

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019  
PARISH OFFICE – 7.30PM**

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**1. Apologies**

**2. Declarations of Interests**

**A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS**

**1. General Highway**

**2. Eccles Highway Matters.**

**3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters**

Repair of the lights on the slip road off the A229. To be checked whether this work has been done at the end of March in line with the completion of other works in the area involving road closures.

**4. Aylesford Highway Matters**

4.1 - **Aylesford Village Square** - KCC Highways have approved the initial proposals for the area. The Council's original consultant is not now able to act for the Council but has advised on alternatives which the Clerk is following up.

**5. Walderslade Highway Matters**

**6. Public Footpaths**

**7. Street Lighting**

**8. Car Parks**

## **9. Bus Services**

Awaiting arrangements for a second meeting with Borough Councillor Davies ,KCC and Arriva relating to the 155 bus service.

## **10. Any Other Business/Correspondence.**

## **B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS**

### **1. All Sites**

1.1 - **Play Equipment** – In house painting on going.

1.2 - **Caloo Outdoor Gym Equipment** – Inspection and some minor repairs completed by Caloo. Clerk is carrying out a further inspection of equipment and will **report to the meeting.**

1.3 - **Resurfacing Works** – Overlay resurfacing of Eccles multiplay by Playspaces completed satisfactorily. Clerk is further assessing whether this is the most appropriate/cost effective way to carry out the required surfacing work at other sites or whether complete removal of old tiles and new surface and edging should be reconsidered and will **report to the meeting**

1.4 – **Grass Maintenance** – Both in house and contractor’s schedule due to start this month once ground conditions allow

### **2. The Hollow**

Clerk still considering proposals for upgrade of play equipment at The Hollow but Ferryfield is to take priority at the present time.

### **3. Ferryfield**

3.1 - Play Equipment Replacement Phase 1 – Clerk to report

3.2 – Request from North West Kent Dog Training Club for 2019 Show on 26/27/28 July. Already agreed.

3.3 – Rugby Club

- Ferryfield for tournament parking – 24th March
- New metal gates and height barrier installed by the Club at the start of the concrete road into the car park. Height barrier has been knocked down by a mini bus. Repair awaited.
- Update on damage at bund area

3.4 – Rugby Club Road – Bund fencing work being carried out 20/21 March. Pot hole repairs will follow.

**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**

Request for use of OBG for Aylesford Big Lunch – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**13. Mill Hall (Beside Rose Cottage/Old Bridge) .**

**14. Yoakley Land**

Clerk is progressing works on the Yoakley Land enhancement project with the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership. £5000 grant received from Gallaghers with further Parish Council budget funding available if required.

Two days clearance work has been booked for March - £500 plus skip (MVCP). **Clerk to report** on first day's work which took place on Thursday 21 March.

Bat survey in the summer - £250 (MVCP)

Tree survey and maintenance work in the summer - £450 per day (Kent Turf Care). Other quotes to be obtained for comparison. **Clerk to report** in due course.

Newt survey in the summer - Free (MVCP)

Invasive plant survey £125 - £250 (MVCP)

BioBlitz event to inform the public about the area and seek volunteers - £1000 (MVCP). Proposed date 13 July.

## **15. Walderslade Open Spaces**

## **16. St Marks Square, Belgrave Street car park, new car park**

Belgrave Street/Car Park approach road repairs – Clerk reported at the last meeting that he had not been able to establish land ownership but in accordance with the Committee’s decision, had obtained remedial tarmacking costs for the road leading down to the car park to improve the water flow during heavy rain - £3390; and for the turning corner into the car park which is subject to potholes - £3830.

Members to consider this matter further.

## **17. Podkin Meadow .**

Long term project continuing and further wild flower and grass seed sowing will take place in the near future subject to ground and weather conditions. Clerk in regular contact with contractor.

## **18. Christmas Lights**

Clerk has discussed with Gala Lighting the cost of new street light motifs for BBH and additional ones for Eccles. Costs would be approximately £650 per motif and then an installation and removal charge of £130 each year. It could be done on a year by year basis ie. two new ones in each area each year. Members agreed, without commitment, that the **Clerk should submit to a future meeting a detailed report** including the levels of motifs that could practically be put in and how these could be costed over a prolonged period.

## **19. Aylesford Flood Plan**

Aylesford Community Flood Plan exercise suggested dates for Council to choose from: Saturday 18, Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22, Thursday 23 May.

## **19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence**