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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 25 June 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 28 May 2019

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highways Matters

1.1 – **Highway Improvement Plan** – In accordance with the suggestion of KALC the Clerk has taken up this matter with the Local KCC Highways team and is awaiting a response in order to start discussions on how the Plan would work in detail.

2. Eccles Highway Matters.

2.1 – **Speed of Traffic in Bull Lane** - The issue of the speed of traffic in Bull Lane will now be taken up 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 have not yet been done. The Clerk is continuing to press them for a conclusion to this project.

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 Council's local MP Tracey Crouch brought to the Council's attention a new Government initiative about breathing new life into historic high streets across the country. The Clerk is preparing an Expression of Interest application for this scheme.

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. No further information has been received as yet.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

5.1 - Pedestrian Crossing at Tunbury Avenue

At the last meeting the Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from a local resident that had been sent to the KCC requesting a pelican crossing in Tunbury Avenue in the area of the school or the reinstatement of the school crossing patrol. The Committee agreed that the Clerk should follow the matter of the pelican crossing and the removal of the school crossing patrol with KCC.

KCC had responded in respect of the school crossing patrol that this site was allocated a patrol but following several adverts no one had come forward to take up the post. This is the position with 17 other school sites across the County. They did indicate that they will continue to advertise it on a regular basis. No response had been received from KCC re a crossing, however, this can also be followed up through the Highway Improvement Plan process.

6. Public Footpaths

7. Street Lighting

8. Car Parks

9. Bus Services

9.1 – 155 Bus Service – A further meeting is being arranged for early July.

10. Any Other Business/Correspondence.

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 at a future meeting of the committee.

1.3 - **Resurfacing Works** – Clerk is further assessing the most appropriate/cost effective way to carry out the required surfacing work and will report to a future meeting

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 - **Play Equipment Replacement Phase 1** - The Clerk will update the committee on the latest position at the meeting and will present all 3 schemes for the Committee to consider including the comments from the children at St. Peters School.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – **Charity Event** – At the last meeting the Clerk reported that the Council had received a request to hold a Charity 5 a side football tournament and family fun day event on 27 July for a 10 year old boy with Ewing’s Sarcoma so that the child could go to Disneyland. The Clerk indicated that he had written asking for more details of the event but as yet had not received a reply. It was agreed to consider this application further on receipt of the information asked for by the Clerk. This information has not been received and with the nearness of the event it is recommended that no further action be taken.

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 Marks Square, Belgrave Street car park, new car park

17. Podkin Meadow.

18. Christmas Lights

The Clerk has discussed with Gala Lighting a possible expansion of the Christmas lights scheme and will report back on the details including costings at a future meeting.

19. Aylesford Flood Plan

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

20. Parish Site Visit

The Clerk will update the committee at the meeting.

19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence

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Clerk to the Council

Date: 19 June 2019