



Aylesford Parish Council

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To All Members of the Environmental Services Committee

Agenda for the Meeting of the Environmental Services Committee to be held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 via a Zoom meeting link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89017923129> commencing at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 23 February 2021

4. Aylesford Village Square – The Council has been informed that the trees have been planted and following some vandalism to the trees tree guards are also in place. The paving works should take place in April.

5. Speed of Traffic in Bull Lane – Attached is an e mail exchange between a local resident of Eccles and KCC. The local resident would like the Parish Council's views on this matter. Members will also see reference to a Parish Highways Improvement Plan in the response from the KCC Officer.

6. Parking at the Upper Bell Slip Road – The matter of the lorries parking on the A229 at the bottom of the slip road potentially blocking the emergency access down this redundant slip road and the actions of the parked drivers has been taken up by Borough Councillor Kennedy with the KCC Cabinet Member and the enforcement team at TMBC. It appears that KCC and TMBC are saying that the other Council are responsible. Councillor Kennedy has now ensured that the TMBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review Enforcement at TMBC this year.

7. Highway Improvement Plan – Report of Clerk attached for Member's consideration.

8. 155 Bus Service – The Clerk has asked KCC for the current position with regard to the new 155 Bus Service and is still awaiting a reply.

9. Skate Park for Aylesford – A local resident has asked whether the Council has any plans for a skate park at either Forstal Road or Ferryfields. Whilst Forstal Road, with the possible

new 3G Football pitch would not be big enough it could be something Members could consider for the Ferryfield. A few years ago, the new skate park at Eccles cost just under £50k and therefore Members would not be able to fund this scheme themselves in the short term it could possibly be funded as part of the S106 funding from Gladman's scheme at Hermitage Lane. A further or alternative option could be a tennis court to be funded from this S106 funding.

10. Forstal Road Recreation Ground Play Area – A new specification for this scheme has been drawn up and is being circulated to all of the original contractors to give them an opportunity to quote.

11. The Aylesford Big Lunch – A request for this social event for the community in Old Bridge Gardens has been received. The proposed dates are 3rd or 4th July 2021 after the easing of the current lockdown restrictions. Members are asked to consider this request.

12. Funfair, Eccles Recreation Ground – A Funfair have requested to use Eccles Recreation Ground for a three-day event during the 2021 season after the easing of the current lockdown restrictions, however no specific dates given. They would arrive on a Monday and leave the following Monday. They would operate Friday 5-9pm, Saturday 1-9pm and Sunday 12-5pm. Members are asked to consider this request.

13. Request for a Memorial Bench in Aylesford Cemetery - The Council has received a request from a resident to install a bench in the memory of her friend who has recently been laid to rest in the Cemetery. Members are asked to consider this request.

14. Any Other Business/Correspondence

Neil Harris
Clerk to the Council

Date: 18 March 2021