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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 24 September 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 23 July 2019

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highways Matters

1.1 – **Highway Improvement Plan** – The report of the Clerk is attached.

2. Eccles Highway Matters.

2.1 – **Speed of Traffic in Bull Lane** – This is covered in the report on the Highway Improvement Plan.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 – **A229 Slip Road Lights** - KCC have informed the Council that the lights at the bottom end of the slip road (Columns 6-10) are working. However, they are still having problems with the remaining columns and looking to schedule in further works at these lights. The Clerk is still pursuing this with KCC.

3.2 – **A229 Accidents** – 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 to the Director of Highways at KCC and has received the following reply: -

“The A229 Bluebell Hill is reviewed on annual basis, but should a serious collision occur a further investigation is undertaken.

This investigation will review the incident to establish cause, which will assist in our crash remedial activities.

Whilst we receive many requests to implement improvements and safety measures on the highway, we prioritise our efforts at location where there is a pattern of incidents where engineering intervention could help to prevent or reduce road crashes.

On review of the historic data there is no pattern which would support a change to the speed limit, and whilst there have been changes to the route the current speed limit remains in accordance with the Department for Transport's circular 01/2013 Setting Speed Limits.

At this stage we have no plans to undertake any improvement schemes at this location although we will of course continue to monitor this route.”

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - Aylesford Village Square - This is partly covered in the report on the Highway Improvement Plan. Additionally, the Clerk is still following up the matter of potential funding for this scheme from the English Heritage London and South East Regional team. No reply to these enquiries has been received.

4.2 – Closure of Forstal Road – This is covered in the report on the Highway Improvement Plan.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

5.1 - Pedestrian Crossing at Tunbury Avenue - This is covered in the report on the 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 current position.

10. Any Other Business/Correspondence.

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - **Caloo Outdoor Gym Equipment** – The Clerk will update the Committee at the meeting.

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

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 - **Play Equipment Replacement Phase 1** – Work on this scheme will commence on 30 September and should last no longer than 3 weeks. This means that the new facility will be open for school half term.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – **Aylesford Football Club** - The meeting with Aylesford Football Club has not taken place yet.

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

12.1 – **Request to Park Motorcycle by the Floodgate at the Entrance to Old Bridge Gardens** – The Council has received a request from a local resident to park a motorcycle by chaining it to the lamppost next to the floodgate as they wanted to be able to park it safely overnight. The motorcycle is not there during the day as the owner is at work. The request has been made because the applicant indicates that there is no other area to park a motorcycle safely in the village. There is no dedicated facility for motorcycles in the car parks. This location is not very suitable for parking a motorcycle particularly when the floodgates are in use.

- 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. Parish Site Visit** - This will be taking place on Wednesday 25 September leaving the Parish Office at 9.30am.
- 21. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence**

Neil Harris
Clerk to the Council

Date: 19 September 2019