

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2014 – 7.30PM

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

2. Apologies for absence

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report

2. Eccles Highway Matters

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

Overhanging branches A229 to Common Road. Reported to Kent Highways. Progress report.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - Old Bridge Lighting Project – Gala Lighting still researching an appropriate style of lights.

4.2 – Flooding:

Hall Road/Station Road junction – Works on-going by Kent Highways

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 – Are increased number and size of new level crossing signs really required – Cllr Rillie.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

Litter and dog bin – Tunbury Avenue. Installation completed.

6. Public Footpaths

7. Lighting

7.1 – Bull Lane – Kent Highways have listed further works required to complete the upgrade to adoptable standard. Quote received for required work - £12,009.80. The Clerk will report back on his investigations and update the Committee on the latest position.

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 - Potential upgrade/adoption lighting scheme. Rochester Road/Powell Close/Unwin Close. Not to be pursued until Bull Lane and Teapot Lane administration matters are completed.

7.4 – Parish lights faults reported:

Alma Road car park – Problem light out again. Reported to contractors.

Firs Close – Repair will be delayed until UK Power Network isolate supply

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. Clerk will report on detail at meeting

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites.

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 – Concrete path to MUGA and car park improvements – Commencement date 23 June. Installation of a litter bin added to contract.

3.2 – Play equipment surface repairs required.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 - Redundant Tennis Court – Clerk report on progress with enquiries as to alternative uses for this site

4.2 – Outdoor gym equipment being inspected and serviced 24 June.

5. Allotments

Aylesford – Number of complaints re rabbit invasion this season. Trapping and snaring being trialled.

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. One set of suggestions from a local young user of the skateboard park received which will be taken into consideration when drawing up the specification.

6.2 – Complaint re tree overhanging Skinner Close being investigated.

6.3 – Outdoor gym equipment being inspected and serviced 24 June.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

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

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 – ordered. Site will then be landscaped in-house and new surplus soil pile established at the rear of the cemetery. Work awaited.

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

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

17.1 – Fencing work at Warren Road entrance completed

17.2 – Height barrier quotation awaited

18. Christmas Lighting

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

18.2 – Clerk will update the Committee as to whether Blue Bell Hill tree lights, which were removed for tree maintenance by Kent Highways, can be put back in time to be lit on 19 July for local residents anniversary.

19. Any Other ESC Business