



New Alresford Town Council

Environment & Recreation Committee of New Alresford Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation & Environment Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th April 2018, Alresford Recreation Centre, The Avenue, Lower Meeting Room, Alresford

	In attendance	Apologies	Absent
Cllr B Jeffs		✓	
Cllr E Jeffs		✓	
Cllr Deeming	✓		
Cllr Witchard	✓		
Cllr Sprott	✓		
Cllr Gordon Smith	✓		
Cllr Power	✓		

Frances Simpson - Committee Clerk

180401

Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs E & B Jeffs

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Declarations Of interests

There were no Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items

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Minutes

The Chairman to sign as a correct and true record the Recreation & Environment Minutes held on 27th February 2018

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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 discussed possible improvements at the Arlebury Park skateboard park after speaking to local skateboarders. He reported that improvements could be made by removing benches (the seating is obstructive), extending a flat area of concrete, removing the rail and possibly replacing it with a flat one and altering the main access as it is on a bank which gets slippery when wet. This could be improved by adding a small concrete ramp. The current park is only suitable for beginners to the sport. He has contacted several Skateboard Park designers and reported that the cost of constructing a new park would start at £130,000. The clerk suggested that the council take on public consultation regarding this project. **Cllr Power** also spoke in this session requesting that the committee consider repairs or replacement of the Mitford Road NATC noticeboard. The committee agreed to ask Paul Baker (Carpenter) to give advice on the cost of repair or replacement.

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Sports Club updates from their representatives:

Football- no report

Youth Football- The Chairman of the club reported that it continues to thrive with 235 members and they have had a very successful year. The two younger teams are in a final this weekend. However, there are some practical issues: the recent Fun Fair visit to Stratton Bates caused damage to the pitches which needs to be urgently rectified in order to finish remaining matches this season. The water for the showers and water testing in the pavilion needs reinstating. Council to do a risk assessment. Council bookings system needs to be adjusted so that the Fun Fair and Youth Football do not overlap in future years.

Rugby – no report

Tennis- The Chairman gave an update on the clubhouse. Wheelchair access and emergency lighting need to be addressed before the building is completed. Current membership stands at 136. The tennis courts need to be resurfaced this year. Three quotes have been obtained in the region of £6,500+vat. The clerk will discuss funding this project with the Tennis Chairman. For future years the tennis courts should come under the annual playground inspection report.

180406 **To consider any matters arising not considered on the agenda elsewhere.**
Cllr Deeming will contact the owner of ATFC to rectify electricity meterage in the tennis hut.

180407 **To answer Youth Football Club queries regarding the Stratton Bates Pavilion:** Cleaning of Stratton Bates pavilion is the responsibility of ATYFC. ATYFC require the water to showers re-instating in order to conform with their regrading application. NATC will need to restart legionella testing and do a risk assessment.

180407.1 **To discuss and agree quotations for repair work at Stratton Bates Pavilion**
Alresford Flooring, Woolheads & Steve Cleverley
Quotes for maintenance work at the pavilion are ongoing. Meanwhile Alresford flooring are temporarily fixing the flooring

180408 **Trees –** The Hampshire highways, Tree Officers report of the Sycamore Tree overhanging the garden of 20 Rosebery Avenue was noted and the committee proposed to request a tree surgeon cut off the dead wood.
Proposed: Cllr Witchard Seconded: Cllr Deeming

180409 **Skateboard Park-** To discuss refurbishment ideas with Chris Matthews and Skateboard users. It was proposed that this resident would produce a paper on the needs of skateboarders.
Proposed: Cllr Witchard Seconded: Cllr Sprott

180410 **To discuss Playground Funding.** This item comes under the Recreation & Environment 5-year plan.

180411 **To agree that Wicksteed do an annual inspection on the fixings of Sun Hill zip wire.** It was requested that the clerk obtain quotes from Wicksteed and the Playground Inspection Company to check this piece of equipment.

180412 **To agree to carry out repair work to the wooden fort and it's surfacing at Stratton Bates as noted in the Playground inspection report.** It was proposed that all the requested actions be completed. **Proposed:** Cllr Deeming
Seconded: Cllr Witchard. In addition, the clerk will ask local carpenter to look at the playground inspection report and quote for all work.

180413 **Revision of Litter Pick Proposal:** Recreation & Environment committee will take on all future community litter picks. **Proposed:** Cllr Deeming **Seconded:** Cllr Sprott

180414 **To agree that the figure of £2280 reserved for town sign grass cutting is moved from Economy & Tourism to Recreation & Environment budget.**

This was agreed.

- 180415 To finalise arrangements for community garden at Arlebury Park car park.** It was proposed to clear the flower bed at Arlebury park car park to construct a community garden. Proposed: Cllr Witchard Secoded: Cllr Deeming. 345 pre-school will take on the second flower bed.
- 180416 To discuss and agree if this committee would like to apply for subscription renewal from Hampshire Playing Fields Association.** It was proposed to apply for a subscription renewal from the Hampshire Playing Fields. **Proposed:** Cllr Sprott **Secoded:** Cllr Witchard.
- 180417 To agree for the refurbishment of paths in the Memorial Gardens and to clear the entrance at a cost of £650.** It was proposed to restore the Memorial Garden pathway and to note that future improvements be included in the 5year plan. **Proposed:** Cllr Sprott **Secoded:** Cllr Deeming
- 180418 To discuss preventative measures to safeguard against future traveler encampments.** A meeting will take place at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground with the HCC gypsy liaison officer. Notes will be taken and reported back to our PCSO and then the Recreation & Environment Committee. A special meeting will take place in a weeks' time to decide the Committees' recommendation to full Council as to what, if any preventative measures to be recommended.
- 180419 To discuss the possibility of a new scout hut on the proposed open space at development on land to the East of Sun Lane.** The Scout leader has requested a new hut and 2 acres of land at the proposed housing development site on land to the East of Sun Lane. The clerk will forward a letter to all councilors constructed by an open space working party which was sent to Steve Opacic. This issue will then be forwarded to Full Town Council.
- 180420 To discuss dog walker's responsibilities when exercising dogs on Council Recreation Grounds.** It was confirmed that dog owners have responsibility for their dogs. It is proposed to install two dog ties in the play area at Arlebury Park and to fill in with scalpings under the entrance gate where the ground has become compacted. Proposed: Cllr Sprott Secoded: Cllr Deeming
- 180421 To approve the new locations of the SLR Speed Limit Reminder sign in Winchester Road To further approve the addition of a post extension at this location and any fixings required to facilitate this. Work to be carried out at NATC's expense by Hampshire County Council at a cost of no more than £200.** This was approved. Proposed: Cllr Sprott Secoded: Cllr Gordon-Smith.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.50pm

