

New Alresford the Town Council
Environment Committee
 7.30pm Wednesday 14th March 2007
 Arlebury Park upper floor Meeting Room

Present: John Cattle, Malcolm Phillips, Ken Yeldham, Roy Gentry, Barbara Jeffs.

Press: 2

Members of the public: 3

8	Declarations of interest - None	
9	Minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2007 (Proposer: ken Yeldham, Seconder Roy Gentry)	
10	<p>Meeting adjourned for public participation.</p> <p>Q: Geoff Sayer: the crossroads at Jacklyns Lane and the Dean have virtually no markings what is NATC going to do about this.</p> <p>A: NATC will write to Neil Broadbent for explaining the condition of the road is very poor and the lack of markings a traffic hazard.</p> <p>Q: what action is NATC taking on the Barrett's sign put up on the corner of Rosebery Road. When Barrett's has gone, cars parking in that corner of the new car park will also block the view at that junction.</p> <p>A: NATC agree that the sight is impaired by the advertising board, and they, together with the police, are to make action to Barrett's it will be dealt with through appropriate channels.</p> <p>Written Q: Mr F J Barker: what has NATC done, or intend to do, to get and maintain the commitment of the County Council to using "negative texture material" as employed on the Bentley bypass when the Alresford bypass is next resurfaced.</p> <p>A: New Alresford Town Council will write to Hampshire Highways and copy Neil Broadbent, enclosing a copy of the letter from Mr Barker requesting that this be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Written Q: Mrs J Barker: what is NATC prepared to do about the proposal to pump treated sewage effluent into the River Itchen? While a number of organisations and Parish Councils have raised objections, I note that there is apparently no comment from NATC or any other member of the NATC Council regarding this disgraceful proposal. Would you please inform me of the measures that you are taking regarding this matter.</p> <p>A: on behalf of residents NATC will lend their support by written correspondence and objection to Newaters proposal to pump the treated sewage effluent into the River Itchen.</p> <p>Written Q: Mr D Goodman: reference; possibility of replacing the remainder of the river bank timbers together with limited resurfacing of the Millennium Trail footpath from The Dean to the Fulling Mill. Provisional cost estimated at £550, Timber £200, Ballast (10t) 247 WCV £65. A further grant from HCC is likely; the decision will be made in March with 50 % of the cost possible. The work could be done by WCV in May. The first contact with the Environment Agency seems good.</p> <p>A: it was agreed by all that this job needs doing. KY, MP, JC, RG.</p> <p>Written Q: from Mr D Woods: requesting to recite a bench or install new at the top of Pound Hill on the Arlebury Park side.</p> <p>A: The cost of installation is £600 to £700. As this request relates to the Avenue it will be passed to the Town Trustees for their meeting 28th March.</p> <p>It was suggested that the public could be invited, via the Web site, to contribute to the costs or pay for, commemorative benches, or donate towards a bench that could be placed in a suitable location.</p> <p>Written Q: from Mr Fisher: Mr Fisher has undertaken on a monthly basis to collect all the litter deposited at White Hill.</p> <p>A: NATC thank Mr Fisher very much for his contribution to the town in clearing the White Hill area of unsightly litter.</p> <p>Cllr Gentry suggested that a wider litter picks scheme may be started in Alresford.</p> <p>Annual litter pick day: 24th March. The W.I. and the Ladies' Group have agreed to help again this year and will collect from NATC Office, bags and latex gloves, supplied by WCC.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Clerk write a letter to the Old Alresford W.I. reference; the flyers for the Spring Fair placed on windscreens around New Alresford Town which, when blown off the windscreens by the wind contributed greatly to the litter problem.</p> <p>Q: it has been suggested from a resident that three more dog bins are required at various locations around Alresford.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>RG</p> <p>RG</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>A: whilst NATC agree in principle, apart from the initial installation cost of £182, there is an annual cost of £300 per bin per annum for emptying and disposal of dog waste. Currently NATC are funding 6 Dog Waste Bins. No funds have been allocated for further bins in the 2006/7 budget.</p> <p>Q: it is reported that the footpaths in and around Alresford are in a very poor state.</p> <p>A: Cllr Cattle is to meet with Neil Broadbent (HCC) to discuss this matter. Clerk to arrange.</p> <p>Meeting resumed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Finance</p>	
<p>11.1</p>	<p>It was proposed that £1,000 unspent from the allotments budget be placed into an earmarked contingency fund allocated to be for the allotments only. (Proposer: Cllr Gentry, Seconder Cllr B Jeffs)</p>	<p>Clerk/ RFO</p>
<p>11.2</p>	<p>A proposal was made to investigate lighting provision and allocate £2,000 to be earmarked and ring-fenced to be used on lighting only. (Proposer: Cllr Gentry, Seconder Cllr B Jeffs)</p> <p>The pathway from station Road to Jacklyns Lane requires lighting. The clerk is to find the figures from estimates collected last year.</p>	<p>Clerk/ RFO Clerk</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Allotments</p>	
<p></p>	<p>Two allotments have been relinquished and are in the process of being re allocated. The shed is still to be moved.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>Road Signage (The Full Council has given this committee responsibility to business pertaining to roads signage)</p>	
<p>13.1</p>	<p>Resolution: the proposal to have Winchester City Council's name and logo on all Alresford's road signs was unanimously rejected. (Proposer: Cllr B Jeffs, Seconder: Cllr Phillips).</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13.2</p>	<p>Resolution: the Environment Committee will be the responsible body in choosing road name suggestions for the new Barrett's site. (Proposer: Cllr Gentry, Seconder: Cllr Phillips).</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>Land at the end of East Street.</p>	
<p>14.1</p>	<p>Resolution: that NATC should write to the owners of the land at the end of the East Street asking them if they are aware of the major parking problem the town is currently experiencing and if so would they be prepared to either; operator privately run car-park or sell the necessary land to enable a car park to be built. (Proposer: Cllr Yeldham, Seconder Cllr Phillips) Rejected 3-2 (Cllrs Cattle, Jeffs, Gentry)</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>Put Pedestrians First Campaign</p>	
<p>15.1</p>	<p>Resolution: that the "Perins School Group - Parking" be formally recognised by the Environment Committee and Cllr John Cattle to be the representative who attends and reports back to this Committee. (Proposer: Cllr Gentry, Seconder: Cllr B Jeffs)</p>	
<p>15.2</p>	<p>Resolution: Establish a "Putting the Pedestrians First Project", which in addition to the item in Resolution 1 will consider, speed limits, traffic calming, footpaths into the town centre and pedestrian areas, any such project to be undertaken with the active involvement of ; Residents, Businesses, The Town Partnership other people who regularly use the town. (Proposer: Cllr Gentry, Seconder: Cllr Yeldham).</p>	
<p>16</p>	<p>Proposed cycle path west end of Alresford</p>	
<p></p>	<p>Those attending the site meeting suggested putting the proposed new cycle path on the opposite side of the road. However, at the on site meeting all agreed with the proposal as per the map; however the position of the existing bus-stop posed a problem. This is proving to be an ongoing situation; further updates will be available at future Environment Committees.</p>	<p>RG</p>
<p></p>	<p>The chairman closed the meeting at 8.56 pm</p> <p>Chairman's Signature-----Date-----</p>	