

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd June 2021 at 7.30pm in Alresford Village Hall, Alresford

Cllrs. present: Cllr. F. Belgrove (Chairman), Cllr. Osborne, Cllr. Wiggins, Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Housden, Cllr. Swash, Cllr. Scott, Cllr. Claremont-Brown, and Cllr. Broom.

Also present: Parish Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

Minutes

The Chairman welcomed everyone back and for their patience and support during the lockdown.

Announcements:

1. High Sheriff of Essex Simon Brice sends his best wishes to the Parish Council
2. Thanks was given to all those still involved with the voluntary support for the community
3. The Alresford Neighbourhood Plan had been released by the Independent Examiner and approved for a referendum

06.21.1865 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. L. Belgrove and Cllr. Hammick gave apologies.

06.21.1866 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Broom and Cllr. Claremont-Brown declared an interest in agenda item 06.21.1878.

Cllr. Scott and Cllr. Wiggins declared an interest in agenda item 06.21.1884.

06.21.1867 Minutes of the last monthly meeting

The minutes of the meeting from 5th May 2021 were agreed. Cllr. Scott proposed and Cllr. Wiggins seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to update website with approved minutes.

06.21.1868 Public Forum (*members of the public and guests can address the council – social distancing restrictions apply*). *Time limit 3 mins per person. Item limited to 10 minutes.*

A resident thanked the Parish Council for carrying on in the best way they could within the COVID restrictions. Cllr. F. Belgrove thanked the resident for his contribution regarding the Alresford Neighbourhood Plan.

06.21.1869 Finance

i) *May Finance Report* – The report was approved, Cllr. Osborne proposed and Cllr. Wiggins seconded. All in favour.

Action: RFO to process approved payments.

ii) *Replacement batteries for defibrillators (2 required). Cost £552.00 (inc vat).* Cllr. Scott proposed and seconded by Cllr. Swash. All in favour.

Action: Clerk/RFO to order replacement batteries.

06.21.1870 Annual Governance and Annual Return for 2020-2021

i) *Year End figures to review and approve*

The figures were reviewed and approved. Cllr. Housden proposed and Cllr. Broom seconded. 1 abstention, otherwise in favour.

ii) *To approve Annual Governance Statement (section 1)*

Section 1 was considered and approved. Cllr. Housden proposed and Cllr. Broom seconded. 1 abstention, otherwise in favour.

iii) To approve Accounting Statement (section 2)

Section 2 was considered and approved. Cllr. Housden proposed and Cllr. Broom seconded. 1 abstention, otherwise in favour.

Action: RFO to complete paperwork ready for Internal Audit inspection and for submission to PKF Little John (external auditors).

06.21.1871 New planning applications:

i) 21/00447/FUL Mr Paul Jeffrey Reconfiguration and alterations to Existing Cart Lodge to create a new 2 bedroom annex above the garage. Creation of 2 no. new build standalone units. Unit 1 - adjacent to existing cart lodge to provide additional space to house plant room equipment associated with the new energy efficiencies. Equipment will include boilers, water storage, battery storage and exchangers. Unit 2 - new substation adjacent to existing at entrance to site to house generators and power storage to make site more energy efficient (building to be green GRP substation) Alresford Lodge Ford Lane Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8BE

Comments: No objection.

ii) 21/00699/FUL Mrs Pia Summers Proposed extension to existing manege approved under reference 10/00299/FUL. Construction of covered horsewalker. Cloverlands 261 Wivenhoe Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AJ

Comments: No objection.

iii) 21/00802/FUL Mr Gowans Erection of detached two-storey dwelling with associated landscaping and parking (following demolition of existing dwelling) Grange Lodge Wivenhoe Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8BG

Comments: Alresford Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

1. The demolition of the lodge and the replacing of it with a larger property is detrimental to the character of the area.
2. Throwing away material objects by demolition is harmful to the environment, wasteful of energy and materials, and careless in the face of diminishing resources. Demolishing houses, which are bulky and valuable material objects, should be a last resort. Normally it is only advocated to remove unsound or unwanted buildings.
3. The current property is listed as a non-designated heritage asset in the emerging Alresford Neighbourhood Plan. This Plan now carries significant weight. **iv) 21/00825/FUL** WSM Farming Proposed siting of ground mounted solar array Alresford Hall Ford Lane Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AY Cllr. Osborne proposed and Cllr. Swash seconded. 1 abstention otherwise all in favour.

Action: Clerk to update TDC Planning Portal with above decisions.

06.21.1872 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr. Clark reported:

Examiners final report had been received. Positive response. Recommendation made that the plan gets adopted and then moves to a referendum.

Cllr. Clark proposed for the Parish Council to recommend TDC put the ANHP for referendum. All in favour.

5 weeks for confirmation before referendum takes place. 56 working days to hold the referendum.

06.21.1873 Updates

i) Bench at the Creek – the bench and platform had now been installed (plaques to be ordered).

ii) Superfast Broadband - Issue with Cabinet 18 Wivenhoe Road Cllr. F. Belgrove updated the council. Cllr. Claremont-Brown declared an interest.

iii) B1027 and Cockaynes Lane challenge to existing speed limits – Independent company instructed, awaiting report.

06.21.1874 Playing Field

Council to approve works to apply fertilizer and top dressing to football pitches and other areas. Cost £750, Alresford Colne Rangers to pay 50%.

Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to contact Alresford Colne Rangers to inform them of the decision.

06.21.1875 Council to contribute towards materials for Pavilion patio sunshade/rain shelter.

Suggested amount £350. Cllr. Housden proposed and Cllr. Claremont-Brown seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to inform Alresford Colne Rangers of the decision.

06.21.1876 “Well-being” Working Party report

Cllr. Claremont-Brown updated the council regarding the agenda item. To encourage people to come forward as volunteers. An open day suggested (COVID restrictions permitting), to start discussions on what the village wants.

06.21.1877 Taylor Wimpey – Staunton Gate site proposed license update (from Solicitor)

Taylor Wimpey emailed today to confirm they would open the play area and be responsible until the hand over to the Parish Council could be completed.

06.21.1878 Brett Aggregates: matters relating to Brett Aggregates and the haul road

- *Background*
- *Traffic studies*
- *Renewal of license*

Council to discuss and consider appropriate action to address these matters.

Cllr. Claremont-Brown went through the item. Lorry speed and road condition were the main issues which Brett had been contacted about. Little communication had been made to residents from Brett which had been very disappointing. Cllr. Claremont-Brown read out part of a letter recently sent to Brett from those residents affected.

It was proposed to arrange a meeting with Brett for issues in the village generally not just Cut Throat Lane. Cllr. Broom requested the Parish Council challenged Brett regarding the route vehicles took and also possibly ECC Minerals and Waste. Health and Safety and Environmental issues needed to be discussed also. Cllr. Clark confirmed that a request to ECC Minerals & Waste had been made to request their assistance.

Progress issue of traffic movements, licence and the haul road, Cllr. Claremont-Brown proposed a meeting, Cllr. Clark seconded. All in favour.

Action: Meeting to be arranged with Brett to discuss above issues.

06.21.1880 Special Police Constable

Council to consider the proposal, additional to the PCSO. Cllr. F. Belgrove explained it was to see if the council would consider exploring the option on a Special PC. All in favour.

Action: Cllr. F. Belgrove to make enquires and report back to the council.

06.21.1881 Booking system for The Pavilion

Council to consider a system to assist with day-to-day bookings. It was agreed to explore the option.

Action: Clerk/RFO to request information and pricing for Scribe booking system.

06.21.1882 Personnel announcement

Cllr. F. Belgrove explained that Mick Coham had resigned due to health reasons. The Maintenance Person job had been advertised, cut-off date for applicants would be 15th June 2021.

06.21.1883 COVID-19 update

Waiting to hear the Government decision nearer the 21st June 2021.

06.21.1884 District Councillor’s report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

Report received and distributed. See appendix 1.

06.21.1885 Essex County Councillor Report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

Report received and distributed. See appendix 2.

06.21.1886 PCSO report

No report.

06.21.1887 Councillor's to raise any matters they feel should be brought to the attention of the Council (1 minute each councillor).

There were none.

06.21.1888 Meeting ended at 9.30pm

Chairman/Vice Chairman signed:..... Date:.....

Appendix 1

District Councillor report – June 2021

Alresford Parish Council – June 2021

Tendring

We attended our first 'in person' Full Council Meeting in the Princes Theatre.

We had an All Members Briefing about a new project in Jaywick Sands to bring more prosperity there.

Gary attended Cabinet where again the Jaywick Sands project was discussed in more detail.

Gary attended Resources and Services Committee where there was discussion about electric vehicle charging points as part of the Tourism Strategy. In the coming months we will be talking about the 'levelling up' bids where there is the potential for coastal areas to get Government funding to improve the locale.

Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Alresford

We continue to give out recycling boxes and deliver medicines to residents.

Gary has met new residents from Victoria Avenue on the Cockaynes Lane North site.

We continue to be contacted by Alresford residents with reference to the Chase being rebuilt (in the Parish of Elmstead Market). This is still ongoing.

We have been contacted about a boundary matter.

Gary had an email about mature trees being felled in Cockaynes Wood. The tree officer from TDC went to look.

Essex County Council report/notes – June 2021

Notes:- week commencing May 31 2021

May 25 2021. A really strange Full Essex County Council Annual meeting. Venue was Chelmsford Athletic Centre on the indoor running track to allow all 75 councillors and Officers to be 2 metres apart.

Good to meet face-to-face for the first time in 15 months!

Ambitious plans announced by Kevin Bentley the new Leader. New deputy leader is Louise McKinley.

New Chairman is Eddy Johnstone

Also my new role agreed. Very pleased.

First full week back after the elections.

May 18 2021 Evening. Brightlingsea Harbour User AGM. Business and leisure interests there. Good to see some business's represented as well as clubs. Some big developments this coming season.

May 20 Thursday brings a resident visit re parking and my first face-to-face council meeting at St.Osyth Parish. Socially distanced meant that the chairs were spaced around a badminton court in the Parish Hall. A bit of voice projection needed for all to hear.

May 7 2021. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who once again put their trust in me, for a third term as the Essex County Councillor for Brightlingsea, Thorrington, Great Bentley, Alresford, Point Clear and St. Osyth.

It will be a busy 4 years whilst the County deals with major issues, including the effect of the post COVID recovery, climate change and the welfare of our most vulnerable residents – both young and old.

I will always represent the views of the 15,000 voters and their families in my division. I am conscious that this includes not only those who voted for me, but also those who preferred others, and those who did not vote at all.

Many felt that the quality of the candidates was good. For those that bothered to campaign there were three candidates who have already had experience at parish & district level plus a huge community and charity involvement/commitment totalling over 100 years. Democracy working.

May 28 2021. Essex CC initiative to promote all towns and villages around our 250 mile coastline. A direct alternative to just Clacton or Southend. Different propositions. Highlighted in Brightlingsea and Point Clear Harbour. TV coverage from BBC & ITV, plus BBC Radio Essex and local newspapers. Good for the environment and local trade.

May 27 2021. Member initiative relaunched. £10,000 available. Discuss what was learnt last time but also fresh opportunity to look at next local needs.

My new additional role at ECC is as Chair of a Scrutiny Committee known as Place, Services and Economic Growth. [PSEG]. Scrutiny on matters relating to environment, economic growth, infrastructure, sustainability, highways, transportation, libraries, communities, waste recycling and trading standards!

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