

## **REPORT TO AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward**  
**Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

**Aylesford South and Ditton Ward**  
**Councillors Rob Cannon, Steve Hammond and Colin Williams**

**Walderslade Ward**  
**Councillor Des Keers**

### **ALL WARDS ITEMS**

#### **TMBC PARISH PARTNERSHIP PANEL – 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 24**

1. The next Parish Partnership Panel will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November as a Face-to-Face meeting in the Council Chambers.
2. This is a great opportunity to work with other parish and town councils and deal with problems that concern you all.
3. There is a very interesting agenda and hopefully the new Chief Executive will be in attendance but that is to be confirmed .
4. There will be a presentation on ASB.

#### **AYLESFORD NORTH & NORTH DOWNS ISSUES**

##### **LAND AROUND ECCLES**

5. There was a very useful meeting, set up by your Cllr Arron Ludlow, and attended by Cllr Dave Davis, on 29<sup>th</sup> September with a group of concerned Eccles residents. They accepted that stopping the Trenport development was now a lost cause, following the Planning Inspectorate's approval of the outline planning permission for the scheme last year.
6. We now need to look to the future. Detailed discussion will be taking place between TMBC planners and Trenport on the details of the development and it is for your Council, the people of Eccles and us TMBC councillors, to put in any discussion points we have. There will be a very restricted budget but there are many things that we may be able to effect to the advantage of future residents of Eccles.
7. The outline planning approval finalised the location of the road system and it is now for Trenport and KCC to agree the final details. In the group discussion, it was clear that there are options, that would benefit the village, with speed limits, 7.5 tonne limitations, crossing

points and the like. These need to be worked up and passed to TMBC planners to be passed on to KCC.

8. For the rest of the development there is more scope for input. At the meeting we discussed:

- a. Parking, this will be very challenging but we should give TMBC planners our thoughts on this.
- b. Electric charging points in the village.
- c. Who should control village assets, a developer's Service Management Company or an organisation like the parish council.
- d. Allotments.
- e. Sports pitches and sports pavilions.
- f. Village hall.
- g. Eccles recreation ground improvement. This may be limited because it is outside the scheme project area.

9. We may need to run some public exhibitions in Eccles and to put out a leaflet and a survey to get a good feel of what the village wants and needs. Social media action could also be useful.

10. **Help from Aylesford Parish Council.** As part of assessing what the village wants, could Aylesford Parish council help in two ways:

- a. **Funding.** Support for hire of halls, cost of leaflet printing and any other similar small expenses?
- b. **Councillor Support.** It would be beneficial to have experienced councillor support from outside Eccles at future Group meetings and at public meetings and to help assess and advise on future assets Eccles should be considering?

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN PROGRESS**

### **Nursery Rochester Road Aylesford**

11. There is no change on the new application which has been appealed and is with the Planning Inspectorate. All other enforcement action must wait for the outcome of that appeal.

### **Land Rear of Mackenders Lane Eccles Aylesford Kent**

12. There is no change on this application.

13. There is a farm building that has been largely built. It is a building for farm use such as storing farm machinery. This building is permitted development.

14. There is also a caravan on site that is been occupied during the period of construction of the permanent building above which is permitted during that construction. A meeting has

been held with the owner and TMBC Enforcement Officers and there is still work going on the approved building. As such continued use of the caravan is lawful until that work stops.

### **Land On Former Scout Camp Warren Road**

15. There is no change on this which is in the hands of the over stretched court system awaiting further prosecution.

### **Land North of Lower Warren Road and East of Warren Road**

16. This is now complete. All the enforcement actions identified have been done. That does not mean that the owner can't live in the stables but all the work to make it habitable has been removed as per the refusal of 22/00417/NMA and this case is now closed.

## **AYLESFORD SOUTH AND DITTON**

17. **Bradbourne Development.** This is for information. There is a major planning application for the development known as Bradbourne, running from the west of Hermitage Lane through to Kiln Barn Road in Ditton. It will not now be coming before Area Planning Committee 3 until March next year at the earliest but it could be much later than that. Apparently there is a National Highways holding objection and other unspecified issues.

## **WALDESLADE WARD**

### **TADDINGTON VALLEY WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE|**

18. TMBC have agreed the Taddington Valley Woodland Management Plan with the Forestry Commission and have gone out to tender with three contractors to complete the works by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. There will be a publicity campaign to inform the public of this before it starts.

19. The selected Kent based contractor will coppice and pollard the trees in Compartment 6 (the first area). This compartment is located at the Robin Hood Lane end of the site, see map attached.

20. There are several footpaths and some are 'Public Rights of Way' crossing this part of the site, and public safety is a major consideration during the work. TMBC has liaised with the KCC Public Rights of Way team to consider the options and most appropriate way to carry out the work, it may prove necessary to close some paths, but the final decisions will follow discussion between the contractor and KCC. Utility service checks for the site are also in progress.

