

Aylesford Parish Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026, in the Aylesford Parish Council Offices, Aylesford

Present: Councillors Sullivan (Chair), Balcombe, Chapman, Mrs Eves, Mrs Gadd, Netzel, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley Smith and Mrs Waters.

Melanie Randall (Clerk of the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Miss Anderson, Mrs Birkbeck, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi 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 16 June 2026

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 June 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 about halfway through 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.

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.

Councillor Fuller had attempted to arrange a meeting with his contact and the Clerk; however, due to the short notice it was not possible for the Clerk to attend.

Ongoing

8. Quote received to replace fencing around part of the car park in Belgrave Street Eccles

The Clerk reported that the fencing to the boundary of the car park that acts as a resident's garden fence needs replacing. A number of the panels are broken, and it is a poor state of repair. The soil from the resident's garden has over time pushed the fencing out towards the car park, so to stop this the quotes received include the installation of concrete gravel boards.

Two quotes were received

Quote A: £2,500

Quote B: £1,680

It was **Resolved** to replace the fencing and Quote B was chosen

Closed

9. Request received from Stephen Mason of The Mason Foundation – Ferryfield Parking

It was **Resolved** to permit the request, subject to the following

- The gate must be marshalled.
- Use of Ferryfield is entirely at their own risk, the Parish Council will not accept liability for any accidents or incidents however caused.
- It is down to the organiser to determine that the ground is suitable for the types of vehicles parking on it, including checking for potholes – it is a recreation ground and there may be unknown hazards, so they will need to satisfy themselves around the conditions.
- The Clerk will meet them to unlock the gate and wait for the hour to lock back up.
- Insurance and Risk Assessment already received.

Closed

10. Eccles Village Sign – Refurbish

It was **Resolved** to refurbish and re-erect the village sign which will take about 5 weeks to complete. The total cost will be no more than £1,500, County Councillor Kennedy has agreed to contribute £750 from his members grant with the Parish Council funding the remaining £750 from its Reserves.

Closed

11. Any Other Correspondence

S106 Update

The Clerk gave a brief update

- She is continuing to keep an open dialogue going with TMBC
- She is trying to get as much S106 funding allocated as possible before the Local Government Reorganisation is implemented as there are concerns that unallocated funds could be lost to the new Unitary Authority.
- The biggest project is the Changing Rooms on Forstal Recreation Ground and she continues to keep TMBC updated as best she can. The key point for this project will be once the application has been determined by Planning, the quotes can be refreshed, sent to TMBC and funds officially allocated. Nothing has been allocated but there is a note on the system referring to this project that funds may be used for it. If the planning application is approved Aylesford Football Club will need to move quickly to refresh the quotes so funds can be allocated with minimal delay.

12. Duration of Meeting

7:40pm to 9:01pm