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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 23 July 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 25 June 2019

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highways Matters

1.1 – **Highway Improvement Plan** – The Clerk has taken up this matter with the Local KCC Highways team and has opened discussions on how the Plan would work in detail.

2. Eccles Highway Matters.

2.1 – **Speed of Traffic in Bull Lane** – At the Council meeting it was indicated that the Council would ask KCC to undertake a traffic scheme to ascertain the speed of traffic in Bull Lane. This could be raised with them as a potential item for the Highway Improvement Plan.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 – **A229 Slip Road Lights** - KCC have informed the Council that the works should be completed by the night of 18 July.

3.2 – **A229 Accidents** – At the last meeting the Chairman reported that from information on a website called Crashmap he had identified that in the last 5 years there had been 22 fatal or serious accidents on the A229 on the stretch from Blue Bell Hill until you reach the 50mph speed limit zone as you approach Maidstone.

The Committee agreed that the Council should push for a 50mph speed limit that should run the whole length of the A229 from Blue Bell Hill until the 50mph zone as you enter Maidstone. The Clerk has written and is awaiting a reply.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - **Aylesford Village Square** - Previously it was agreed that with the cost of the whole scheme, including the Consultants fee, being in the region of £40k-50k that it was too much for the Council to fund on its own. It was felt that the right approach was for the Council to look for match funding from other bodies to enable the scheme to proceed. The High Street Heritage Action Zone funding was not available to the Council but the matter of potential funding had been referred to English Heritage London and South East Regional team. The Clerk is following this up.

4.2 – **Closure of Forstal Road** – It was reported at the last meeting that a local resident, speaking on behalf of other residents had commented to the Council how much better have been the roads in the village with the stretch of Forstal Road entering the village being closed. It was also reported that Councillor Base had taken up this matter with the KCC Cabinet Member who had asked his Officers to look at the possible options. The KCC Cabinet Member has now replied to Councillor Base indicating that they would not be taking any further action on this matter.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

5.1 - Pedestrian Crossing at Tunbury Avenue

At the last meeting it was agreed that the Clerk should continue to follow up with KCC the matter of the pelican crossing. This has been done including corresponding with Borough Councillor Kerrs and it is clear that KCC are going to take no further action re the introduction of a pelican crossing. One way to keep following this up would be to include this project in a Highway Improvement Plan.

6. Public Footpaths

7. Street Lighting

8. Car Parks

9. Bus Services

9.1 – **155 Bus Service** – The Clerk will update the Committee, at the meeting, on the outcome of the last meeting with the other Parishes, KCC and Arriva.

10. Any Other Business/Correspondence.

10.1 – **TMBC Parking Action Plan Formal Consultation** – The Clerk will report on the formal consultation being undertaken on waiting restriction proposals for Barling Close and Thorn Close.

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - **Caloo Outdoor Gym Equipment** – The Clerk will report back on the long term maintenance costs of this equipment including the significant cost of repairs and the approach going forward.

1.2 - **Resurfacing Works** – The Clerk is seeking a further quote on the required surfacing work.

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 - **Play Equipment Replacement Phase 1** – At the last meeting it was agreed that Kompan be appointed the Council's preferred contractor for this project. Discussions are taking place with Kompan on how to move the project forward. The Clerk will report further at the meeting.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

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)

The Clerk will update the committee on the progress on works on the enhancement project with the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership.

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

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

17. Podkin Meadow.

18. Christmas Lights

The Clerk will report on the details of a possible expansion of the Christmas lights scheme at the meeting.

19. Aylesford Flood Plan

The Clerk will update the committee on progress since the Flood Plan Exercise held on 27 June at the meeting.

20. Parish Site Visit

The Clerk will update the committee at the meeting.

21. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence

21.1 – **Hengist Beer Fest – August Bank Holiday** – The Clerk will report on correspondence he has received from the Hengist regarding this matter.

Neil Harris
Clerk to the Council

Date: 17 July 2019