

# Aylesford Parish Council

## Meeting of the Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held at Tunbury Hall, Walderslade, on Tuesday 14 March 2023

**Present:** Councillors Sullivan (Chairman) and Councillors Balcombe, Beadle, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Rillie, Sharp, Smith,

**In Attendance :** Mrs Randall (Clerk)

**Also in Attendance:** Three members of public

**Apologies:** Councillors Fuller, Mrs Ogun, Ms Oyewusi Shelly, Walker, Winnett and Borough Councillor Keers.

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#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for Absence from Councillors, Fuller, Mrs Ogun, Ms Oyewusi Shelly, Walker, Winnett and Borough Councillor Keers were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

#### **3. Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

#### **4. Adjournment of the meeting to allow Public Participation.**

The Public Participation session lasted approximately 20 minutes. Three residents were present and expressed concerns relating to the 'Land at Eccles' proposal and Highways drainage issues. Councillor Beadle agreed to ascertain more detailed information concerning the Highways matters and report back to the Clerk.

## **5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 January 2023**

It was proposed by Councillor Balcombe and Seconded by Councillor Ms Dorrington that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 January 2023 be **approved** as a correct record and signed.

## **6. Any Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no Matters Arising

## **7. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee**

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee on 7 February 2023. It was **Unanimously Agreed** to co-opt Gillian Birkbeck – Minute 9.
- b) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee on 7 March 2023 and to approve Minute 5 – Statement of Internal Control and Minute 12 adoption of the Banner Policy.

## **8. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee**

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee on 24 January 2023. There were no matters arising.
- b) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee on 21 February 2023. There were no matters arising.

## **9. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Planning Committee**

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 10 January 2023. There were no matters arising.
- b) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 24 January 2023. There were no matters arising.
- c) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 7 February 2023. There were no matters arising.
- d) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 21 February 2023. There were no matters arising.
- e) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 7 March 2023. There were no matters arising.

## **10. To Receive the Report of the County Councillor**

There was no County Councillor present, and no report was provided.

## **11. To Receive the Report of the Borough Councillor(s)**

Borough Councillor Base submitted a report in his absence which was **noted** (See Appendix 1)

## **12. Accounts for Payment**

The Council considered the Payment Schedule attached to the Agenda and Councillor Mrs Gadd proposed and Councillor Balcombe seconded and it was **Agreed** that 10 payments totaling £3,305.45 be made.

## **13. Council Vacancies**

There are currently no vacancies. **Noted**

## **14. Decisions taken under S101 Delegated Authority**

No decisions had been taken. **Noted**

## **15. Consideration to be given to moving the Annual Meeting of the Council**

The Clerk explained that due to the elections and the extra bank holiday this year for the Kings Coronation the Parish Council must hold its Annual Meeting of the Council between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This means it will need to be moved from the pre-agreed date of the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The Clerk suggested that the Council move this meeting to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**Agreed**

## **16. To Consider Any Other Items of Correspondence**

There was no other correspondence.

## **17. Duration of Meeting**

7.52pm to 8.32pm

Good Evening fellow APC Members,

Just a quick update in my capacity as Chair of Area 3 TMBC Planning Committee.

As some of you may have seen Highways England (who administer motorways) have asked that the decision on the Bushey Wood development is not taken before May 15<sup>th</sup> to examine impact on the M2 and M20.

This creates a slight oddity in process:

If Trenport do not appeal, then that holding request stands, and the matter would go before Area 3 sometime after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

However, if they do appeal, as they have given previous notice of so doing, then the *decision* transfers to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspector will then want Area 3 to meet in order to decide what the position of the Council (TMBC) will be at any public inquiry (where the actual decision will be taken). This meeting is therefore pro-forma as part of the appeal process and neither a grant nor a refusal would create nor deny any form of planning consent. This meeting would most likely take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 as scheduled in the Area 3 timetable.

Given the level of interest and complexity; it will however begin earlier than the normal 7.30pm (probably 6pm or 6.30pm) to allow sufficient time for debate.

So possibly one for your diaries.

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In terms of other matters at the TMBC - very little will emerge now. The period of pre-election purdah begins today and all communications will become factual only with no political content. We will have to wait to see what happens on May 4<sup>th</sup> and how those ten fewer Councillors, which will not include myself, take TMBC forward for the next four years.

With best regards,

Michael

Cllr Michael Base