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| Draft | New Alresford Town Council Annual Town Council Meeting held at Arlebury Park 7.30pm Tuesday 31st March, 2016 | Page |
| Present | Cllrs:- L. Griffiths (Chair), E.Jeffs (Vice Chair), I.Spencer, S. Kerr-Smiley, K.Barrett, S. Pinch, M. Power, A. Saunders, B.Jeffs, City County Cllr. J. Porter | |
| 1 | Apologies. Cllrs: - B.Gower, S.Evans, City Cllr. Cook | |
| 2 | Minutes of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting (26th March 2015) Proposed: Cllr. S.Kerr-Smiley Seconded: Cllr I.Spencer (AGREED) | |
| 3 | Reports by Chair of the Council Cllr.L.Griffiths-activities of the Council and its committees for the last 12 months. Reports by Committee Chairs 4 Finance Committee Cllr.I.Spencer 4.1 Recreation Committee Cllr.K.Barrett 4.2 Environment Committee Cllr.S.Kerr-Smiley 4.3 Tourism Committee Cllr.L.Griffiths 4.4 Planning Committee Cllr.A.Saunders 4.5 | |
| 5 5.1 | Guest Speaker Andy Smale & Chris Holloway from WinAcc (Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd.). Gave a presentation on Home Energy. | |
| 6 | Public Participation Mr N.Woodham- Reported concern over car parking in Alresford. The question was asked if the Council have any means of protecting, maintaining and improving the car park at the Station yard. Also, has the Local Plan made enough provision for car parking? NATC- The Station car park is very vulnerable and is especially busy over holiday periods and when the Watercress Line has an event. The car park is owned by the Watercress Line and the lease will come up for renewal in 2020. Cllr. J.Porter asked if NATC could register it as a community asset. NATC This was done in 2014 and it was rejected by WCC. The Local Plan has made provision for 50-100 spaces in The Dean and LPP2 has weakened protection for car parking. Mr Durham- Asked whether the Market Town Development Officer was worth the cost. NATC- It is early days and difficult to evaluate her progress. We need to see another year's work so see if there is a pattern of improvement within the town. Mrs Barker- Expressed concerns over the way the Local Plan was developing. NATC- thanked Mrs Barker for her comments and explained that the plan was now in the hands of WCC and that the Council awaits the next stage. The Council hope that the town can move forward in a positive way with the final decision. Mr P.Martindale – On behalf of the Alresford & Cheriton Scout Group asked natc if the local plan provided any areas that could be earmarked for this group which is in need of a new scout hut with storage. NATC- replied that the working party should re-visit this request as it was aware of the lack of space and storage. The Guides & Brownies have a similar situation. Mr R.Gentry- Thanked NATC on behalf of NATT for the grant in respect of The Avenue. He added that the Trust would be asking local businesses for donations to help with the upkeep of The Avenue. The annual cost of maintaining the Avenue is between £6k to £7k. | |
| | Meeting Closed 9.16 | |
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