New Alresford Town Council
Meeting of Recreation Committee Meeting
Held at the Alresford Recreation Centre
7.30pm Wednesday, 15th June 2016

Present	**Cllrs K.Barrett** (Chair**), E.Jeffs, B.Jeffs, B.Gower**. **Sports Club representatives: Rob Walls** (Rugby), **Trevor Ingram, Stuart Munro** (Football)**, Paul Peters** (Youth Football), **Howard Lewis** (Tennis) **Andy Joyce (Cricket).**
Apologies	**Cllr M.Power.**
558	**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Resolution:** To approve the Minutes of 24th March 2016. **Proposed**: Cllr.B.Gower **Seconded**: Cllr. B.Jeffs **(Agreed)**
559	**Declarations of Interest on Agenda Item:** None
560	**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Mr R.Atkins reminded the committee of Trevor Ingram's 16 year's hard work and commitment to ATFC. Mr Ingram helped from the onset to obtain a large grant from the Football Foundation which helped with the cost of the building at Arlebury Park and the installation of the floodlights. He is due to retire from ATFC on 6th July. Mr Atkins also stated that Alfred Homes have applied for planning permission to build 60 homes on land adjoining Arlebury Park which would affect all sports clubs atArlebury park if permission was granted.
561	**FINANCE REPORT** – The budget is slightly larger this year as some money has been set aside for new children's play equipment and for 50% of the cost of a new cricket strip as promised to the Cricket Club. Mr Joyce reported that he is actively looking for a grant to fund the other 50% of the cost.
562 562.1	**SPORTS CLUB REPORTS** **Football–** Mr Ingram reported that next season would see the ATFC running with 2 teams. On 6th July Mr Munro will take over the Chairmanship of the ATFC. At this point Mr Ingram will be asked to be a lifetime member of this club. Mr Munro reported that work had already started on the changing rooms and that they would like to request permission for other works as follows: The dug outs need to be raised to make them stand at a height of 6'6". Astro turf to be installed outside of the changing rooms adjacent to the pitch. The football pitch to be widened by 400 mm on both long sides. In addition he generously offered 2 perspex dugouts for the use of the Town Council or any Sports Clubs. **Resolution:** The above to be agreed on the condition that the perspex dug outs should be used to provide the groundsman with an additional store or for social benefit. **Proposed:** Cllr K.Barrett **Seconded:** Cllr B.Jeffs **(Agreed)** Remedial work to the pitch needs to commence by the beginning of August. Barry the new groundsman will liaise with Mr Bridges who cuts the pitch out of season. For the future an inspection should be scheduled before and immediately after the Alresford Music festival so that repairs can be carried out straight away.
562.2	**Tennis-** Howard Lewis has obtained sponsorship for 3 new tennis nets & shelter netting on the car park side of the tennis courts from Hellards Estate Agents. Trevor Ingram has donated some astro turf to use around the new clubhouse. Both Mr Lewis and Mr Joyce re-iterated what a fantastic job Trevor Ingram has done for for the development of ATFC over the years. The committee asked if Mr Lewis would mind if an adjacent neighbour could have permission for their builders to have access behind the clubhouse to build a house extension. This was agreed. **Rugby: -** Rob Walls reported that all was going well and the first 15 fixtures are now released. Cllr Barrett suggested a pre-season meeting between ATFC & Alreford Rugby Club to identify any pinch points of games with regard to car parking issues. **Resolution:** Town Council to be informed in advance of all games & tournaments from all Sports Clubs. Perins School need to be informed of these as they also arrange tournaments, usually on Saturdays. **Resolution:** To ensure that Town Council pre-authorise parking for Arlebury Park events in advance and to re-visit this issue if it is not working smoothly. **Proposed:** Cllr K.Barrett **Seconded:** Cllr B.Jeffs **(Agreed)**
562.3	**Youth Football:** Paul Peters reported that they have had a fabulous season with 239 members. The under 9 years won the cup final, under 13 year girls won the cup plate. The under 7's, 9's & 13 year olds all won play awards and the under 17 boys were second in their league. Next season there will be 13 or 14 teams. Registration evening will be held on 5th July.
562.4	**Cricket:** Andy Joyce reported that the 1st & 2nd leagues have had excellent results but the 3rd team is struggling for players and one game has had to be cancelled already. Two cancellations result in standing down from the league.

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