

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2014
7.30pm – Parish Office

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest.

2. Apologies for absence

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report

2. Eccles Highway Matters

Bus stop clearway order implemented by KCC and work completed.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

Overhanging branches A229 to Common Road. Work completed. Some litter/debris to be cleared.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - Old Bridge Lighting Project

Lighting scheme presented by Mr Wood of Gala Lights at the last ESC meeting to be submitted to English Heritage for their consideration and approval.

4.2 – Flooding:

Opposite Brassey Centre - Kent Highways were not able to carry out the works successfully during the level crossing closure in 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. Awaiting response from Kent Highways.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

6. Public Footpaths

Definitive Map Modification Orders for Creation of Bridleways in Parishes of Aylesford and Burham

Clerk's report attached at **Appendix A** for consideration.

Correspondence also expected from Trenport on the matter.

Meeting with interested parties being held at County Hall on Thursday 28 August.
Clerk invited.

Closing date for comments on the proposals – early September 2014.

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. Some works will start at the beginning of September but there is an 8 week delay on works to be undertaken by UK Power Network.

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. Awaiting paperwork from KH.

7.3 – Parish lights **faults:**

Lights reported in: The Hawthorns, Old Bridge Gardens, end of Old Bridge, Alma Road.

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 **agreed** in principle to support this initiative. Clerk has contacted Kent Highways for their advice.

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 including new litter bin installation.

3.2 – Play equipment surface repairs required – Wicksteed quote £6170 accepted. Awaiting start date.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 - Redundant Tennis Court – Clerk report on progress on the various individual aspects of the project ie. tarmac, fencing and quotes for comparison to undertaking scheme as a whole.

4.2 – Football Club Tournament – 30 and 31 August.

5. Allotments

Aylesford - Two untended plots have had tenancies terminated with effect from 6 September.

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 – Boundary fencing repair quote following vandalism. Protec fencing - £1400 quote accepted. Awaiting commencement date.

6.4 – Funfair visit – 26 August to 1 September.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

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

7.2 – Puddling on the bottom of the contour slide reported to Wicksteed for inclusion in 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

11. Churchyard

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 - £1380 (similar style to proposed Aylesford Scout hut site) manufacture and delivery only agreed. Separate installation will be required. Awaiting delivery.

18. Christmas Lighting

18.1 - Eccles Tree –New lights required for 2014 (existing sets 5 years old) – quote £240.

18.2 – Additional Christmas lighting for Blue Bell Hill – At the last meeting Members considered a proposal from Gala Lights for additional Christmas lighting consisting of 3 lighting column motifs which was rejected. Following a site meeting with Cllr Tiller, Mr Woods of Gala Lights and the Clerk a revised scheme for lighting in 2 further trees was suggested – quote received £3530.

19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence