

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th October 2021 at 7.30pm
in the Pavilion, Ford Lane, Alresford

Cllrs. present:

Cllr. F Belgrove (Chairman)

Cllr. E. Osborne (Vice Chairman)

Cllr. A. Broom

Cllr. J. Claremont-Brown

Cllr. S. Clark

Cllr. S. Hammick,

Cllr. G. Scott

Cllr. A. Wiggins

Also present:

Parish Clerk/Proper Officer M. Cooke

Acting Chief Inspector Matin Richards, Essex Police District Commander Tendring

County. Cllr. Goggin

members of the public x5

Announcements:

Chairman Cllr F. Belgrove announced visiting Speaker from Essex police

Cllr F. Belgrove welcomed Parish Clerk and Proper Officer M Cooke to his first full Parish Council Meeting

Dispensation sought by Cllr Broom and Cllr Claremont-Brown

10.21. 1956 Apologies for Absence

Cllr L. Belgrove

Cllr J. Housden

Cllr R. Swash

10.21.1957 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wiggins declared interest.

Dispensations sought by Cllr Broom & Cllr Claremont-Brown with regard to voting on declared interests over Brett aggregates. Dispensation valid 06.10.2021-05.10.2023

Proposed Cllr F. Belgrove

Seconded Cllr Osborne

Carried Unanimously

Cllrs Broom and Claremont-Brown left the room for the vote

10.21.1958 Minutes of the last monthly meeting

Cllr Wiggins requested an amendment to the minutes of the meeting from 1st September 2021 pointing out that either she or Cllr Scott attended another meeting prior to APC meet and thus late arrival required clarification.

Cllr Osborne proposed amendments,

Cllr Clark seconded.

Amendments agreed unanimously.

Cllr Broom proposed to accept amended minutes.

Cllr Claremont-Brown seconded.

Agreed unanimously

The amended minutes of the meeting from 1st September 2021 were agreed,

Action: Amended minutes to be added to the Parish Council website.

10.21.1959 Guest Speaker: Acting Chief Inspector Martin Richards (Essex Police District Commander for Tendring) addressed the Council with regard to policing priorities, issues over staffing and PCSO in Alresford. Asked Councillors to support and "cascade" the "You Said- We Did" newsletter, from Essex Police. Community concerns discussed, along with illegal E-scooter usage. Police focus is on staff recruitment and PCSO return to work towards the end of October. But resources are spread thinly across Tendring District. Referred to Essex police breaking contract with Alresford PC and Great Bentley PC. Real expectation is to have PCSO's in parish Dec 21/Jan 22.

Cllr Osborne addressed Chief Inspector and asked that Alresford and Great Bentley be prioritised for the services that they pay for.

Chief inspector Richards went on to address the "threat, harm, risk" and resource based response, with priority focus on Violence against women, and organised crime

A member of the public addressed Chief Inspector.

A second member of the public expressed delight to hear that PCSO Brandon will be returning to work and extended a warm welcome back.

10.21.1960 Public Forum (members of the public and guests can address the council – social distancing restrictions apply).

A member of the public spoke; over 20yrs of austerity have impacted on flooding on Ford Lane, Coach Lane and Church Road. 1ft/30 cm of standing water reported. Various local Cllrs involved in reporting on constituent's behalf.

Another member of the public spoke regarding Anglia water and ECC not meeting or resolving issues together. One body passing the buck to the other and vice versa. Sealed manhole cover when a grated one should be installed further exacerbating the problems.

All Cllrs and public in agreement that neglect and the need for regular maintenance and removal of debris were at fault.

10.21.1961 Finance

Cllr F. Belgrove commended RFO on financial report, on quality and diligence. At all levels of work

Cllr Osborne commented on RFO's overall excellence

i) September Finance Report – Cllr Claremont- Brown proposed to accept report, Cllr Broom seconded, Carried unanimously.

ii) Update on any other financial matters- leading to item 1962

10.21.1962 Energy Tariff.

Recommendation received from the Finance Committee that the council opt for the 24 month scheme with Octopus Energy.

Cllr F. Belgrove proposed

Cllr Broom seconded

Carried unanimously

10.21.1963 Minerals and Waste Working Party Report.

Cllr Claremont-Brown amalgamated the items 10.21.1963 and 10.21.1964.

Cllr Clark reports without going into detail, and agreed there is an issue as below.

10.21.1964 Alresford Quarry haul road issues update.

Cllr Claremont-Brown reported.

Bad news: No reduction in volume of traffic or speed. **Good News:** Uncovered 1995 planning grant by TDC, permissions relating to haul road included Highways restriction on use by lorries. Cllr Clark reported regarding permissions in place dating back to 1992, further investigation required. Issue is to seek understanding of those agreements. Seek external consultancy guidance and explore with district council, county council and Bretts. To utilise an escalation ladder and report at next meeting

Cllr Clark proposed to obtain 3 quotes from external consultants

Cllr Claremont-Brown seconded

Carried unanimously.

10.21.1965 Planning Committee Report

Cllr Osborne reported on meeting of 29.09.21

3 cases came before the committee. First case no objection , Second required further information to reach a decision, Third case had no objection to what would be a beautiful home once built.

10.21.1966 Alresford Neighbourhood Plan, update on referendum result and adoption of the Plan.

Cllr Clark reported.

Next steps are the formal adoption by TDC cabinet. Provision for district wide planning controls. Decision on Friday 8th of October would form part of the TDC plan

10.21.1967 Update on Colchester and Tendring Garden Community scheme and Tendring District Council Local Plan. (Cllr Simon Clark) Item not covered at previous meeting.

Cllr Clark reported that Colchester and Tendring Community Garden Project are aware of the influence that Alresford Neighbourhood plan will play, as its southern boundary is the A133, the northern boundary is A120. APC will be asked to contribute to vision and master plan for a new town in the Garden Community, with wide reaching infrastructure including Homes, Jobs, Facilities, Education and Healthcare provision.

10.21.1968 Local Area Highways Panel meeting report and Alresford Highways issues update.

Cllr F. Belgrove reported on new strategy, and that County Cllr Goggin's initiative has fostered a community focus. Regarding Alresford and the B1027, a 500 plus strong petition has been raised, to petition for a 30mph speed limit through the village.

10.21.1969 Curbstone Renewal.

Cllr F. Belgrove continued with report on curbstone renewal quotation received at £235 per linear meter. Cllr Wiggins and Cllr Osborne proposed to trial the contractor, to trial it on Chestnut Road and liaise with ECC Highways, under Highways devolution scheme.

Cllr Osborne proposed to trial and review the service.

Cllr Broom seconded.

Carried Unanimously

10.21.1970 Deployment of Vehicle Activated Sign in Alresford.

Cllr F. Belgrove reported on public support for the implementation of mobile VAS sign.

Cllr Claremont-Brown suggests trial on haul road initially as there is private land on both sides whom APC might seek permission to site the mobile VAS. Wivenhoe Rd proposed as second location to trial VAS. All Cllrs agreed and acknowledged that VAS signs work.

10.21.1971 Environment five-year plan.

Update on progress including:

Resolution drawn to add Tetra Pak recycling to existing recycling facilities.

Cllr Wiggins proposed

Cllr Claremont-Brown seconded

Carried unanimously.

i) EV Charging Points- Cllr F. Belgrove discussed cost free to council implementation. Cllr F. Belgrove thanked Cllr Hammick for her work and research. Cllr F. Belgrove obtained a site survey in consultation with Football Club, & Parish Hall. APC to insure the charge points at low cost (circa £10 per annum), covered by CCTV already in place. APC would be first in area to trial charge points, and there would be a three month notice to quit if APC decided to do so. Cllr Osborne agreed it would be a positive statement by APC to commit to environmental and community benefits.

ii) Tree Planting: over 3,500 trees had been planted at Alresford Hall. Quote obtained from M Brumpton about tree works in the Pavilion, Church and playing field area.

(Cllr Scott arrived from another meeting). Cllr Hammick reported on climate solutions, potential for solar panels to be installed at local school, and the EALC has asked that Positive Climate Change be an agenda item every month in the future.

iii) Pavilion heating/ventilating system : Cllr F. Belgrove reports that a heat exchange system of 5kw heating and ventilation/AC can be obtained and installed for circa £750.

Proposed by Cllr Osborn,

Seconded Cllr Wiggins,

carried Unanimously.

Action: Clerk to contact Village Hall trustees to seek permission to have AC unit installed. Clerk to contact Mr A Smith to arrange installation.

- iv) Tendring District Council - Climate Change Policy. Chelmsford Car Rally Raised by Cllr F. Belgrove in Cllr L. Belgroves' absence - is this appropriate for TDC to be pursuing without full consultation of all residents? Cllr Scott reported on lack of consultation and that neither Cllr Scott nor Cllr Wiggins were allowed to attend H&S meeting as TDC councilors. Given that TDC have called a Climate Crisis neither councilor had agreed to this rally. and that County Council have approved it and waved it through.

Cllr F. Belgrove reported it was a consultation issue, asked whether APC would support further consultation with TDC, Parish and Town Councils?

Cllr Osborne proposed to write as APC

Cllr Scott seconded

Carried.

1x Abstention.

Action: Clerk to write on behalf of APC re Rally and lack of consultation

10.21.1972 Alresford Residents Pollution Concerns, idling engines at railway crossings.

Cllr Osborne reported: Railway crossing, school at 8.30am and 2,30pm, problem on Church Road and Ford Lane. Cllr Osborne suggested contacting school.

Cllr F. Belgrove reported that sitting with engine idling is liable to a £20 fine.

Cllr Osborne and Cllr Scott agree this is an issue which exacerbates respiratory problems, especially in children. Suggestion for ECC to implement a sign.

Cllr Scott suggests asking school to design poster. All agree children's poster is an excellent idea, a way to inform parents through their children.

Cllr Osborne proposed to write to school as APC.

Cllr Scott seconded

Carried.

1x Abstention.

Action Clerk to contact school.

10.21.1973 Code of Conduct/Declarations of Interest

i) Resolution: It is resolved that the Tendring District Council Code of Conduct document is adopted by Alresford Parish Council (subject to being adapted to meet the requirements of a Parish Council).

Proposed Cllr F. Belgrove

Seconded Cllr Scott

Carried.

1x Abstention Cllr Wiggins (serving on TDC standards board)

ii) Declaration of Interests: Councilors reminded of the need to comply with the law, Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct relating to the declaring of interests.

10.21.1974 Highways Devolution

Cllr Scott congratulated Cllr F. Belgrove on recent signage work

Resolution:

It is resolved that Alresford Parish Council continues to upgrade and renovate highways signage using the remaining Highways Devolution Grant monies for 2021-22 (Approx. £400).

10.21.1975 Youth Projects. Council to consider funding potential "one-off" projects involving young people (Art Music, Sport etc). These projects to be in partnership with St Andrews Church using DBS checked Youth Workers. Initial suggested budget £350.

Proposed Cllr Claremont-brown
Seconded Cllr Hammick
Carried unanimously.

10.21.1976 Tendring District Council sale/transfer of Wivenhoe Road Allotments to Alresford Parish Council. Update.

Cllr Scott declared interest as TDC Councillor
Cllr Wiggins declared interest as TDC Councillor
Cllr F. Belgrove declared interest as Allotment holder
Cllr Hammick declared interest as Allotment holder.

Cllr Osborne expressed disappointment at TDC intention to sell rather than pass over the allotments to APC.
Cllr Clark reminded all present that APC has obligation under 1908, 1925 & 1955 acts to provide allotments.
Cllr Clark suggested it is part of TDC plan and could go all the way to Gov't Cabinet level of provision.
Cllr Scott and Cllr Wiggins resolved to pursue at TDC, within their TDC roles and on behalf of APC.
Cllr Clark suggested to check wording of policy in relation to allotments and green spaces.
Cllr Scott stated that he would not support if TDC insist on selling, rather than passing over control to APC.
Cllr Clark will liaise with TDC, Cllr Scott and other statutory bodies.

10.21.1977 District Councilor's report

Cllr Scott full report(see Appendix item 1)

10.21.1978 Essex County Councilors Report

County Cllr Goggin full report (see Appendix item 2)

Cllr Osborne asks County Cllr Goggin to intervene with ECC Highways and Anglia Water to resolve local flooding issues as raised by MOP at start of meeting.

Cllr Scott personally requested County Cllr Goggin to review change of pathways and kerbstones. Cllr Goggin acknowledged the request and noted that this was a longstanding issue, and that residents and councillors should report new incidents to ECC Highways

10.21.1979 Meeting Ends 21.39

Signed:

Date:

Minutes prepared by M. Cooke Clerk and Proper Officer

Appendices

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Appendix 2: Tendring District Councillors Report

Appendix 3: County Councillors Report

Alresford Parish Council Finance Report September 2021

	INV. DATE	PAY METHOD	PAYABLE TO/FROM	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE NO	NET	PAYE/NI	VAT	PAYMENT	INCOME
Pavilion										
1	22/09/21	D/D	Talk Talk	Phone and internet	22783242	£50.95	£0.00	£10.19	£61.14	
2	07/09/21	D/D	Octopus	Electricity for Pavilion. Paid.	KL-4C676188-0012	£117.97	£0.00	£5.90	£123.87	
3	30/09/21	B/T	The Dusting Bunny Cleaning Services	Cleaning Services	2122-0085	£125.00	£0.00	£0.00	£125.00	
4	29/09/21	B/T	The Dusting Bunny Cleaning Services	Cleaning supplies: wipes, refuse sacks, kitchen gloves, toilet roll, blue roll.	receipts	£39.95	£0.00	£7.99	£47.94	
5	31/08/21	B/T	Mr C Sanderson (Lampshop Online)	1 x LED floodlight & 5 x LED tubes. Paid.	343710	£53.18	£0.00	£10.64	£63.82	
6	06/09/21	B/T	Cllr F Belgrove	Keys for patio doors	receipt	£10.50	£0.00	£0.00	£10.50	
Staff Costs										
7	28/09/21	B/T	Mr M Cooke	September salary. Paid.	September	£980.56	£40.46	£0.00	£940.10	
8	28/09/21	B/T	Mrs A Baxter	September salary. Paid.	September	£247.90	£14.60	£0.00	£233.30	
9	28/09/21	B/T	Mr I Thompson	September salary. Paid.	September	£200.00	£40.00	£0.00	£160.00	
10	28/09/21	B/T	Mr S Davies	September salary. Paid.	September	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	
11	28/09/21	B/T	HMRC	2nd Quarter PAYE & NIC	Quarterly	£217.72	£0.00	£0.00	£217.72	
Playing Field										
12	30/09/21	B/T	J's Garden Valet Services Ltd	Gardening services for September. Grass cutting, churchyard maintenance, hanging basket maintenance, cutting additional verges. Extras: Cutting of sports field hedge £170, hedging of speed sign £120	INV-2770	£1,088.40	£0.00	£217.68	£1,306.08	
Street Lighting										
13	02/09/21	D/D	EON	Electricity for street lights. Paid.	H1A3CFB695	£191.25	£0.00	£9.56	£200.81	
Allotments										
		D/D					£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	

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General Expenses										
14	30/09/21	B/T	CSH Environmental Ltd	Waste collection 14/09 & 28/09.	P532527	£30.26	£0.00	£6.05	£36.31	
15	08/09/21	D/D	Luminite Electronics	1GB SIM Tariff	41857	£20.00	£0.00	£4.00	£24.00	
16	27/09/21	B/T	Cllr S Hammick	Fruit trees x 5 for the playground. Paid.		£118.00	£0.00	£0.00	£118.00	
17	03/09/21	B/T	SLCC	Membership for Mr Cooke. Paid.	MEM236278-1	£178.00	£0.00	£0.00	£178.00	
18	09/09/21	B/T	SLCC	ILCA registration for Mr Cooke. Paid.	QL200167-1	£120.00	£0.00	£24.00	£144.00	
19	19/09/21	B/T	Barclaycard (Amazon)	Maintenance tools and supplies for Mr Thompson	Various	£128.58	£0.00	£25.73	£154.31	
20	02/09/21	B/T	Towering Security (Tendring) Ltd	Alarm response 02/09. Paid.	INV-10956	£32.99	£0.00	£6.60	£39.59	
21	16/03/21	B/T	Instant Image	4 x wildflower signs. Paid.	INV-12922	£48.00	£0.00	£9.60	£57.60	
22	24/08/21	B/T	Tendring DC	Annual servicing of litter bin on Wivenhoe Road	700002	£85.48	£0.00	£0.00	£85.48	
23	11/08/21	B/T	Cox Landscapes Ltd	Materials for fence repairs at St Peter's Church. Paid.	79984	£187.18	£0.00	£37.44	£224.62	
24	06/09/21	B/T	Tendring Telecoms & Security Systems	CCTV Service	14196	£375.00	£0.00	£75.00	£450.00	
25	11/09/21	B/T	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Limited assurance review of Annual Return for 2020/21	SB20212021	£400.00	£0.00	£80.00	£480.00	
26	01/10/21	B/T	Instant Image	Supply and fit road signs.	INV-13408	£760.00	£0.00	£152.00	£912.00	
27	29/09/21	B/T	EALC	Climate Crisis Course - Cllr Hammick	14557	£105.00	£0.00	£21.00	£126.00	
28	14/09/21	B/T	Navigus	NP - support with examination	710	£140.00	£0.00	£28.00	£168.00	
29	24/09/21	B/T	Barclaycard (Amazon)	Maintenance tools and supplies for Mr Thompson	Various	£34.87	£0.00	£7.01	£41.88	
Grants						£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	

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PW Loans							
	D/D			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Chairman's Allowance							
	B/T			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Office Expenses							
				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total monies out				£6,186.74	£95.06	£738.39	£6,830.07
							£6,830.07
Petty Cash Payments							
				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Income							
1	28/09/21	B/T	Tendring DC	Hire of Pavilion for polling station	£75.00		£75.00
Total monies in					£75.00	£0.00	£0.00
							£75.00

Report approved by full council in meeting 6th October agenda item 10.21.1961. Signed _____ Chairman

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Tendring

GS now sits on the Freeport East Committee which is made up of all parties of the Council. This is chaired by Neil Stock. This is not a decision making body with reference to Harwich Port.

GS took part in the Resources and Services Meeting which met and spoke about Council house voids with Tim R Clarke and Andy White.

AW and GS attended Full Council where Cllr. Chris Griffiths put forward a motion about protecting resident's rights to objecting to planning applications.

AW attended Cabinet in GS's place where we spoke about carbon offsetting with regard to various activities that happen in the District such as the Clacton Air Show.

Michael Gove has taken over from Robert Jenrick as Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Gvt.

GS attended Group Leaders. Highlights of the conversation were Freeport Status, Covid updates, Local Gvt. Reform now back on the Agenda, Officer appointed and to be paid by TDC and ECC to Economic Growth Team.

TDC has waived rents due from community groups for this financial year which at a cost of £83,000.

The Pride of Tendring Awards are open and we will be submitting our nominations as TDC Councillors before the end of October.

Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Alresford

GS and AW continue give out boxes and visited new residents on Opal Way which has now been released.

We have had a considerable number of calls about the recycling and rubbish collection along the B1027.

We met with Tim R Clarke, Head of Housing at TDC and walked around Council properties to highlight those that needed attention and met with residents.

We have had calls from residents in Council properties about repairs.

We have had calls about flooding which we have passed to the relevant authorities.

We have reported potholes that need attention to Highways.

GS has emptied the bins on the playpark on the TW South Side.

GS attended the Community Garden Event at the Station House and spoke with residents including those that keep the gardens watered.

AG notes:- Alresford w/c 4th Oct 2021- last meet 01/09/2021	
1.	Member local community initiative relaunched. £10,000 available. Inviting two Councillors from each parish to attend a meeting on 26/10/2021 @ 11.00AM . Probably St. Osyth to discuss possible options for joint purchase of mobile SID's [speed indicator devices] and VAS's [vehicle activated signs]. Options regarding funding. Speed awareness campaign. In attendance will be one of the approved providers and possibly police. Key is the fact that Alresford already has a static VAS plus a camera which some believe is not working!
2.	Essex Community Initiative Fund . CIF. AG confirmed support for grant applications in Brightlingsea & Alresford – a reminder of opportunities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lido. Heat retaining pool cover for water. £10,000 grant application based on total spend of £42K. Lido supply £32K plus. ✓ Pawsons playground refurbishment. £10,000 grant application based on total spend of £133K including TDC Section 106 funds, plus insurance claim. ✓ Skate board park refurbishment. £10,000 grant application based on total spend of £15K. ✓ Train station house change of use. Community use. £10,000 grant application based on total spend of £150K [?]
3.	09/09/2021. Attended Chelmsford ECC scrutiny ctte where libraries discussed. Sep 20 library consultation live Good numbers.at 10.00 or 18.00 hrs via. Portfolio Holder. Circulated to Councillors, plus to residents.
4.	08/09/2021 Attended Safer Essex Road partnership . ECC plus 11 major partners including all emergency services. Single mission to eliminate all deaths and serious injuries in Essex by 2040! Currently reducing. 2014 was 1,104 reported. 2020 with COVID reductions lower at 722 but still included 49 deaths. Include driver speed awareness courses.15,000 plus drivers last year alone attended.
5.	16/09/2021. Local Highway Panel . Discuss no funds left for this financial year despite extra £200K. .A new view for Councils who wish to self fund some items. Cllr Belgrove may well report under the TDALC report section.
6.	17/09/2021. AG attends Kent & Essex Fisheries Conservation Authority as one of 3 ECC delegates. Part based in Brightlingsea. Actions to preserve specific fish /marine numbers for next 30 years in a sustainable manner. New statutory bye-laws.
7.	17/09/2021. Attended ECC Chairmans reception at Margareting.
8.	21/09/2021. Briefing on social care in Essex. Annual Budget £700 million. Nearly total amount of money collected by domestic rates. The triangle of care is turning upside down . At moment more residents working than being paid benefits. In the next 10 years this will invert! Also details re Afghan refugees.
9.	22/09/2021. Attended Essex Pension fund strategy board. In safe hands! Good news for rate-payers & beneficiaries.

10.	23/09/2021. AG NEW ROLE. Chair scrutiny ctte. County Hall. You tube. Reports on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Future of Parking Partnerships ✓ Locality board ✓ Bus contracts
11.	29/09/2021. ECC Cabinet “on tour”. Walton-on-Naze. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learnt that saltmarshes more important than planting trees for the benefit of the environment. ✓ Future of County Hall. ✓ Social care costs and new rules re £86K “cap”. 17,000 residents in Essex funded by ECC. BUT 60,000 in some form of care system! ✓ Sat with Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, head of highways and Clacton MP. Good opportunity to discuss residents in my division issues. ✓ Key issue re Tendring parking.
12.	02 & 04/10/2021. Much water surface issues in area. AG visited some sites. Worst that I visited in Alresford appeared to be on B1027 around Coach Road. Looks and feels like a drain may be blocked. Need to see when water lower. Many others gone in under 12 hours. Need to check gutter cleaning. Thankfully no property damage or life issues needing fire brigade. Thanks to Cllr Wiggins & Cllr F. Belgrove for bringing to my attention. Thanks for Clerk in reporting and discussions. Not sure who will be getting responses from ECC Highways via email reporting tool? Need also to note report reference number and date.
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