

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2015
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

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

Milestone – Stonemason carrying out refurbishment

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - Old Bridge Lighting Project - Response on proposals awaited from English Heritage. Being pursued for a response.

4.2 – Flooding: Opposite Brassey Centre - Work awaited. Kent Highways have stated however that the work will not be imminent as they will need to liaise with Network Rail regarding the level crossing. Clerk will continue to pursue as during wet conditions the footway is impassable for pedestrians.

4.3 – Rochester Road speed humps to be re-profiled by Kent Highways. Work to be programmed and will require the road to be closed. Date awaited.

4.4 – Notification received that Rochester Road between Pratling Street and Unwin Close will be closed for one day on 15 March. Speed humps (see 4.3 above) cannot be done on the same day as that work will take longer.

4.5 - Aylesford Village Square – Design site meeting rescheduled for 11 March. Concerns re installation of BT broadband box in Square.

4.6 – A20 between Larkfield and Aylesford – Joint initiative between Ditton, E Malling & Larkfield and Aylesford Parish Councils re traffic flow problems. Response from John Burr, Director of Highways at KCC indicates that a route study on the A20 between the A228 at Leybourne and the Coldharbour roundabout will be undertaken. The Clerk will also report on his recent visit to the Highway Management Centre at Aylesford.

4.7 – Bench repair/replacement – A20/Teapot Lane junction

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

6. Public Footpaths .

7. Lighting

7.1 - Bull Lane – Completion of upgrade project has commenced. Lights will then be formally adopted by Kent Highways. Some works still to be completed.

8. Car Parks

Aylesford TMBC Parking Review – Clerk’s report on updated TMBC design proposals attached at **Appendix A**.

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

Local history signs – Next step for Clerk to make contact with potential suppliers and to look at updating historical content of original signs.

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 - Information sign received. Installation awaited.

3.2 – Annual grass enhancement for rugby training area proposed by Landscape Services rather than on the four yearly rolling programme. Quotation for consideration

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – Redundant tennis courts - Quotations being sought on various aspects of works. Clerk to report on latest position.

4.2 – Information sign received. Installation awaited

4.3 – Enhancement grass maintenance scheme included in the 2015 Landscape Services contract as part of the 4 year rolling programme. Landscape Services recommend upgrading to a yearly enhancement.

5. Allotments

New numbering signs to be installed during the winter. In house project. Progressing.

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

6.1 - Skateboard park replacement – Report from open site meeting held on 17 February.

6.2 – Information sign received. Installation awaited.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

Information sign site agreed. Should be installed by this meeting.

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. 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.

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

16. St Marks Square, Car Park and Surrounds

17. Podkin Meadow

18. Christmas Lighting

Clerk looking at additional Christmas lighting in Blue Bell Hill, Walderslade and Aylesford for 2015.

19. Grounds Maintenance Equipment

Clerk to report on the current position and the need for a replacement ride-on mower.

20. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence