

Aylesford Parish Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th August 2026, in the Aylesford Parish Council Offices, Aylesford

Present: Councillors Sullivan (Chair), Miss Anderson, Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Davies, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Netzel, Rillie, Sharp, Smith and Sullivan.

Melanie Randall (Clerk of the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Chapman, Ludlow, Rillie, Mrs Waters and Williams were received and the reason for absence agreed.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. To Agree the Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 July 2026

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Any Matters Arising from the last minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. To consider renewing the Play Equipment at The Hollow, Aylesford

The Clerk reported that she is continuing to complete the application form to apply for the FCC Communities Foundation Grant. TMBC have confirmed a S106 allocation of £11,672.66 towards this project – this is for the outdoor sports type equipment and associated safety surfacing. The total cost of the project with Kompan is £85,643.56; this leaves a balance of £73,970.90. Aylesford Parish Council will contribute £25,000 with the remaining £48,970.90 to be sought from the FCC Communities Foundation Grant.

Under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) the FCC Environment donates a small percentage of the landfill tax it collects to fund eligible projects. The Government allows FCC Environment to reclaim some, but not all, of this contribution as a tax credit. To cover

this shortfall applicants must secure a Contributing Third-Party payment (CTP) which is calculated as 10.75% of the amount being requested as a grant. The Parish Council as the applicant can be the third-party contributor. The payment it would have to make based on a grant of £48,970.90 is £5,264.37, bringing the total payable by the Parish Council to £30,264.37.

It was **Resolved** to proceed with the grant application based on the above figures. The Clerk clarified that the figures may alter very slightly when she inputs them into the grant application portal, but it shouldn't be by too much.
The Clerk is authorised to submit the application.

Ongoing

6. Renewal of the Play Equipment at Tunbury Recreation Ground

There was no update.

Ongoing

7. Tunbury Car Park

The contractor has confirmed that, based on his experience, he is confident the camera will work. The Clerk advised she has not been able to meet with the alternative contractor.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to purchase and install the ANPR camera together with the necessary signage. The Clerk was also requested to contact TMBC to establish whether any funding may be available to contribute towards the installation, given that TMBC has been encouraging the Council to implement this measure.

The Council wished to make it clear that the installation of the ANPR camera represents the only measure it is prepared to pursue. It was agreed that, should the camera not prove as effective as hoped, the Council's position regarding the gate would remain unchanged, and it would not support its closure. The Council agreed to proceed with the installation on the understanding that TMBC acknowledges and accepts this position.

Ongoing

8. To agree the Sports Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2026

It was Resolved to accept the minutes as presented subject to the following amendment
Item 6, last paragraph addition "The Football Club have received an email from TMBC that states the application will be written up with a recommendation for approval"
Items 4.1 – 4.5 will be added to the next relevant agenda for discussion and decision.

9. Climate Change

It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes from the meeting held on 15 July 2026.

10. Bus Service 552

Councillor Gledhill explained this is the school service that the public can use, because of this it does not run during the school holidays. When the schools return in September the bus service will resume.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to remove this item from the agenda as no decisions are needed due to the bus service not falling within the Parish Council's remit and information sharing can be provided under Any Other Correspondence.

11. To consider renewing the Makrolon Sheets to the teenage shelters on Forstal Recreation Ground and Ferryfield

The Clerk advised that she had obtained one quotation for the replacement of the Makrolon sheets to the teenage shelters at Forstal Recreation Ground and Ferryfield. A second quotation had been requested on several occasions, but despite repeated follow-up, the company had not provided a quote.

The quotation received was for £1,940.00 plus VAT.

After consideration, it was **Resolved** to proceed with the replacement works based on the quotation received.

In addition, it was Resolved to fund this via the Contingency fund.

Closed

12. Any Other Correspondence

There was no Other Correspondence

13. Duration of Meeting

8:46pm to 9:16pm