

Draft	New Alresford Town Council Full Town Council Meeting held at the Arlebury Park 7.30pm Tuesday 19 th January, 2016	Page 261
Present	Cllrs:- K. Barrett, S. Evans, L. Griffiths, B. Gower, S. Kerr-Smiley, I. Spencer, S. Pinch, M. Power, A. Saunders. City Cllr. Cook,	
3333	Apologies. Cllr. B. Jeffs, E. Jeffs. County Cllr. Porter	
3334	Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items	
3334.1	Cllrs. Pinch declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest in the St. John's the Baptist Church Grant Reason: Cllr. Pinch is a member of the Parochial Church Council.	
3334.2	Cllrs. Power declared a Personal interest in the WCC Dog Bin Invoice Dispute and the WCC Market Town Manager. Reason: She is a City Council and the City Council generates the invoices and employs the Market Town Manager.	
3335	Minutes of Meeting - Minutes of Meeting held 7th January, 2016. Resolution: To approve the Minutes of 7th January, 2015 as true and accurate. Proposed: Cllr. Griffiths. Seconded: Cllr. Power (AGREED)	
3336	Meeting adjourned Public Participation Mr. Pointer – Stated that he had still not seen the Speed Limited Recorder in Sun Lane. Cllr. Kerr-Smiley as Chair of Environment stated he would put this matter on the Environment Agenda to arrange for a revised location schedule to include this location. Mr. Pointer reported that the pavements in Nursery Road were a disgrace. Cllr. Kerr-Smiley was aware of this situation and was in dialogue with Cllr. Porter regarding the matter. NATC invited Cllr. Cook to speak on WCC matters in the Public Participation slot. Cllr. Cook drew attention to two items (1) The WCC turmoil over Silver Hill which he considers was imploding over the Developers inability to meet financial targets (2) the Station Road Planning Application which was coming up for review in March. He mentioned an Alfred Homes application which, in all likelihood, would be refused as it was outside the Town plan boundary. Although this was the circumstances surrounding the application he considered these to be good quality homes. NATC stated that Haig Road residents had complained that street parking were blocking resident drives. They also enquired about the possible closure of the Prospect Road Refuge Centre. The nearest centre was in Garnier Road Winchester which was already a well-used recycling centre. There was concern that with an increase of housing there would be greater need for the Prospect Road site. (Clerk requested to put this item on the Next Agenda for discussion). The matter was to be taken up by the Environment Committee and the matter reported on the Website and the Forum. Cllr. Gower felt that posters informing of the proposed closure to be displayed at the site. Cllr. Griffiths to approach the site for permission to display the poster. Meeting reconvened	
3337	Finance	
3337.1	Payments - Resolution: To approve November 2015 payments of £41,313.34 Proposed: Cllr. Spencer. Seconded: Cllr. Griffiths (APPROVED)	
3337.2	Payments - Resolution: To approve December 2015 payments of £35,125.41 Proposed: Cllr. Spencer. Seconded: Cllr. Griffiths (APPROVED)	
3337.3	Cllr. Gower asked why Payments were approved after they had been paid. It was explained this was common practise due to an unacceptable time delay in paying invoices. Purchase Invoices were available for Cllr. inspection.	
3337.4	Year to Date All committees had kept to budget over the previous 3 months. £34k Rugby grants had been received. The PWLB loan repayments due in January was the only known large expenditure. Although Tourism and Recreation were shown as slightly over budget they had little expenditure in the coming months. It was expected the ensuing month's expenditure would finish the year within budget resulting in additions to reserves. The ARC contribution would be dependent upon trading and although this was still within the sporting season it was not projected to be the busy part of the ARC year.	

	2nd bank account with Lloyds plc – Resolution: To approve the Finance Clerk (Julie Cleeve) and the Finance Chair (Irene Spencer) as the Lloyds account signatories. Proposed: Cllr. Power Seconded: Cllr. Griffiths (AGREED).	
	Grants. (Awarded in accordance with Free Resources S.137 LGA 1972) Resolution: To approve a grant of £2,800 to St. John the Baptist Church for the upkeep and Maintenance of the churchyard, including the burial ground. (REJECTED) The Council reviewed the accounts and rejected the grant on the grounds that they considered there to be sufficient funds available and no genuine hardship. If financial circumstances altered and there were insufficient funds for this work they would reconsider the grant.	
3337.5	Year End Accountant The Clerk was asked to obtain a further quote for this work and the matter to go to the Finance Committee for a decision.	
3337.6	Budget Press Release Resolution: To approve the publication of an official press release regarding the 2016/17 Budget and Precept. Proposed: Cllr. Griffiths. Seconded: Cllr. Spencer (AGREED)	
3338	Committee & Working Party Reports	
3338.1	Recreation Committee	
3338.1.1	Resolution: To request that our building surveyor make a site visit in order to advise on the best way of proceeding with regard to the flooding of the football pitch. A discussion took place relating to this resolution and It was considered that the building surveyor be asked to advise on the cheapest option of identifying the problem and to recommend a trader to carry out the work. Suggestions were made to contact Dyno-Rod to put a camera in the soak-away and have a drainage survey carried out. It was felt the building surveyor give the advice. It was reported that the water was lifting the paving.	
3338.2	Environment Committee	
3338.2.1	Flooding at Sun Lane & Tichborne - HCC had inspected the area and were confused as to what was causing the area to flood. Although the water was coming from the A31 the camber of the road indicated that this should not result in flooding. HCC are perplexed and continue to investigate.	
3338.2.2	Dog Bin Invoices - Cllr. E. Jeffs would give this matter high priority upon his return. (Matter to be on Next Agenda)	
3338.3	Tourism Committee	
3338.3.1	Market Town Manager Resolution: To continue employing the Market Town Manager during 2016/17. (Tourism Committee to make this decision at the meeting 20 th January, 2016)	
3338.3.2	Alresford Town Centre Footfall - It was reported and confirmed by Cllr. Evans that the Town Centre Footfall seemed to have dropped. It was reported difficult to estimate whether this was actual or perceived decrease. The Chamber of Commerce were asking members to participate in a survey and the Town Centre Manager could organize an outside survey. Previous research has shown when there was a national reduction in footfall Alresford usually showed performance above average. The Council asked to receive results of the survey.	
3338.4	Planning Committee – A large Planning application was expected for the development of the Warwick Trailers site. This application was to be reviewed at Town Council unless the closing date did not allow for this. In which case all Cllrs. to be informed when the Planning Committee were reviewing the application in order to ensure that Cllrs. were in attendance.	
3338.5	Facilities Working Party	
3338.5.1	It was reported that Changing room one had a leak and there was no or low pressure in the changing rooms. Both matters were being investigated. Council wished for regular Facilities Working Party meetings. These meetings to be held in day light hours. Cllr. Saunders asked to be a member of the working party. The Clerk was asked to take photographs of all reported building problems.	
3339	Communication Media and PR	
3339.1	Information Leaflet Update – This item remained outstanding.	

3340	Office Procedure	
3340.1	The Clerk was requested to convene a 2 nd Office Procedure Working Party.	
3341	City & County Cllr. Reports. Written reports had been received from Cllr. Porter and Cook. Cllr. Porter had added the following updates to her report. The HWRC consultation was due to start on the 25th, but the exec member amended the decision day to vary the dates of the consultation- so awaiting new dates. The library consultation finished on Saturday. The level of response has got HCC thinking again, which is hopeful. The rail consultation continues- and Cllr. Porter's responses are being incorporated into the HCC response, due 9th February. Cllr. Power reported that the date for the Seawards presentation was the 10 th February and that there was a devolution briefing on 3 rd March she encouraged Cllrs. to attend. She voiced concern that the McCarthy & Stone proposal had no nursing or dementia care.	
3342	Next Meeting – Tuesday 16 th February Full Town Meeting 7.30 ARC Lower Meeting Room .	
3343	Exempt Business Resolution:- To exclude Public and Press in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 S100A . Proposed: Cllr. Griffiths Seconded: Cllr. Power (AGREED)	
	Meeting Closed 9.30	
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