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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 25 February 2020 at the Parish Council Office commencing at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 4 Febraury 2020

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highways Matters

1.1 - A20 Corridor – Meetings with KCC and TMBC – In the past the Council, together with Ditton and East Malling and Larkfield Parishes, have met with KCC and TMBC to discuss proposals for road improvements along the A20 corridor. TMBC recently organised a meeting for their local members and KCC but due to an oversight failed to invite the Parish Councils for which they have apologised and sent out a copy of the notes of the meeting. A copy of these notes are available and will be sent out with the Agenda.

Following a discussion with the Chairman of the Council the Clerk wrote to TMBC expressing our disappointment and asking the following questions which the Council would have raised if it had been there:-

1. Is the funding for the Mill Road/Hall Road roundabout in place and is that funding still dependant on S106 money from the Gladman's application at Whitepost Lane?
2. If it is too early to take into account the expansion of the Allington Incinerator in the transport modelling when will it be taken into account. The Council is very concerned about this as the number of vehicles from this site will significantly increase and as such could have an impact on the design over both roundabout schemes but particularly Coldharbour.
3. When the Mill Road/Hall Road roundabout scheme was discussed previously there was no intention to have signals but these have now been added and perhaps the reasons for this change could be explained.

4. The notes state that these improvements are likely to have a beneficial effect on the air quality and perhaps it would be possible to have a more detailed explanation of this and the places where this improvement will take place.
5. It sets out that 3 new soakaways will be built to relieve the flooding issues in the vicinity of the Mill Road/Hall Road junction and this sounds different to what had previously been proposed and perhaps the Council could receive an explanation of how this would work and the proposed location of the soakaways.

The Council has not yet received a response to these questions.

2. Eccles Highway Matters.

2.1 – Speed of Traffic in Bull Lane – The traffic surveys have been undertaken and KCC have informed the Council that the mean speed at the northern location was 29.9 and 28.8 mph and at the southern location was 32.7 and 34.5 mph. In response to what was the next step KCC have informed the Council that any options could be considered as part of any Highway Improvement Plan discussion. The Council has previously decided not to have a Highway Improvement Plan with KCC.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 – A229 Accidents – The Clerk has asked Peter Homewood if he could obtain from the Director of Highways the accident record for the A229 Blue Bell Hill for the last 2 years.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - Aylesford Village Square - The Clerk is awaiting a date for the meeting, from TMBC, to discuss a possible grant funding scheme from Historic England.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

5.1 – Walderslade Woods Road 50mph speed limit – KCC Officers have been promoting this scheme internally to seek funding and the Clerk has written in support on behalf of the Council. Awaiting the result of the KCC discussions.

6. Public Footpaths

7. Street Lighting

8. Car Parks

8.1 – Aylesford Car Parks – The Council's objection to the proposal has now been submitted.

9. Bus Services

9.1 – 155 Bus Service – Discussions are continuing including the need for another meeting of the 155 Bus Working Group.

10. Any Other Business/Correspondence.

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – **Soakaway and Drainage Serving the site** – Clerk will update the committee at the meeting

5. Allotments.

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

10. Cemetery

11. Churchyard

12. Old Bridge Gardens

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

14. Aylesford Old Pit (Yoakley Land)

14.1 – Tree Work – Work has commenced on the trees in the Aylesford Old Pit but some work will not be completed in the immediate future as part of the area for the tree work is flooded and it may be a little time before work in this area can take place.

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

16. St Mark's Square, Belgrave Street car park, new car park

17. Podkin Meadow.

18. Christmas Lights

19. Y2 Crew Youth Scheme – The Council has for a number of years made a contribution to the Y2 Crew Youth Scheme run by TMBC. In the past the Council has given £500 towards the running of this scheme as it is used by youths from the Aylesford area. TMBC have made a request again for some funding support from the Council to this scheme for the forthcoming financial year. They have informed the Council that 71 children took part in the scheme last year of which 4 were from Aylesford.

20. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence

20.1 – Potential S:106 Contributions for Sports Facility Improvements arising from the development of 840 dwellings to the East of Hermitage Lane – The Clerk will report on the correspondence received at the meeting.

Neil Harris
Clerk to the Council

Date: 20 February 2020