

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 4th August 2021 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ford Lane, Alresford

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

Also present: Parish Clerk, Cty. Cllr. Goggin and 2 members of the public.

Announcements:

1. COVID restrictions in place; hand gel provided, face masks can be worn and good ventilation to be maintained at all times. Could Councillors and public continue to be considerate of others
2. This was the last meeting for the Clerk & Proper Officer Michelle Salazar, the council wish her all the best for her move to Norfolk.
3. Alresford Neighbourhood Plan – The Steering Group or Parish Council cannot promote a yes vote during the referendum.

08.21.1916 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. L. Belgrove gave apologies.

08.21.1917 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Wiggins declared an interest in agenda items 08.21.1931 and 08.21.1932

Cllr. Claremont-Brown and Cllr. Broom declared an interest in agenda items 08.21.1924 (i) & (ii).

08.21.1918 Minutes of the last monthly meeting

The minutes of the meeting from 7th July 2021 were agreed, Cllr. Broom proposed and Cllr. Hammick seconded. All in favour.

Action: Minutes to be added to the parish Council website.

08.21.1919 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 had attended the meeting on behalf of the Autumn Centre (Trustee); would it be possible to apply for funding now that the Lunch Club would be starting up again, the Clerk suggested that an application (grant) be submitted to the Parish Council.

08.21.1920 Finance

i) July Finance Report - Council to review and approve.

Item 21 change from Brown to Broom. Cllr. Claremont-Brown proposed and Cllr. Swash seconded. All in favour once amendment made.

Action: RFO to amend report.

08.21.1921 Personnel announcement and update

Personnel Committee to be delegated full powers to employ a permanent or temporary Clerk. Cllr. Housden proposed and Cllr. Clark seconded. All in favour.

08.21.1922 New planning applications:

i) 21/01051/FUL | Variation of condition 3 (External Finishing Materials) of Planning Permission ref: 18/00367/FUL to omit approved external materials laid out in the site layout drawing no. TW013-PL-07 Rev E, and add external materials laid out in the site layout drawing no. TW013-PL-07 Rev F | Land North of Cockaynes Lane Alresford Essex CO7 8BT

Comments: No objection.

ii) 21/01062/LBC | Proposed subsidence repairs and rebuilding of a collapsed brick arch to a boundary wall. | Brook Farmhouse Colchester Main Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AP

Comments: No objection

Action: Clerk to update TDC planning portal with comments.

08.21.1923 Essex Police - Special Police Constable

It was resolved that Alresford Parish Council advertise for an Essex Police Special Constable, to be recruited or chosen internally by Essex Police to serve in the Parish of Alresford. No upfront cost and only minimal expenses required.

Cllr. F. Belgrove explained and proposed the item, Cllr. Claremont-Brown seconded. All in favour.

Action: Advertisement to be publicized for a Special Constable.

08.21.1924 Updates

i) Lufkins Farm 2nd proposed reservoir

Cllr. Claremont-Brown explained the item, the new proposed reservoir would be 4 times larger than the 1st reservoir, it was suggested to liaise with ECC, concern raised for environmental damage and residential issues.

Proposal made that the Parish Council agree to forming a Minerals and Waste Working Party. Cllr.

Claremont-Brown proposed and seconded by Cllr. Housden. Cllr. Broom, Cllr. Claremont-Brown, Cllr. Clark and Cllr. Osborne to be the Working Party. All in favour.

ii) Brett Aggregates haul road

Cllr. Claremont-Brown explained the item. The haul road (access road) had existing issues and more concerns were raised for the proposed reservoir. Speed is still an issue, no real action taken by Brett which had been disappointing.

iii) Colchester/Tendring borders Garden Community

Cllr. F. Belgrove explained the item, Mersea Homes would be in charge of the administration, and Latimer Homes would be the developer, Clarion Homes would be working on the affordable home's aspect. Cllr. Clark suggested getting in contact with Elmstead Parish Council and Wivenhoe Town Council, how else would the Alresford Parish Council be able to get involved.

vi) Salt Bag Partnership Scheme

No objection to signing up for the scheme.

Action: Clerk to sign up for the scheme.

v) Tendring District Council Local Plan

Cllr. Clark explained the item, modifications were what people were being asked to comment on, a Planning Committee meeting was suggested to be called. Rural Exceptions Policy and allotments to be looked at.

Action: Planning Committee meeting to be arranged.

08.21.1925 Highways Devolution

It was proposed that the Highways Devolution grant of £1380 be spent on replacing faded, damaged, or missing road signs (30mph signs, school warning signs etc.) Instant Image of Elmstead Market to be instructed.

Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Osborne seconded. All in favour.

Action: List signs that need replacing and instruct Instant Image to quote before proceeding.

08.21.1926 Council to approve cutting of hedge boundary adjacent to St. Andrews Church (Playing Field) at a cost of £350.

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

Action: Instruct contractor to proceed with works.

08.21.1927 B1027 speed limit reduction campaign

Proposal: Alresford Parish Council to apply to Essex County Council Highways (via the Tendring Local Highways Panel) for the B1027 (where it passes through the main part of Alresford) to have 30mph limit in line with Government and County policy, being the default speed for village roads.

Cllr. F. Belgrove explained item. A petition had been carried out to some of the village already, would the council be happy if the rest of the village were to be consulted? No objection to this. All in favour.

08.21.1928 Agreement with Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club, to allow priority usage of the playing field football pitches

Proposal: It was proposed that Alresford Parish Council enters into a written agreement to grant priority usage of the football pitches to ACRFC.

No objection.

Action: Agreement to be written and signed by both parties.

08.21.1929 Harassment/verbal abuse of staff and /or councillors

Update on procedure for dealing with these issues.

Current document requires updating.

Action: Document to be updated.

08.21.1930 Loose and missing kerbstones – various roads

Council to consider options to continue campaign to have these repairs carried out.

Suggestion to get a quote(s) for replacing kerbstones in mainly effected areas.

Action: Quotes to be gathered for consideration, decision to be made at a future meeting.

08.21.1931 Yew trees at St. Peters Churchyard

Proposal: It was proposed that Alresford Parish Council pays for the initial pruning works prior to the shaping of the trees by the Church contractor. The budget for the initial works will be set out by the Finance Committee.

Cllr. Scott declared an interest in the churchyard at St. Peters. All in favour.

Action: Quotes to be received for costing of works.

08.21.1932 District Councillor's report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

See appendix 1.

08.21.1933 Essex County Councillor Report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

See appendix 2.

08.21.1934 Meeting ended at 20.54pm

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

Appendix 1

District Councillor report – August 2021

Alresford Parish Council – August 2021

Tendring

GS attended the Local Plan and Planning Policy Meeting at which Section 2 of the Local Plan was discussed. There will be a further six week consultation period taking place. The Consultation is to inform residents of the latest evidence to be submitted to the Inspector. The Chairman of the Committee Cllr Nick Turner is confident that the Local Plan will be agreed by the end of the year. He told the meeting that it had taken over 10 years to get to this point and that the Committee had been helped by several officers to achieve this current situation.

AW attended a Resources and Services Committee Meeting for GS where housing voids and S106 were spoken about as well as the previous year's work plan and also the future Work Plan for 2021-2022.

We attended Full Council the Chairman spoke about fundraising for his charity which is CVST. Clacton will be 150 years old on the 18 July and preparations are in place for a celebration and we were able to look at a display of old photos.

Cllr Talbot spoke about the future of recycling which will eventually change the way we do it – this will be countrywide. GS asked about textiles, shredded paper and flytipping in Tendring and he also asked a report written by Cllr Everitt could be revisited. There will be a major consultation on recycling in 2023/24 which may cost TDC £1.2m for dry recyclables. There was a question about single use plastics from TDC residents.

Cllr Ivan Henderson asked a question about weeds and grass cutting having a negative visual impact on Tendring District – so does this mean that ECC are underfunding. Cllr Mark Stephenson put forward a motion with regard to a memorial to Covid this will be sent to Cabinet for more discussion.

There were three questions submitted to Full Council – one about Council Housing, one about upgrading CCTV at Dovercourt Lifestyles and one about dog fouling.

AW attended her first Group Leaders meeting for GS where issues included that there are quite a few Officers self isolating and a couple with Covid. Rubbish on the A120/A120 and elsewhere in the District due to lorries not being netted.

We had an All Members Briefing where we learnt about housing voids, repairs and disabled adaptations. Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Alresford

We continue to give out recycling boxes and meet new residents on Cockaynes Lane North.

We reported a broken window in one of the Council properties which has now been put right.

GS litterpicked around the brick bus shelter in Wivenhoe Road.

We have reported missed collections.

GS asked the Elections Officer what the question would be for Alresford's Referendum.

Gary and Ann Councillors for Alresford – August 2021

Appendix 2

Essex County Council report/notes – August 2021

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| Notes:- Alresford week commencing 2nd Aug 2021-last meet 08/07//21 |
| July 13. Full Council meeting. Chelmsford Athletics Centre. Social distancing. AG spoke on value of ECC pension fund. Now asset value at £8.7 BILLION! 172,000members. 2020 paid out £258 MILLION. Very secure at 97.2% funding level. Good for ratepayers. |
| July 19. COVID 19 briefing. Latest statistics for Essex. Better than UK averages. |
| July 22. AG chairs “Places” scrutiny ctte. Chelmsford full council. Broadcast live to public via Youtube. 3 of 4 Cabinet members now met and discussed work programme for next few years. |
| July 23 2021. Executive meeting at Colne Community College. Update on site improvement. At £6.5 million plus it is the biggest spend on education in our area. An investment in the future of our children. Many Alresford resident will have children attending. AG attends with Education Portfolio Cabinet member and his deputy plus several other Councillors with Colne principal. Builders tour. Very impressive. |
| July 26. Meeting face-to-face with buddy at LHP. Discuss updates in my division. This includes ideas from Alresford re B1027. Some interesting recommendations which may eventually be asked to be presented. Sadly I passed the road accident on Sunday with the quad bike. It looked horrible and very sobering. |
| July 27. AG first full meeting of all Chairman of scrutiny boards [4]. Over next few years major subjects to be scrutinised include global warning and highway repairs. Devolution too! |
| July 28. All member briefing. Broadband champions discussed. There are 260 in Essex. Anybody in Alresford? Update on Superfast to Ultrafast. |
| 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. |
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