

Aylesford Parish Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 December 2019

Present: Councillor Ludlow (Chairman) and Councillors Balcombe, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ms Oyewusi, Rillie, Shelley, Walker and Winnett.

In Attendance: Neil Harris (Clerk), Melanie Randall (Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer)

Apologies: Councillors Base, Beadle, Ms Dorrington, Ms Papagno, Smith, Sullivan and Williams.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Base (holiday), Beadle (work commitment), Ms Dorrington (personal commitment), Ms Papagno (personal commitment), Smith (personal commitment), Sullivan (personal commitment) and Williams (personal commitment), were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 November 2019

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. General Highway Matters

There were no general highway matters reported to the meeting.

5. Eccles Highway Matters – Speed of Traffic in Bull Lane

The Clerk reported that the exact location for the surveys has been agreed and KCC informed who are obtaining an exact quote for the surveys.

6. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters – A229 Slip Road Lights

The Clerk indicated that there was nothing new to report.

7. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters – A229 Accidents

The Clerk reported that he had asked Peter Homewood if he could obtain from the Director of Highways the accident record for the A229 Blue Bell Hill for the last 2 years but had not yet received a reply.

8. Aylesford Highway Matters – Aylesford Village Square

The Clerk reported that he was looking at the details of a potential funding scheme from the English Heritage London and South East Regional team which he was considering including discussing it with TMBC.

9. Walderslade Highway Matters – Walderslade Woods Road

The Clerk reported that he had written to Boxley Parish Council regarding their progress on this matter who had replied indicating that they had received support from a KCC Officer for the introduction of a 50mph speed limit on this road. KCC were undertaking speed surveys and looking at island improvements. Once KCC's investigations were complete they would report back to Boxley Parish Council who would then let the Council know the what was happening.

10. Public Footpaths

There were no public footpath matters reported to the meeting.

11. Street Lighting

There were no street lighting matters reported to the meeting.

12. Car Parks

There were no car parking matters reported to the meeting.

13. Bus Services – 155 Bus Service

The Clerk reported that the further meeting reported at the last meeting had not been held but that he was continuing to pursue this matter so it could be brought to a successful conclusion.

14. Parking at Entrance to Rugby Club next to the Cemetery

The Clerk reported that the no parking signs had been ordered.

15. All Sites

There were no matters relating to all sites reported to the meeting.

16. The Hollow – Steps next to Slide

The Clerk reported that the steps next to the slide in the Hollow were in a poor condition and in need of repair. He had received a quote of a labour charge of £500 from Mark Medhurst to undertake the work and the Council had received prices for the materials amounting to £540 approximately. It was **Agreed** to accept the quote from Mark Medhurst and to proceed with the work with the Council purchasing the materials direct.

17. Ferryfield – Boot Scraper

The Clerk reported that he was currently undertaking the necessary research into the provision of a boot scraper at this site and hopes to be in a position to report to the next meeting.

18. Forstal Road Recreation Ground – Soakaway and Drainage serving the Site

The Clerk reported that though the gully cleansing had been effective it had uncovered a potential problem with the soakaway. With water still not flowing away in the area of the council garage there seemed to be a problem at this point or somewhere on the way to or in the soakaway, meaning that there was a blockage. The exact location of the soakaway was not known and therefore it was necessary to find it and the pipes leading to it to identify the work needed which could be a new soakaway. It was **Agreed** that the quote of £520 from Station Haulage to undertake the necessary work to identify the exact location of the soakaway and the drainage pipe leading to it be approved.

19. Allotments

There were no matters relating to the Allotments reported to the meeting.

20. Eccles Recreation Ground

There were no matters relating to the Eccles Recreation Ground reported to the meeting.

21. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park – Gully Cleansing of Car Park

The Clerk reported that the gully cleansing of the car park at Tunbury Hall would take place on 30 December.

22. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

There were no matters relating to the Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground reported to the meeting.

23. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

There were no matters relating to the Blue Bell Hill Pond Site reported to the meeting.

24. Cemetery

There were no matters relating to the Cemetery reported to the meeting.

25. Churchyard

There were no matters relating to the Churchyard reported to the meeting.

26. Old Bridge Gardens

There were no matters relating to the Old Bridge Gardens reported to the meeting.

27. Mill Hall (Beside Rose Cottage/Old Bridge)

There were no matters relating to Mill Hall reported to the meeting.

28. Aylesford Old Pit (Yoakley Land)

There were no matters relating to the Aylesford Old Pit (Yoakley Land) reported to the meeting.

29. Walderslade Open Spaces

There were no matters relating to Walderslade Open Spaces reported to the meeting.

30. St Mark's Square, Belgrave Street car park, new car park

There were no matters relating to St Mark's Square, Belgrave Street car park, new car park reported to the meeting.

31. Podkin Meadow

There were no matters relating to Podkin Meadow reported to the meeting.

32. Christmas Lights

There were no matters relating to Christmas Lights reported to the meeting.

33. Aylesford Flood Plan

There were no matters relating to the Aylesford Flood Plan reported to the meeting.

34. Duration of Meeting

7.36pm to 7.52pm