

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2016**  
**7.30PM – PARISH OFFICE**

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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. Update received from Cllr Homewood at Council on 19 January 2016 that this project is progressing with KCC.

**3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters**

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

**4. Aylesford Highway Matters**

4.1 - **Old Bridge Lighting Project** – Planning permission granted for tree work required. Work ordered to take place this month. The need for any changes to the lighting will be considered when the impact of tree work is assessed.

**4.2 - Aylesford Village Square**

Awaiting response from KCC Officer re incorporating Gallagher furniture into the design. Clerk and Cllr Homewood (who is providing some funding from his KCC's Members Allowance) are actively pursuing to get this project progressed.

### **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 Spring 2016. These results will give the baseline information from which ways forward can be identified.

### **4.4 – Hall Road Motorway Bridge**

Fencing repairs and rubbish clearance awaited by Highways England.

## **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.**

23 February 2016 – Public Inquiry start date scheduled to last for 6 days and being held at Burham Old School Community Centre.

**6.2 – River Medway Towpath** – Work expected to commence after April 2016. APC has committed £20,000 to the project. KCC have informed the Clerk that TMBC are unlikely to be making a contribution to this scheme. This will probably not stop the project but could impact on the detail of the scheme in the Aylesford Parish area. Awaiting further update on this scheme in due course.

### **7.1 Street Lighting**

Works in progress report:

#### **7.1.1 – Repairs Ordered**

4 lamp columns which are in a very poor condition and to provide LED lanterns - £5690.

Work in progress.

Various other works of a minor nature - £1545. Work in progress.

#### **7.1.2 - Victoria Road and York Avenue**

Further upgrading delayed in order for Streetlights to check the condition of the lighting columns being proposed for replacement.

Clerk will discuss with KCC the additional cost of the scheme that has arisen, such as installing LED lighting, due to the delay in KCC agreeing to adopt the lights which had

already been completed to an agreed KCC adoptable standard several years ago, once Streetlights have conducted their condition as part of the overall Parish survey (see 7.1.4 below).

### **7.1.3 - Maintenance Agreement**

Clerk has set up the 1 year maintenance contract with Streetlights - £5250. This contract commenced on 1 December 2015. Payment will be made in two halves (2015/16 and 2016/17).

### **7.1.4 – Survey of all Parish Lights**

Streetlights are working on a full survey of all Parish lights which is nearly completed. This may highlight some additional repairs required but will also provide an up to date detailed record of all our lights which can be presented to UK Power Networks to ensure our unmetered energy costs are accurate.

### **7.1.5 – Eccles Car Park**

Clerk is investigating with Streetlighting the extent of the alleged light pollution nuisance and whether all night lighting is necessary in the new car park and the costs of rectifying the reported nuisance with shielding around lamps.

## **7.2 – Christmas Lighting**

Eccles - Residents have requested a small number of street light motifs in the ‘hub’ of the village (similar to those in Aylesford village). Following site meeting, Clerk to report on cost of 4 motifs.

Blue Bell Hill – Clerk to report on work required to minimise impact of light failures.

## **8. Car Parks**

APC Forstal Road car park – One tree branch to be removed as part of annual tree survey/maintenance work which is causing a nuisance to hirer of space with bird fouling.

## **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 as at A.4.2 above.

### **1.2 – Annual play equipment inspection**

Play equipment – General Wicksteed repairs completed.

### **1.3 - Children’s Play Areas – Smoking Ban**

No smoking signs installed.

1.4 – **Annual Tree Survey** – Ordered. Will commence beginning/middle of February 2016 - £3075

### **1.5 – ‘Clean for the Queen’**

Clerk reported on this initiative being carried out nationally to mark the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday including TMBC proposals. Aimed at the weekend of 4-6 March 2016. TMBC are looking to be actively involved providing equipment etc to volunteer groups and are keen to involve local schools. Tunbury and St Peters invited to get involved. No response received to date.

## **2. The Hollow**

### **3. Ferryfield**

Lawsons Circus visit in April 2016 – 3 nights commencing 25 April 2016

Girls Rugby Tournament – Wednesday 2 April 2016. Using Ferryfield pitches

Rugby Festivals – Sundays 20 March and 24 April. Use of Ferryfield pitches and overflow car parking **agreed**.

Culverston Dog Club - 14 and 15 May. Overflow car parking in Ferryfield around the Rugby Club/Ferryfield gated gap in the hedge.

Forrests Funfair visit 3 – 8 May 2016

In view of the number of the above uses of Ferryfield it was **agreed** to put advance warning notices up for the general users of the site.

Memorial Stone – Local stonemason has reinstated wording free of charge.

#### **4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground**

**Disabled Children's Play Equipment** – Bucket style seat at Forstal Road recreation ground in place of one of the flat seats ordered – approximately £1000. The appropriate harness for the seat to be provided but the Clerk to consider further management of harness availability if it becomes a problem

#### **5. Allotments**

#### **6. Eccles Recreation Ground**

6.1 - Two new picnic benches ordered for installation just outside the new fenced play equipment area for residents with dogs to use whilst supervising children on the equipment. Additional litter bin also ordered.

6.2 – Request for Fayre visit around weekend of 21 May 2016.

#### **7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park**

7.1 – **Dog Fouling/Litter** - Bag and Flag event and litter clearance to be planned with TMBC for Spring 2016. School have been invited to get involved, reply awaited.

#### **8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground**

#### **9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site**

#### **10. Cemetery**

#### **11. Churchyard**

#### **12. Old Bridge Gardens**

Request to use OBG for The Aylesford Big Lunch – 12 June 2016

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

Permission granted for tree works to improve lighting of Old Bridge. Work ordered.

#### **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. Implementation delayed to enable 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, Belgrave Street car park, New car park**

The increased use of the access road to the car park has caused large pot holes to appear. Clerk has commenced researching quotes for reinstatement with a tarmac surface. Initial quote received and further quote awaited for decision at this meeting as work is required to be undertaken.

### **17. Podkin Meadow**

### **18. Blue Bell Hill Picnic Site**

KCC have withdrawn their intention to dispose of this site.

### **19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence**