

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015 – 7.30PM
PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

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AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report

2. Eccles Highway Matters

Forthcoming roadworks/road closures:

Hale House – Pilgrims Way – Rochester Road – Closure at night from 7 April to 17 May. Diversion through Aylesford Village. Kent Highways have been asked to undertake clearance of vegetation along the Pilgrims Way during the closure. Still awaiting response to this request.

Pilgrims Way – Rochester Road – Lower Bell – Three way traffic signalling from 30 March to 17 May for footway installation. In respect of the request for crash barriers and extension of the speed limit, Clerk following up on initial response.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 - Milestone – Delay in KCC removing stone and delivering to stonemason.

3.2 – HGV Parking Restrictions on Maidstone bound Old Chatham Road – possible repercussions within the Parish being monitored.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - Old Bridge Lighting Project – Clerk in discussions with contractor on how this project can be moved forward following the long awaited response from English Heritage.

4.2 – Flooding: Opposite Brassey Centre - Work awaited.

4.3 – Rochester Road speed humps to be re-profiled by Kent Highways. Work to be programmed and will require the road to be closed. Date awaited.

4.5 - Aylesford Village Square

1. Design site meeting held. The scheme and estimated cost is expected in late June.

2. BT broadband box in Square – BT have now agreed to resite. Exact position awaited.

3. Temporary litter bin installed by TMBC

4.6 – A20 between Larkfield and Aylesford – Joint initiative between Ditton, E Malling & Larkfield and Aylesford Parish Councils re traffic flow problems. Following on from response from KCC supporting a traffic study, a further meeting has been held and it has been agreed to arrange a meeting with Steve Humphrey of TMBC to discuss the issue.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

6. Public Footpaths

7. Lighting

7.1 - Bull Lane – Upgrade project to allow lights to be adopted by Kent Highways. Awaiting confirmation of completion.

8. Car Parks

Expansion of TMBC Aylesford Bridge car park. Parish Council's agreement to proceeding with this scheme advised to TMBC. Awaiting TMBC advice on next steps on how to proceed.

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence

Rugby Club Entrance – The Council has received a request from a local resident to consider converting the bund at the entrance to the Rugby Club ground next to the cemetery to car parking for local residents. It is suggested that the Clerk should investigate and provisionally cost such a scheme.

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - Local history signs – Clerk looking at methods of updating historical content of original signs before contacting potential suppliers..

1.2 - All youth shelters have been cleaned - £400 plus VAT.

2. The Hollow

Minor surfacing repair under swings required before it gets any worse – quote requested.

3. Ferryfield

3.1 - In house repair required to pedestrian gate wall beside main gates.

3.2 – All padlocks replaced following fire brigade forced entry on 3 April due to setting fire of fallen tree in ‘bomb hole’ area

3.3 – Water leak in private supply line leading to Coldharbour properties reported

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

Redundant tennis courts - Project work commences on 27 April. Expected to take three weeks.

5. Allotments

5.1 - Aylesford new numbers still to be installed

5.2 - 2015/16 rent payments nearly all in

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

Skateboard park replacement – Project commences 27 April. Expected to take two weeks.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

Toddlers equipment gate repair required – quote requested

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

10. Cemetery

11. Churchyard

12. Old Bridge Gardens

Pet Service - 12 July 2015

Big Lunch – 7 June 2015

Dumped rubbish around the pumping reported – clearance still awaited by Southern Water.

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

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.

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

Local members have requested the installation of bollards at two entrances to the woodlands – Tunbury Avenue entrance – locking bollard and Walderslade Road/Impton Lane entrance – solid concrete bollard. Clerk has written to KCC PROW team to see how this can be processed.

16. St Marks Square, Car Park and Surrounds

17. Podkin Meadow

18. Christmas Lighting

Following the site meeting with Gala Lights the following proposals are suggested for Aylesford, Blue Bell Hill and Walderslade.

Aylesford

The cost of having an additional decoration on the lamppost in Forstal Road currently without one is £485.

Blue Bell Hill

It is proposed that in order to complete the Christmas lights scheme in Blue Bell Hill that there is no further expansion of the lights within the trees but that the scheme is extended by placing lighting decorations on lampposts. It is suggested that 8 lighting decorations are provided 4 in Maidstone Road and 4 in Robin Hood Lane, the locations of which have been agreed with the local members. The cost of providing these decorations and installing and taking them down in the first year is £5620.

Walderslade

At the site meeting a suitable tree was found at the junction of Tunbury Avenue and Catkin Close which it was felt would be ideal for placing Christmas lights. The cost of these lights and installing and taking them down in the first year is £1955.

The total cost of the above is £8060 which is within the budget provision of £11k. However there will be ongoing installation and taking down costs for future years and these are in the region of £1100 for Blue Bell Hill and £720 for Walderslade making a total annual cost for our Christmas lights of £3700 when you add the installation and taking down of the existing lights.

19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence