**ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**Notice of meeting**

Meeting to be held in the Pavilion (main room), Ford Lane, Alresford at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd of July 2024

**Face coverings may be worn should attendees wish to do so. Hand sanitiser will be available.**

In accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Schedule 12, paragraphs 10 (2) (b) Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the **Parish Council** **Meeting** of Alresford Parish Council, by the clerk and proper officer for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**Agenda**

**07.24.133 Announcements.** Chairman to make announcements.

**07.24.134 Apologies for Absence.**

**07.24.135 Minutes of the last monthly meeting:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of the 5th of June 2024.

**07.24.136 Declarations of Interest.** Councillors present to declare pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest in agenda items.

**07.24.137 Public Forum** under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1 (1) This council is committed to community engagement and welcomes members of the public to contribute in this part of the meeting.

Time limit 3 mins per person. Item limited to 10 minutes.

**During the public forum:** Members of the public and guests can address the Council on matters presented on the publicised agenda. The Council can only take decisions on agenda items. Matters raised and not on the agenda can be carried forward for a response later. Any questions not presented to the council far enough in advance may be noted and responded to at another time.

**After the public forum:** Members of the public are asked to respect that this is a meeting to conduct council business and interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.

**07.24.138 It is resolved to suspend standing orders for the vote on co-option.** Council to temporarily suspend standing orders for item 07.24.139 only in order to take a signed paper ballot for the purpose of co-opting candidates to the two vacancies for council.

* + 1. **Co-option**. Councillors to vote via a signed paper ballot for the co-option of up to two candidates for the two vacancies on council. The clerk to tally votes cast and announce the result. Co-optees (if in attendance) to sign acceptance of office and join meeting.

**07.24.140 Finance Matters.** June Finance Report - Council to review and approve.

**07.24.141 Planning Matters:**

**i: Application number:** [24/00811/FUL](https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SEI8DDQB0KP00)

Mr John Roy - JRoy Properties **Location**: Orchard Business Units, Cockaynes Lane, Alresford, CO7 8BZ

**Proposal** Change of use of land and buildings from B2 (general industrial use) to mixed use as Class E, Class B2 and Class B8 use. (retention of)

**ii: Application number:** [24/00775/FULHH](https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SE75B5QB0OT00)

Mr and Mrs R Elmes, **Location**: The Shieling, Colchester Main Road, Alresford, CO7 8DQ

**Proposal** Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension with associated alterations.

**iii: Application number:** [24/00621/FULHH](https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SCPC6CQB0RE00)

Matthew Hall **Location**: 16 Ford Lane, Alresford, CO7 8AS

**Proposal:** Householder Planning Application - detached summerhouse (following demolition of existing garage)

**07.24.142 Recommendations from the Finance Committee.** Following thefinance committee meeting of June 13th, the committee makes recommendations to council:

i: It is resolved that a direct debit is set up to pay the full Barclaycard balance each month that falls due for the Alresford Parish Council Barclaycard. This is to avoid banking charges when timings of payment runs, conflict with the payment schedule and terms of Barclaycard.

ii: It is resolved that Alresford Parish Council opens a third bank account, to further protect public funds under the banking guarantee scheme. It is recommended to open a Redwood 35 day notice Business Saving Account which offers a 4.1% interest rate.

* + 1. **Staunton Gate Bee Hives.** Council to discuss, consider and decide on whether to give permission to Taylor Wimpey London to provide Bee Hives and an employed beekeeper (at no cost to council), on soon to be acquired land which will come under Parish Council Control.
    2. **Hedgehog Highway Project**: [Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project - Hedgehogs R Us](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhedgehogsrus.co.uk%2Fhedgehog-highway-project&data=05%7C02%7C%7C0e5d7592256349283f3208dc8bd139fd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638538977942419896%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=W82Qpt1gSPPlN2Pd8DvhGoTqHPYMazLT1HRZWwjWaQg%3D&reserved=0)

Council to discuss and consider involvement in the initiative adopted by more than 260 parish and town councils, to deliver and promote hedgehog highways for this threatened and declining species, which helps to promote good garden health and biodiversity. Cost of 50 hedgehog fencing gateways is £150 or £3 per unit. Councillors to decide on joining the scheme and approving the cost.

* + 1. **District Councillor’s report (Written Report)** and 5 min verbal report.
    2. **Essex County Councillor Report (Written Report)** and 5 min verbal report.
    3. **Sewer installation-Public Toilet Block:** Council to discuss costs and consider next steps.
    4. **Council to discuss and approve** the council response to the windfarm and pylon consultation.
    5. **Lufkins Farm,** On-site Processing, consultant report. Council to discuss and provide feedback to consultant.
    6. **History Notice Boards:** Update, and funding from Community Reach. Councillors to discuss.
    7. **PCSO/Police Report**.
    8. **Clerks Report**.
    9. **Meeting Ends**

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