



New Alresford Town Council

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2018 at 7.30PM in the Alresford Recreation Centre, Alresford

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Cllr B Jeffs		✓	
Cllr E Jeffs		✓	
Cllr Deeming	✓		
Cllr Witchard	✓		
Cllr Sprott	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith	✓		

Also present: Frances Simpson, Committee Clerk

180201 Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs E & B Jeffs

180202 Declarations Of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

180203 Minutes

The Chairman signed as a true and correct record the Environment Minutes held on 30th October 2017

180204 Public participation

There is an opportunity for members of the public to make statements or ask questions on items on the agenda or on other items relevant to the Town to which an answer will be given, or if necessary a written reply will follow or the questioner will be informed of the appropriate contact details. Each person is limited to 3 minutes and the total amount of time set aside will be 15 minutes.

A Resident pointed out a couple of issues regarding point **180216**. He said that there has been a lack of care by HCC & the landowner regarding the ancient history of this small piece of land. The earthwork mound was established in the Eighth Century as a boundary between the Parish and marshy ground. The increased privatisation of this area has led to steady erosion, hedge planting and the installation of fencing. NATC will write to HCC to ask how a public pathway has been acquired by a private landowner and allowed degeneration of the original boundary.

A Resident spoke about the Skate board park at Arlebury Recreation Ground. After to speaking to many of it's users he reported that although popular it could be made more user friendly. Additionally, some of the Ash trees around the skate park cause shading which can prevent the concrete drying out which could be hazardous. Proposal: The Resident will come back to the next meeting on 24th April with a group of local skateboarders who will talk about what improvements they would like to see. Proposed: Cllr

Sprott Seconded: Cllr Gordon-Smith

- 180205 Sports Club updates from their representatives:**
Football- No updates were available for this meeting.
Youth Football- Paul Peters sent in a glowing report for ATYFC including Hampshire FA Charter Standard Club of the Year. NATC are very proud of these achievements and especially the trainers and organisers of the club who give up a lot of their time to make these successes possible.
Rugby - No updates were available for this meeting.
Tennis- It was sadly reported that Howard Lewis who has served for so long as a very popular chairman has stood down. There is no replacement for chairman yet. The Tennis Club is working on finishing the furnishing of the clubhouse, to be completed for the start of the new season on 1st April. Advertising of the club will be forthcoming next month and will cover a wider area than before to include the Itchen Valley. The courts need total re-furbishment and the club is currently seeking three quotations and sponsorship for this purpose.
- 180206 To consider any matters arising not considered on the agenda elsewhere.**
No other matters were discussed.
- 180207.1 SLR Camera** update and latest results were discussed. Resolution: To
180207.2 replace two 12v batteries for the camera up to £150 if required. Neoprene strips to be fixed under the tam torque straps on the lamp posts where the camera is sited. Proposed: Cllr Sprott Seconded: Cllr Deeming.
The Committee noted the correspondence between Cllr Sprott and Hampshire County Council in relation to the positioning of potential new SLR positions along Winchester Road.
- 180208 To discuss Litter Pick Day** – The Litter Pick day has been advertised on NATC website, The Forum, Facebook and the noticeboards to be held on 24th March 2018.
- 180209.1 Trees**
Resolution: to agree to buy 13 x 5' Beech whips to replace failures around the Tennis Court. Proposed: Cllr Deeming Seconded: Cllr Witchard
- 180209.2 Rotary Tree Planting Challenge** Any tree planting is to be deferred until a complete scheme for the re-development of Stratton Bates & Sun Hill play areas has been developed.
- 180209.3** It was confirmed that an HCC arboricultural survey of the **overhanging tree** in the garden of Jill Sayer, Rosebery Road will take place within the following week.
- 180210 ARC car park flower beds-** Resolution: It was proposed to turn both ARC flower beds into a Community Garden to be overseen by Cllr Witchard.
Proposed: Cllr Witchard Seconded: Cllr Deeming
- 180211 Lengthsman Scheme 2018-**
180211.1 The office will organise the rota for the lengthsman's visits to Alresford.
180211.2 Resolution: To agree that when it comes to the Town Councils attention the overgrowth of vegetation on a property curtilage that is causing a hazard will be reported to HCC asking them to write to the property owner asking for remedial action. Proposal: Cllr Deeming Seconded: Cllr Witchard
- 180212 Discuss and review allotments-** It was agreed to drop £7.50 charge for

registration to go onto the waiting list for an allotment. The deposit of the annual rent of an allotment will remain when a person takes on a new plot and from now on there will be a rule change that allows only one allotment per person. This was deemed fair as the waiting list is long.

- 180213.1** **Play Equipment Inspection Reports** – These were discussed. A Spring Councillor walkout will be arranged to help formulate a 5year plan for the play areas.
- 180213.2** **Skateboard Park** – This was discussed in Public participation with Mr. Matthews.
- 180214** **To discuss Stratton Bates Pavilion repairs:**
Suggested actions:
1. Floor covering cut out and replaced (sealed edges) where broken and lifting or otherwise temporarily repaired with Gaffa Tape – left-hand front door to kitchen area and right-hand front door corridor to changing rooms.
 2. AS and SD to sort sticking right-hand front door and back-door. Clerk to initiate external painting of front doors internally and externally and rear door externally.
 3. Clerk to initiate rear wall clean.
 4. Clerk to initiate removal of ‘decorative’ trim from front wall canopy supports and paint if necessary.
 5. All grills and vent covers to be replaced (see below) and new cover to vent to right of right-hand front door to be re-instated.
 6. Grills (3) above front wall canopy to be removed and replaced with appropriately sized painted marine ply.
 7. The rear wall guttering to be inspected, cleaned out and repaired (leaking above defibrillator?)
 8. Refurbish memorial plaques. Clerk to initiate.
- Resolution:** The clerk will obtain quotes for points 1-8 for the committee to consider. Proposed: Cllr deeming Seconded: Cllr Witchard
- 180215** Cllr Spratt has written letters to Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council and Hampshire Police seeking their advice in relation to what, if any, preventative measures they recommend deterring future Travellers encampments on Stratton Bates Park. This was approved by the committee.
- 180216** The Committee considered what comment it may have in relation to the **proposed public footpath diversion The Hampshire (Winchester City No. 11) (Parish of Old Alresford – Footpath No. 3 And Part of Footpath No. 4)** Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2018. The clerk will write to HCC regarding this matter as mentioned in Public Participation.
- 180217** To note the date of the next Recreation & Environment meeting is 24th April

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Chairman's Signature & Date.....

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