be in line with others near the Petanque pitch. <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S.McCullouch accepts Mrs Tiplady's suggestion on the above conditions. All <b>AGREED</b>	J.R
509	Proposed storage in the grounds of Arlebury Park were discussed by the committee. Cllr.J.Read suggested that the Rotary Club were willing to do the work if NATC provide the materials. The Music & Watercress festivals and the Rugby club also require secure storage. Cllr Read will write to ascertain what storage dimensions are required by all users and also to ask how much everyone is willing to spend. Cllr.M.Power will check on the planning lease about building near the Rugby pitches. NATC propose to agree in principal to allow a storage building in Arlebury Park for variable equipment storage. <b>Proposed:</b> CLLr.M.Power <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr. A.Stow.	M.P
509.1	<b>Stratton Bates-</b>	
509.2	An update on the maintenance of Stratton Bates pavilion confirmed that the upper windows will be boarded with steel within the next week. Mrs Foyle's of Makins Court, has a tree root problem in her garden from a Cherry tree which is the other side of the fence in Stratton Bates. The Committee agreed she is at liberty to cut the roots in her garden if she wishes but it may kill the tree. Another suggestion was that she contact her landlord to ask for their help and advice.	
510.0	<b>West Field -</b> As mentioned above under the Rugby section the fields are at practical completion. Surplus Rugby money needs to be discussed with the Club.	
511.0	<b>Memorial Gardens-</b> Repair work to the building has been completed.	
512.0	<b>Webpage-</b> Amendments will be made.	
	<b>Next Meeting</b> Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Alresford Recreation Centre Meeting closed at 21.40 p.m.	
	Chairman's signature..... Date.....	