

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2017
7.30pm – Parish Office

AGENDA

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1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report

2. Eccles Highway Matters

2.1 - Bull Lane/Pilgrims Way junction

Cllr Homewood has received a report from KCC that junction improvement works should commence in November. They will include speed limits, red rumble strips, improved visibility with bollards to prevent parking, improved directional signage, new 30mph roundels and SLOW markings. Vehicle Actuated Speed signs will not be included due to insufficient road widths to accommodate the equipment and no space for maintenance inspections. The Council has been consulted on the traffic regulation orders bringing into place the proposed speed limits. Clerk will report further at the meeting.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 – Speedwatch – Equipment now working. Clerk has completed first stage of training. Awaiting news of the volunteers' completion of same training.

3.2 – Slow sign on slip road off the A229 towards Aylesford currently situated under the bridge. Clerk has asked that Kent Highways move the sign to the actual slip road before the

Lower Warren Road junction to improve safety at this junction as well as the junctions under the bridge. Response awaited.

3.3 - Lighting repairs still awaited on the slip road which were scheduled for August.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - **Aylesford Village Square** - Three quotations have been received in respect of the proposed works varying from just over £60k to £82k. The Clerk has asked why are the quotations so much high and will report in detail on the response at the meeting.

4.2 – A20 congestion between Larkfield and Aylesford

Work has commenced at the A20/Hermitage Lane junction. Due for completion December.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

6. Public Footpaths

7. Street Lighting

Upgrade to LED and painting of Old Bridge Gardens lights – completed.

8. Car Parks

Parish Council private car park at entrance to AVCC/Parish Council. Relining completed in house.

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - **2018 Grass Maintenance Contracts/In house** - New mower received and in use.

1.2 – All Sites Security

All ordered security bollards and gates now installed. Padlock and key distribution being organised by the Clerk.

1.3 – **Play Equipment Inspection** – Annual inspection ordered. On completion Clerk will begin a review of all equipment.

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 – Upgrade of multi-play equipment – Clerk to report back to Committee on progress in due course.

3.2 – Rugby parking and pitch request – 5 November 2017 – Already Agreed.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – Aylesford Football Club Tournament – 2nd and 3rd September. Successful event. Some parking issues to be addressed.

4.2 – Height barrier proposal at entrance – Initial quote for the work £760 agreed at the last meeting. In order for larger vehicles to gain access during normal working hours it will be necessary to put in place special arrangements which will mean having the barrier open for a few hours during the day and that the Community Centre caretaker has a key for those special out of hours arrangements. On this basis the barrier has been ordered and should be out in place in the next few weeks.

4.3 – Scout Fun Day – Proposed date 15 July 2018. Already agreed.

5. Allotments

Pricing for 2019/20. Clerk to report to future meeting.

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

7.1 - Tunbury Hall **Car Park** – It is the Hall's normal policy that during the school holidays and non use of the Hall that the car park should remain shut due to vehicles being driven recklessly around the car park during these periods.

7.2 – **Rotabounce** Play Equipment – Faulty piece of equipment, manufactured by Playdale, installed by Wicksteed. Wicksteed have now agreed to meet the full cost of this repair.

7.3 – **Fitness Equipment** – Repair required. Clerk to report.

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

10. Cemetery

10.1 - Long term future **extension**. This item will appear on the ESC agenda each month for progress report from the Clerk as appropriate.

11. Churchyard

12. Old Bridge Gardens

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

14. Yoakley Land

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

16. St Marks Square, Belgrave Street car park, New car park

Minor repair to tarmac access road being investigated in order to prevent water accessing neighbouring property. Initial specification and quotation of £7200 considered to be excessive. Clerk to report following meeting with contractor re a more basic solution.

17. Podkin Meadow

Long term project will continue in the Autumn.

18. Christmas Lighting

18.1 - **Old Bridge, Aylesford** – Repair of two arches and replacement as necessary - £1320. Completed.

18.2 - **Eccles** – Two more lamp post lights as agreed at the last meeting. Ordered at a cost of £1200.

18.3 – Christmas Tree for **Eccles** to be ordered. Request for lighting up ceremony to be held on 1 December.

19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence