



Aylesford Parish Council

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Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Environmental Services Committee to be held on Tuesday 25 July 2023 at the Aylesford Parish Council Office, Aylesford commencing at 7.30pm or at the conclusion of the Planning Committee Meeting whichever is the later.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 June 2023

4. Small Works Programme

To Note

5. Highway Improvement Plan – The Agreed Action Plan was submitted to KCC on 30 April 2022.

a) Tunbury Avenue, Walderslade

Update to be provided

To Note

b) Junction of Tunbury Avenue and Robin Hood Lane

The Clerk submitted the three questions to KCC as raised by a Councillor and will report the answers received.

To Note

6. Climate Change and Environmental Strategy for Aylesford Parish Council

Update to be given on the recent site meeting at Tunbury Recreation Ground that was to discuss possible locations for new trees and the types of trees that would be suitable.

To Note

7. Damage to Ragstone Wall in Forstal Road Car Park.

Clerk to provide an update.

To Note

8. Metal Coronation sign for Coronation Gardens

For Discussion

9. Request from Aylesford Football Club

At the last meeting of this committee the Council had reservations to allow Aylesford Football Club use of the grass pitches on Forstal Recreation Ground for training and matches during July and August now the club have the new 3G facility. At members request the Clerk put forward several questions to the Football Club for which she now has answers. Members now need to take further consideration of the request.

Aylesford Football Club are requesting the following.

- Youth Teams (U5-U18) access to the grass pitches for a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per week per team to compliment the 60 mins each team has on the 3G. This could be at set times agreeable to both parties.
- There are currently 40 teams, meaning a maximum of 40 hours of grass pitch use per week.
- The proposal would be Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday evenings 5pm to 9pm, plus use of one 5v5 pitch, one 7v7 pitch and one 11v11 pitch for matches on the weekends. Times could be agreed with the Council.

The football club reiterate that they will continue to carry out regular maintenance on the grass pitches and have received many positive comments regarding how well kept the recreation ground is since the grass cutting has been taken back in house by the Parish Council.

For Discussion and Decision

10. Tree Maintenance – Ferryfield and Cemetery

Works are required to the trees in the Cemetery and Ferryfield, along the roadside of Station Road by the railway line, to lift them to KCC standard. Branches are also touching the railway crossing barrier as it raises and lowers. Clerk to report on the trees that need maintaining.

For Decision

11. New Fence to Cemetery boundary

Members consideration is required to replace the existing fence around the boundary of the Cemetery. It is very old chain link fencing, which is broken in places and now cannot be repaired. Clerk to report on one quote she has received of the type of fence that could be used if members are amenable to the idea in principle.

For Decision

12. New Fence by brick shed in Cemetery towards Rugby Club

To supply and install 1.95m high fencing to make a storage area to the side of the brick shed. Gate to be provided with lockable bolts if needed. Clerk to report on quote received.

For Decision

13. New Fence by Children's area of the Cemetery

To supply and install a new higher fence (1.8m) in the Children's area of the Cemetery to tidy the area up. Clerk to report on quote received.

For Decision

14. The Hollow Play Area

There are some tired pieces of play equipment in The Hollow, Aylesford (known locally as The Pit) that are outside of the fenced off play area that are at the end of their life. Clerk will report on the possibility of renewing the equipment.

For Discussion and Decision

15. Any Other Correspondence

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Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Date: 20 July 2023