

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2017**  
**AGENDA**

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**1. Apologies**

**2. Declarations of Interests**

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

**1. General Highway Report**

**2. Eccles Highway Matters**

**2.1 - Bull Lane/Pilgrims Way junction.**

Kent Highways feasibility study and schemes being developed arising from the study should be available shortly. Copy of the study has been received by the Parish Council from Cllr Homewood. Discussions taking place to see how this can be moved forward.

The recent Coroners report on the fatality which occurred on the Pilgrims Way by pass has recommended that the speed limit be reduced to 40mph. Noted.

**3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters**

**3.1 - Planters** – In house installation awaited.

**3.2 – Slip Road** – Lighting is still out. County Cllr Homewood is pursuing this with KCC.

**4. Aylesford Highway Matters**

**4.1 - Aylesford Village Square** - Awaiting revised plans from Amey following the consultation with residents. Personnel dealing with this project at Amey have changed but the Clerk is in touch with them. Anticipated that designs will be handed over to KCC mid March. Tree species selection has been agreed.

## **4.2 – A20 congestion between Larkfield and Aylesford**

### **A20/Hermitage Lane**

The Plan for the works on Hermitage Lane and plans for the Quick Win schemes on the A20, have been received. Next Joint Parish meeting with representatives of KCC, TMBC, Aylesford, Ditton and East Malling & Larkfield Parish Council representative to be held on 20 April.

The second option for the A20/Hermitage Lane junction which provides for a double lane up to the traffic lights for the retail park entrance but does not require acquiring any additional land is the preferred option. Awaiting agreement by KCC.

**4.3 – Hall Road Motorway Bridge Broken Fencing and Litter** – Highways England have promised Tracey Crouch MP that fence repairs and litter clearance will take place within the next four weeks.

**4.4 – Rochester Road Water** – Still awaiting repair to the second leak from Tottingham Farm pond overflow where the pipe appears to be blocked. Reported to Kent Highways and Southern Water as a potential hazard in icy conditions.

**4.5 – Hall Road Zebra Crossing** – Nearest A20 – ‘Halos’ have been fitted.

## **5. Walderslade Highway Matters**

### **6. Public Footpaths**

**6.1 - River Medway Towpath MR 473** – Work is progressing on this project although slightly behind schedule. Now due for completion by the end of April.

### **7. Street Lighting**

7.1 - Old Bridge Gardens lights painting will be done in house.

7.2 – Streetlights maintenance contract. Revised price has been received and Clerk has gone back with further questions for which a response is awaited.

### **8. Car Parks**

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

**9.1 – Southern Rail Franchise Consultation Document** – Would the Council wish to comment on this document which is on the Gov.UK website. Consultation period ends 23 May 2017.

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

### **1. All Sites**

1.1 - Local **history signs** – Clerk will be looking at this following on from the Aylesford Village Square enhancement project.

1.2 - **2018 Grass Maintenance Contracts/In house** – This item to remain on agenda as an ad memoire until Clerk is ready to make his report to a future meeting on additional work to be carried out in-house and equipment required.

**2. The Hollow** – Contour slide steps. Handrail installed.

### **3. Ferryfield**

3.1 - Rugby Club – overflow car parking for festivals 26 March and 23 April 2017

3.2 - Dog Show 13 – 14 May 2017. Already agreed

3.3 – Charity Rugby Event 5 – 7 May 2017. Clerk to report on detailed arrangements.

3.4 – Circus visit – 24 April for 3 nights

3.5 – Culverstone Dog Show Club – Request for use of Ferryfield for show ring and parking 21 (set up), 22 and 23 July

3.6 – Long term future of Wicksteeds Logworld multi-play equipment

3.7 – Height barrier replacement – quotation awaited

### **4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground**

4.1 – Aylesford Scout Group 16 July Fun Day Fund Raising event.

### **5. Allotments**

Pricing for 2018/19.

### **6. Eccles Recreation Ground**

Memorial clock. Stonemason looking at work involved to reinstate lettering and to provide a quote.

### **7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park**

Request received from local resident to clear scrub land at the rear of Catkin Close. The Clerk reported that the area is an eye-sore and is beyond clearance either by local residents themselves or as in-house Parish job. Quotation received and clerk to update Committee.

**8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground**

**9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site**

**10. Cemetery**

**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**

Request to use OBG for Big Lunch on Sunday 18 June. Donation request also to be considered by FASC.

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

**14. Yoakley Land**

**15. Walderslade Open Spaces**

Report made to PCSO regarding recent concerns over possible animal poisonings.

**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 will update the Committee.

**17. Podkin Meadow**

Clearance work has commenced and has been well received so far. On-going project.

**18. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence**