

NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Environment Committee

**Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 25th May 2016
at Arlebury Park, Lower Meeting Room.**

Present:	Cllr.S.Kerr-Smiley (Chair), S.Pinch, A.Saunders. Jan Field, Russell Gordon-Smith (Alresford Society)	
Apologies:	Cllr L.Griffiths, Cllr B.Jeffs, Cllr E.Jeffs.	
Membership:	Cllrs: S.Kerr-Smiley, L.Griffiths, B Jeffs, E.Jeffs, S.Pinch, A.Saunders.	
454	Declaration of Interests – None	
455	Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd February 2016 Proposed: Cllr S.Pinch Seconded: Cllr A.Saunders (AGREED)	
456	Public Participation: None	
457	Finance: This quarter has seen two vandalised bus shelters on Jacklyns Lane but otherwise there have been no unexpected expenses for this committee.	
458	West Street: Russell Gordon-Smith from the Alresford Society presented a very comprehensive portfolio of proposed improvements to West Street. These include a section of West Street from the Old Post Office downwards towards the Co-Op. The proposal would be to construct a low brick wall with heritage railings on top to give the town look more unified. He provided scaled drawings and a detailed estimate of costings. The committee were all in support of this project and will organise a meeting with J.Porter (WCC) and Cllr E.Jeffs & L.Griffiths in order to take this proposal to Winchester City Council.	<i>clerk</i>
459	Prospect Road: Natc has written to Hampshire County Council lodging their objection to the closure of the HRWC at Prospect Road, Alresford.	
460	Waste Bins/Dog Bins: Cllr S.Kerr-Smiley has compiled a list of all required waste bins in Alresford and this will be sent out to WCC this month.	<i>clerk</i>
461	Footpaths: Perins School has warned of potential closure of the footpath that runs through their grounds giving access to the outdoor gym. This needs to be clarified to ascertain any possible repercussions for the town. The possibility of setting up a rights of way volunteer group was discussed. Natc will set up a meeting with HCC Countryside Access Ranger to investigate this.	<i>clerk</i>
462	Bench project in The Dean: The committee is in favour of providing a bench in The Dean providing that no immediate neighbours object. A letter will be sent out to ascertain this.	<i>SKS/clerk</i>
463	Allotments: Some maintenance at the Spring Garden allotments is required. Mr. Bridges is quoting for this work. The committee agreed that all newcomers to the waiting list for an allotment must reside within the Parish and this will be added to the allotment holder rules. Plot B1 & B2 are to be taken out of use due to being on very poor soil and aspect for cultivation. It was suggested that the area could be used for storage of compost.	<i>PB clerk</i>
464	SLR: The camera is currently positioned on Winchester Road and the previous location at Tichborne Down had data presented at the meeting. This is of interest and it may be entered into the following month's Forum magazine.	
465	Parking: The committee requested that the Town clerk should write a letter to the Mid Hants Railway to enquire what their intentions are when the car park lease runs out. There are variable time limits for parking in the town - it would be ideal if there was a unified parking limit to avoid confusion to visitors. This will be discussed at the next Full Town Council meeting.	<i>sk</i>
466	Website: The chairman will update this.	
	Meeting closed: 20.30pm Next meeting: 27 th July 2016	
	Chairman's signature..... Date.....	