

# ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. F. Belgrove (Chairman), Cllr. Osborne, Cllr. Wiggins, Cllr. Day, Cllr. L. Belgrove, Cllr. Hammick, Cllr. Housden, Cllr. Clark and Cllr. Scott.

Also present: Parish Clerk, Cty. Cllr. Goggin, Sgt. Tattershall and 4 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Minutes

### **Announcements:**

(i) Cllr. F. Belgrove clarified the situation, £1040.00 revenue grant from TDC to be received via the Government. It will not affect the precept at all. The money will go into unallocated reserves.

(ii) Cllr. Osborne mentioned the Alresford Advertiser were looking for residents to help out delivering the bi-monthly magazine. Please contact Russell Milburn on 01206 825739 if you are interested.

**03.20.1534 Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Swash gave apologies.

**03.20.1535 Minutes of the last monthly meeting:** The minutes of the meeting from 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were agreed. Cllr. Wiggins proposed and Cllr. Housden seconded. There were three abstentions Cllr. L. Belgrove, Cllr. Clark & Cllr. Day due to all being absent from the meeting in February.

**03.20.1536 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Scott and Cllr. Wiggins declared an interest in their report. Cllr. F. Belgrove declared an interest in agenda item 03.20.1552.

### **03.20.1537 Police report – Sgt. Simon Tattersall**

Sgt. Tattersall spoke about the current setting for the Tendring District, he informed all present the area he covered which was Alresford up to Walton. The Parish Council was asked, as a match funded PCSO was Julia doing everything wanted? Trucam was mentioned and how successful it has been. Zigzags lines and people abiding by them was a passion of Sgt. Tattersall. Coffee with cops would like to be encouraged more of as well as foot patrolling. If there was anything not being done, please contact Sgt. Tattersall. Cllr. Osborne conveyed that PCSO Brandon was fantastic when we need her she can normally action everything. Cllr. Day commented regarding Youth Group, PCSO Brandon was great with them. PCSO Brandon was encouraged to attend community events.

Cllr. Scott requested Sgt. Tattersall's email address. Sgt. Tattersall then left the meeting.

**Action: The Clerk to email Sgt. Tattersall's email address to all councillors.**

### **03.20.1538 Public Forum (10 min. item. Public may address the Council for no longer than 3 mins. per person).**

A resident asked about the sections along footpath 12. Cllr. F. Belgrove confirmed that the sections of paths had now been closed.

Cllr. Clark arrived at 19.41pm.

A resident asked about the lighting work in the village, can the Parish Council take on more street lighting from ECC Highways. Unfortunately no as the amount received from ECC Highways devolution wouldn't cover it.

Alresford resident volunteer for P3 asked about getting a hedge cutter, could one be purchased £400.00 for cutter and accessories. Agenda item required. The Clerk to see if anything can be obtained via ECC P3.

A resident queried about the up keep of the ditch on the playing field and keeping it clear, concern for flooding on the road if it was not maintained. Cllr. F. Belgrove stated that volunteers from the football club had cleared the main sections of the ditch. Anglian Water had also been out recently to attend to the culvert.

**Action: Clerk to contact ECC to see if they can provide an adequate hedge cutter if not arrange agenda item for approval to purchase one, to be kept as Parish Council property.**

### **03.20.1539 Planning**

Council to consider the following application(s)/matters:

**(i) 20/00079/FUL** - Dunalastair Ford Lane Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AU - Proposed rear conservatory and relocation of window.

**Comments** – No objection. All in favour.

**Action: Clerk to update planning portal.**

### **03.20.1540 Neighbourhood Plan report**

Cllr. Clark spoke about the item, explaining where things were up to now and what needs to be done for the final stage. When approved by TDC a referendum would be held, early autumn hopefully.

Cllr. F. Belgrove thanked everyone for all of the hard work that had been put into Alresford's Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Scott declared an interest as he sits on the panel that would approve the Neighbourhood Plan document. Cllr. L.

Belgrove asked if it caused a problem with the lack of the immersing Local Plan? No basically.  
Cllr. Day raised a query with the wording to do with child care.  
Cllr. Clark proposed that Alresford Parish Council submit the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

Cty. Cllr. Goggin arrived at 20.09pm

**03.20.1541 Council to consider informal approach from a local caravan club to hire the playingfield for a weekend.**

The Parish Council unanimously objected to the Caravan Clubs request to use the playing field.

**03.20.1542 Council to consider request for two bus stop stands on Wivenhoe Road near Marsh Farm (area of parish boundary).**

Cllr. Scott clarified why actual bus stops were not present. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed if bus stops can be safely reinstated they should be, Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

**Action: Clerk to contact ECC regarding reinstatement existing sites, or if new LHP needed.**

**03.20.1543 Speed limit reduction between Wivenhoe Road and Alresford (Alresford Road/Wivenhoe Road). Council to make another request via Local Highways Panel.**

Cllr. L. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

**03.20.1544 Fly-tipping and dog fouling. Increase in these anti-social activities. Council to decide upon actions to take.**

Cllr. L. Belgrove asked Dist. Cllr. Scott to insist that TDC puts up temporary cameras in main areas of Alresford? Dist. Cllr. Scott to put this item forward to TDC's full council on Alresford Parish Councils behalf. It was commented that TDC were allocating £249,000 on enforcement measures in the district.

**03.20.1545 Parking in the car park by non-users of the facility**

Cllr. F. Belgrove explained the item. Bennetts were planning to use the car park for their vehicles but hadn't asked permission from the Parish Council. The Parish Council advised Bennetts that they would not be able to use the car park for several reasons but mainly due to safety.

**03.20.1546 Alresford Community Awards 2020**

**Action: Councillors to email suggestions to the Clerk.**

**03.20.1547 Handy Person report and resolution to budget £250.00 for materials**

Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed increased amount for the month to £400 Cllr. L. Belgrove seconded. All in favour.

Items attended to:

Hardcourt soda crystallised

Bench repair

Water storage tanks

Tarmac at skate park

Cricket strip

Rocking Horse hand and foot grips replacement

**03.20.1548 Environmental Working Party report**

Planter suggested for the village as well as lamp post hanging baskets. Grant funding to be sort after. Provisional budget of £1500 mentioned.

Proposed that items were put into the 5 year plan, Cllr. Hammick proposed and Cllr. Scott seconded.

Risk assessment for disabled access at the Creek required.

**Action: Risk assessment to be carried out for disabled access.**

**03.20.1549 Pavilion Hire**

Essex Association of Local Council to hire the Pavilion for use as a training hub. Information only.

**03.20.1550 Tree Warden Report on tree purchase and planting**

A tree had been planted in the play area. Other trees to be planted around the playing field.

**03.20.1551 Council wall plaque (item carried forward from a previous meeting)**

Cllr. L. Belgrove reported – quotes had been obtained for plaque and name plates but company very busy so not able to present anything at this meeting.

**03.20.1552 Allotment water (dip tanks)**

One way valves, isolating taps and drain point to be fitted, budget to be approved for £120.00. Cllr. L. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Day seconded. Carried by majority.

**Action: Clerk to speak to contractor to progress works.**

### **03.20.1553 Parish Council staff – Personal safety at work**

Cllr. F. Belgrove confirmed that the Personnel Committee were looking at this and giving staff advice and making sure protocols were in place to keep staff safe.

### **03.20.1554 Updates**

- i) New website – website address [www.alresfordpcessex.uk](http://www.alresfordpcessex.uk)
- ii) Electric vehicle charging points – awaiting quotes
- iii) Five year plan – Delaying as Environmental items to be included (previously agreed)

### **03.20.1555 County and District Councillor's Reports:**

Dist. Cllr. Scott gave the following report:

#### **District**

We attended Full Council where we discussed the budget and amendments which were put forward by our opposition group. The outcome of the three amendments put forward and agreed were that:

- 1) An additional two officers at a cost of £44,000 to support improvements in the appearance of the District for a year.
- 2) A three year post for an early intervention officer at a cost of £100,000 to help with supporting families in critical need through difficult housing circumstances.
- 3) £249,000 funding help with enforcement issues in the District.

Dist. Cllr. Wiggins attended the Constitution Working Party and Standards Committee. We attended the Resources and Services Committee where the recycling and roll out of wheelie bins was discussed at length. Veolia were in attendance to answer Councillors enquiries.

We both updated our Code of Conduct training.

We went to Felixstowe last Thursday and met Phil Gore, Head of Environmental Health and Port Health and Daniel Wareing for Environmental Services and Public Relations from East Suffolk Council who told us about how they were tackling plastic waste. This Council was chosen because it most resembled Tendring as a coastal and rural area and Dist. Cllr. Scott had been tasked with finding out. In the afternoon we met with Deborah Bartlett who had been proactive in the 'Litter free Felixstowe' campaign. We did not see any litter whilst we walked from the seafront along the High Street to the Station.

We attended the All Member Briefing on climate change and becoming a carbon neutral council by 2030 which could be a challenge.

The Chief Executive sent an email to all Councillors informing them about the Coronavirus.

We attended the Pride of Tendring awards last Friday.

#### **Alresford**

A resident emailed about the ditches in Cockaynes Lane which were completely full of water and litter. Taylor Wimpey had been pumping the water out and doing litter picks.

A resident complained from Staunton Gate about vehicles driving on the pedestrian walkway between Rubens Close and Empire Walk. Taylor Wimpey had installed bollards to mitigate this issue.

We had given out more recycling boxes to new residents although there were still residents who had not received their wheelie bin yet.

The fly tipped rubbish near Sibbons had been removed by TDC Environmental Services after many communications – although it was actually in Elmstead Market!

Dist. Cllr. Scott had received Council tenant issues.

Dist. Cllr. Scott had sent the Clerk the updated information about the Local Plan from Gary Guiver.

Dist. Cllr. Scott had a planning condition enquiry about trees on a new development.

Rectory Road, Wivenhoe will be closed on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March all day for resurfacing.

Cty. Cllr. Goggin reported:

- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020, full Cty. Cllr. meeting. Budget passed. Council members given £10k to spend in his/her division.
- Active Essex, cycling and walking campaign.
- Children Conference, 30,000 in Essex with a SEND certificate.
- Passenger Transport meeting attended, electric buses to be bought and used where a car cannot go.
- Cllr. F. Belgrove attended the B1027 meeting with Cty. Cllr. Goggin.
- Herford, Cambridge & Suffolk fostering adoption group meeting attended.
- Bradwell consultation document out today.
- 24<sup>th</sup> March at Brightlingsea Yacht club a presentation/exhibition. 12<sup>th</sup> of March Brightlingsea Town Council presenting the opposite view.

Cllr. F. Belgrove report of B1027 meeting – Parish Council representatives met with Cty. Cllr. Goggin and Highways Officers. It was agreed that a review of speed limits, junctions and lining would be undertaken.

**03.20.1556 Finance report (monthly) for approval of payments**

The report was proposed by Cllr. Wiggins and Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

**Action: RFO to process payments.**

**03.20.1557 Clerks report/Correspondence not previously circulated**

i) Essex Playing Field – Best kept playing field competition 2020 – Council happy to enter 5 out of 7 criteria.

**Action: Clerk to process application.**

**03.20.1558 Community Speed Watch Report**

Cllr. L. Belgrove reported, numbers are increasing for Police. Offences 163,005 2019 - solved crimes 14.3%, underfunding and lack of officers still an issue.

Coronavirus – Will be looking at what advice the Parish Council could give residents.

**03.20.1559 PCSO report – Cllr. F. Belgrove highlighted the need to improve Pavilion security.**

**03.20.1560 Committee and Working Party reports – No further reports.**

**03.20.1561 Meeting closed at 21.36pm**

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