

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2015 – 7.30M
PARISH OFFICE

AGENDA

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1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report

2. Eccles Highway Matters

Proposed pedestrian crossing in Bull Lane. It was agreed at Council on 15 September 2015 that the Parish Council would offer to fund 50% of the cost of the crossing up to maximum of £10,000. Further information awaited from Cllr Homewood.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 - Milestone – The Milestone is with the contractor. Work has been delayed due to an injury to the stonemason.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - **Old Bridge Lighting Project** – Awaiting TMBC planning permission regarding tree work required. Clerk has met with the Kent Highways street lighting officer who has no objection to the Council's proposals. Clerk now seeking prices for new lights.

4.2 - Aylesford Village Square

Enhancement Project – Clerk will update the Committee on the latest position at the meeting.

4.3 – A20 congestion between Larkfield and Aylesford

KCC have engaged Amey to undertake the study of traffic flows on the A20 and they are expected to report back in January/February 2016. These results will give the baseline information from which ways forward can be identified. No further action until study is received.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

6. Public Footpaths

6.1 - Kent County Council Definitive Map Modification Orders for the Creation of Bridleways in the Parishes of Aylesford and Burham. Timetable of the significant dates and actions required leading up to the public inquiry in February 2016:-

- 1) 27 October 2015 – Date by which KCC Statement of Case to be with SoS and sent out to objectors thereafter.
- 2) 8 December 2015 – Council’s Statement of Case will need to be with SoS.
- 3) 26 January 2016 – Council’s Proof of Evidence to be with SoS.
- 4) 23 February 2016 – Public Inquiry start date scheduled to last for 6 days and being held at Burham Old School Community Centre.

Clerk to report on information/strategy meeting attended by Cllrs Gledhill, Balcombe, himself and representatives of Burham Parish Council held at Burham on 18 November. Clerk working on the Council’s Statement of Case.

6.2 – River Medway Towpath – Clerk will report to the Committee on a recent meeting held to discuss the KCC project for upgrading the towpath Aylesford to Allington.

7. Lighting

7.1 - Clerk’s report on immediate works required to Parish Council lighting and on the long term options regarding maintenance and upgrading.

Report to include:

1. York Avenue and Victoria Road, Walderslade – Additional costs for works required by KCC
2. Street Lighting Survey carried out by Streetlights Ltd. Including details of further works required

3. Minor repairs (eg. Timers, ignitors etc.) required to lights in: Alma Road, AVCC car park, Beresford Road, Church Walk, Forstal Road, Greenfield Close, Aylesford High Street, Jenner Way, Kingswood Road, Mount Pleasant, Powell Close, Pratling Street, Queenswood Road, Rochester Road, Robson Drive, Salisbury Road, Springett Close, Trewin Close – total cost £1825.

4. Major repairs required to lights in:

Walderslade Woods Footbridge path – replace all six lights with LED - £2070

Queenswood Road – Major repair to one column - £125

Pratling Street – Major repair to one column with LED lantern - £345

5. Future upgrading of Parish lights in conjunction with Kent Highways planned conversion to LED lighting.

8. Car Parks

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - **Local history signs** – Clerk will be looking at this in conjunction with the Aylesford Village Square enhancement project.

1.2 – Annual play equipment inspection

Play equipment – Summary of work required by Wicksteed, In House and Long Term attached at Appendix A

Outdoor Gym equipment – Summary of work required by Caloo attached at Appendix B

1.3 - Children’s Play Areas – Smoking Ban

Number of signs required being assessed before purchase.

1.4 – **Request for Baseball Pitch** – The Kent Mariners Baseball Club have asked whether the Council has any recreational land available for them to find a more permanent home than their current location at Cobdown.

Discussions held with the Club and the principle sites being considered were Ferryfield and BBH recreation ground. The Club agreed to look at these sites and to come back to the Council if they wished to pursue any option.

1.5 – **Disabled Children’s Play Equipment** – Clerk holding discussions with Wicksteed on equipment and sites.

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

Rabbit hole damage. RDR Pest Management appointed and work undertaken on 18 November.

5. Allotments

Aylesford - New numbers installed

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

6.1 - Fencing of play equipment – Order placed. Work awaited.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

7.1 – **Damaged play equipment gate** – Work completed.

7.2 – **Additional Play Equipment** - Order placed for equipment. Completion of installation awaited.

7.3 –**Dog Fouling** - Bag and Flag event to be planned with TMBC for Spring 2016.

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

10. Cemetery

11. Churchyard

Ragstone wall repair completed. Report still awaited on the condition of the remainder of wall.

12. Old Bridge Gardens

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

Some tree removal may be required in conjunction with proposed Old Bridge lighting project. Planning permission application has been submitted and currently going through the consultation stage.

14. Yoakley Land

Work on a long term plan and strategy for the area as a whole being considered by the Clerk for further discussion with Members at a future meeting. Clerk has had initial discussions with Kent Wildlife Trust.

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

One bollard received from Kent PROW. The need for further bollards has been assessed and two more are required. These are being obtained and will be installed in house.

Discussions to be held with landowners (Boxley Parish Council) and the Walderslade Woods Group as to whether they are looking at an alternative option.

16. St Marks Square, Car Park and Surrounds

17. Podkin Meadow

Toddler Equipment – Order has been placed. Installation awaited.

18. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence