

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COMMITTEE**

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**TUESDAY 22 JULY 2014**

**AGENDA**

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**1. Declarations of Interest**

**2. Apologies for absence**

**A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS**

**1. General Highway Report**

**2. Eccles Highway Matters**

2.1 – Bus stop clearway order is being implemented by KCC.

2.2 - Dept of Transport – Stopping Up Draft Order affecting Peters Pit, Wouldham – Hall Road, Old Church Road, Court Road (See also 6. Below).

**3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters**

Overhanging branches A229 to Common Road. Work programmed to coincide with work to A229 due to the danger of working in this area. No date for these works available at this stage.

**4. Aylesford Highway Matters**

4.1 - **Old Bridge Lighting Project** – Gala Lighting report

4.2 – **Flooding:**

**Hall Road/Station Road junction** – Works appear finished by Kent Highways. Awaiting heavy rainfall to monitor success.

**Opposite Brassey Centre** - Kent Highways were not able to carry out the works successfully during the level crossing closure on 29 May 2014. They will need to design a more robust scheme and come back at a later date.

4.3 – Awaiting lighting improvements and foliage clearance planned to the **pedestrian crossing at the top of Hall Road** to improve visibility.

4.4 – Awaiting report on reduction in the effectiveness of **Rochester Road speed humps** since the resurfacing as reported to Kent Highways.

4.5 – **New level crossing** signs report.

## **5. Walderslade Highway Matters**

Overgrown vegetation at the Tunbury Avenue/Oaks Dene junction and around the Woodbury Road crossing. Sight lines at both sites being affected. Reported to Kent Highways.

## **6. Public Footpaths**

6.1 - Dept of Transport – Stopping Up Draft Order affecting Peters Pit, Wouldham – Bridleways and Footpaths MR10, MR15, MR29. (See also 2. Above.)

6.2 - Number of complaints re overgrown paths reported to Kent Public Rights of Way Officer.

## **7. Lighting**

7.1 – Bull Lane – Kent Highways have listed further works required to complete the upgrade to adoptable standard. Quote accepted for required work - £12,009.80. Start date awaited.

7.2 – Teapot Lane – Kent Highways have confirmed upgrade work completed is to adoptable standard. Lights to now be removed from Parish Council energy and maintenance responsibility schedule.

7.3 – Parish lights faults:

7.4 – Minor toddler fencing repairs required

## **8. Car Parks**

Aylesford TMBC Parking Review – Still awaiting contact from TMBC re additional car park spaces.

## **9. Any Other Business/Correspondence**

Letter from the Milestone Society regarding a Milestone in Blue Bell Hill village on Maidstone Road just north of Barling Close and is looking to support from the Parish Council for the conservation of this milestone. BBH Members views awaited.

## **B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS**

**1. All Sites** – Annual play equipment inspection ordered – Aug/September.

## **2. The Hollow**

## **3. Ferryfield**

3.1 – Concrete path to MUGA and car park improvements – Completed apart from new litter bin. Due in next few days.

3.2 – Play equipment surface repairs required – quote awaited.

## **4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground**

4.1 - Redundant Tennis Court – Clerk report on meeting with Wicksteed representative on 8 July. Suggestions and quote awaited.

4.2 – Outdoor gym equipment inspected and serviced 24 June.

## **5. Allotments**

## **6. Eccles Recreation Ground**

6.1 - Skateboard park replacement – Clerk investigating funding opportunities and how the Council would proceed with a design and build tender, before reporting back to Committee in detail.

6.2 – Complaint re tree overhanging Skinner Close being investigated.

6.3 – Outdoor gym equipment inspected and serviced 24 June.

6.4 – Fencing repairs quote awaited.

## **7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park**

7.1 – Formal inspection of outdoor gym equipment and repair of rower completed 24 June.

Request for improvement of surface around equipment.

7.2 – Path improvement including flattening out depression where new path meeting existing road – awaiting commencement date.

7.3 – Puddling on the bottom of the contour slide to be reported to Wicksteed at the time of the annual play equipment inspection to see if any adjustment can be made.

## **8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground**

## **9. Blue Bell Hill Pond**

## **10. Cemetery**

Move surplus soil pile – Work completed 25 June.

**11. Churchyard** - Car park wall repairs to be undertaken by Parish Council staff agreed between Clerk and Vicar. Work commenced.

## **12. Old Bridge Gardens**

## **13. Mill Hall (Beside Rose Cottage/Old Bridge)**

## **14. Yoakley Land**

Life buoy has not been reinstated as area continues to be flooded. Exact siting to be reconsidered.

## **15. Walderslade Open Spaces**

## **16. St Marks Square, Car Park and Surrounds**

## **17. Podkin Meadow**

Barrier quotation awaited (similar style to proposed Aylesford Scout hut site)

## **18. Christmas Lighting**

18.1 - Eccles Tree –New lights required for 2014 (existing sets 5 years old). Being researched for quotation.

18.2 –Blue Bell Hill tree lights reinstated and planned for one-off light up 19 July.

## **19. Any Other ESC Business**