



Aylesford Parish Council

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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 22 October 2019 at the Parish Council Office commencing at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 September 2019

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highways Matters

1.1 – **Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)** – At the last meeting of the committee it was agreed to adopt an option of not entering into a HIP with KCC and to raise any issues with them on an individual basis. It was noted that in these instances, it was very likely that KCC would decide to take no action but it would clearly be seen as their decision to take no action.

At the last meeting the Chairman of the Committee indicated that he had made a Freedom of Information request to KCC regarding the possible pedestrian crossing in Tunbury Avenue near to the school, and in their response, he had received a copy of the following statement made to a local resident: -

"KCC will be working with Aylesford Parish Council on a Highway Improvement Plan which basically sets out all the priorities for highway improvements in the Parish so that there is a list and the KCC/Parish agree in what order issues should be tackled, who is to fund them and a programme of works. At present Aylesford Parish Council have not returned a highway improvement plan but saying that, this approach has only recently been rolled out so I suspect that they are still developing their plan. I will ask that you are kept informed of any progress on this particular issue. "

The Committee felt that this statement was misleading as the Council had not agreed to enter into a HIP with KCC whilst the statement gave the impression that it had been agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk should take up this matter of the misleading statement with KCC.

The Clerk has informed KCC of the Council decisions on both of the above but has not yet received a response.

2. Eccles Highway Matters.

2.1 – **Speed of Traffic in Bull Lane** – Following the last meeting the Clerk requested KCC to undertake a traffic survey at the approaches to the village both north and south as traffic enters the 30mph speed limits. KCC have responded asking whether the Council would be willing to fund the surveys to which the Clerk replied asking would KCC fund them. KCC have responded indicating that they would consider funding one of these surveys at a cost of £300 each in the next financial year.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 – **A229 Slip Road Lights** - KCC have now indicated that they hope to get a closure towards the end of the month. The Clerk will continue to pursue this with KCC.

3.2 – **A229 Accidents** – At the last meeting the Committee expressed their disappointment with the reply from the Director of Highways and agreed that the Clerk should request a copy of the last review undertaken by KCC. No response has been received so far.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - **Aylesford Village Square** - The Clerk reported that he had received the details of a potential funding scheme from the English Heritage London and South East Regional team which he was considering including discussing it with TMBC and would report back.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

5.1 - **Pedestrian Crossing at Tunbury Avenue** – At the last meeting the committee agreed that the Clerk should follow this matter up by meeting with the local petitioner, the Headteacher at Tunbury School, if possible KCC Officers and other interested parties where possible to see how this could be taken forward. The local petitioner recently arranged a meeting with the Headteacher and a KCC Officer responsible for assisting Schools with Travel Plans and invited the Clerk to attend. It was a useful meeting resulting in the school agreeing to develop a Travel Plan and for them to work to see how they can improve the position by taking forward ideas firstly through the school.

6. Public Footpaths

7. Street Lighting

8. Car Parks

9. Bus Services

9.1 – **155 Bus Service** – There could be a further meeting of the 155 Bus Working Group, in the future, to iron out a number of details.

10. Any Other Business/Correspondence.

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - **Caloo Outdoor Gym Equipment** – The equipment was repaired on 3 October.

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 - **Play Equipment Replacement Phase 1** – Work on this scheme commenced on 30 September and the contractor Kompan have informed the Council that it will be completed by Monday 21 October.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – **Aylesford Football Club** - The meeting with Aylesford Football Club has taken place and a number of ideas were discussed re future use and tenure the details of which will be ironed out in future meetings.

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)

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

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

17. Podkin Meadow.

18. Christmas Lights

19. Aylesford Flood Plan

20. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence

**Neil Harris
Clerk to the Council**

Date: 17 October 2019