

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017
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

2.1 - Bull Lane/Pilgrims Way junction

Phase 1 of the junction improvement works have been completed. Kent Highways have agreed to relook at the feasibility of a Vehicle Activated Speed signs once vegetation has been cleared back and it can be ascertained whether there is room for the installation and on-going maintenance of such a sign.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 – 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.

3.2 - Lighting repairs still awaited on the slip road which were scheduled for August. KCC have reported they are still awaiting delivery of new columns. Clerk is pursuing on a more formal basis.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - **Aylesford Village Square** - Clerk has established up to date contact personnel at TMBC now dealing with this project and will continue to pursue progress on revised quotations and funding.

4.2 – A20 congestion between Larkfield and Aylesford

Work completed on widening the road at the A20/Hermitage Lane junction.

4.3 – Aylesford Village/Forstal Road junction

Site meeting held with Kent Highways re proposed improvements to this junction to include safer pedestrian access and improved signage. KH took on board comments from local members. Awaiting report.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

5.1 – Tunbury Avenue – Kent Highways advise that this area does not fall within the criteria for a 20mph speed limit.

6. Public Footpaths

7. Street Lighting

Upgrade to LED lighting by Kent Highways – KH have advised that footway lights as opposed to street lights are not being upgraded as priority and may involve going back to certain areas for odd lights.

8. Car Parks

8.1 – Forstal Road (AVCC entrance) height barrier installed and will now be closed at night.

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - **2018 Grass Maintenance Contracts/In house** – Clerk reviewing all contracted grass maintenance work.

1.2 – **Play Equipment Inspection** – Annual inspection took place on 25 October. Report received. Followed up with an in house visit to all sites by the Clerk and Walter Matthews. Clerk to report to the meeting.

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 – Upgrade of multi-play equipment – Will be considered in line with 1.2 above.

3.2 - Rugby Club car parking on Ferryfield – 31 March 2018 8.00am to 3.00pm. Already agreed.

Parking took place as agreed on 19 November 2017. However as vehicles were directed to a different part of the field there was some minor damage. Clerk has clarified with the Club where vehicles should be parked for any future events.

3.3 –North West Kent Dog Training Club event – 20 – 22 July 2018 – Already agreed.

3.4 – Bench renovation (sited near the football container) to be undertaken in house during the winter.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – Height barrier at entrance – Installed. Regular opening and closing has now commenced.

4.2 – Scout Fun Day – 15 July 2018. Already agreed.

5. Allotments

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

Rotabounce Play Equipment – Latest proposed date for repair by Playdale on behalf of Wicksteed is week beginning 27 November 2017.

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

12.1 – Bench renovation to be undertaken in house during the winter.

12.2 – Contractors on behalf of Southern Water have completed their pipe search work in the river from OBG. Reinstatement work is satisfactory.

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

Work to resolve minor flooding issue (£1095) and pothole repairs (£480) ordered. Completion awaited.

17. Podkin Meadow

Long term project is continuing through the autumn. Weed spraying has recently taken place. Wild flower and grass seed sowing will now take place next Spring.

18. Christmas Lighting

Clerk has confirmed with Gala Lighting that all is in place for all sites to be switched on at the latest by beginning of December.

19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence

19.1 – RBLI Play Equipment opening hours. Clerk to report to meeting.