

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016 – 7.30PM
PARISH OFFICE

AGENDA

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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. The need for any changes to the lighting will be considered when the impact of tree work is assessed.

4.2 - **Aylesford Village Square** - Clerk to report on progress.

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 January/February 2016. These results will give the baseline information from which ways forward can be identified. No further action until study is received.

4.4 – Hall Road Motorway Bridge

Highways England have stated fencing repairs and rubbish clearance have been agreed but there is a delay in contracting the specialist fencing company required. They continue to update the Parish Office on progress and hope to undertake the work during the Spring.

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 Aylesford.

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 survey highlighted above.

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).

7.2 – Christmas Lighting

Clerk to report on 2015 Christmas Lighting and proposals for 2016

8. Car Parks

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 – Wicksteed repairs ordered – Total cost £1524 plus paint approx. £180.
Outdoor Gym equipment – Caloo repairs completed - £1800.

1.3 - Children’s Play Areas – Smoking Ban

Awaiting price for signs from RBLL.

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

1.5 – Grass Maintenance Quotes for 2016

Gangmowing and various other works – Landscape Services – 2nd year of on-going agreement for Ferryfield, Forstal Road, BBH recreation ground, Eccles recreation ground, Old Bridge Gardens, hedge cutting

Quotes to be considered for The Hollow, Cemetery, Podkin Meadow, spraying. Clerk to report to meeting.

1.6 – Charges for hire of Recreation Grounds etc. 2016/17

2015/16 price list attached for information. Fees increased by 10% for this year. No further increase recommended for next year.

1.7 – ‘Clean for the Queen’

Clerk to report on this initiative being carried out nationally to mark the Queen’s 90th birthday including TMBC proposals.

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

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

Girls Rugby Tournament – Wednesday 2 April 2016

Memorial Stone – Local stonemason has agreed to reinstate 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

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

7.1 – **Dog Fouling** - Bag and Flag event to be planned with TMBC for Spring 2016. School have been approached, reply awaited.

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

10. Cemetery

Fees for 2016/17 to be agreed. Fees for 2015/16 attached for information. Fees increased by 10% for this year. No further increase recommended for next year.

11. Churchyard

12. Old Bridge Gardens

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

Hedge and fencing work to improve access and visibility for access road completed.

17. Podkin Meadow

18. Blue Bell Hill Picnic Site

Discussion following Cllr Homewood's report to Council on 19 February 2016 that KCC have earmarked this site for sale.

19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence