

Aylesford Parish Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Aylesford Parish Council Office, Aylesford on 21 November 2023

Present: Councillor Mrs Gadd (Chairman) and Councillors, Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Chapman, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Gledhill, Mrs Ogun, Ms Oyewusi, Sullivan, Sharp and Shelley.

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Beadle, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Rillie, Smith and Walker.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors, Beadle, Fuller, Rillie, Smith and Walker 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. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2023

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Small Works Programme

The Clerk informed the committee that no further progress has been made. She has purchased the stain/paint etc ready for the contractor to collect. **Ongoing**

5. Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

The Agreed Action Plan was submitted to KCC on 30 April 2022.

Councillor Shelley asked the Council to consider adding a recently passed motion by KALC for the Borough Council to erect signs at level crossings asking people to switch off their engines. It was **Agreed** this can be added to the Highway Improvement Plan for TMBC to fund. **Ongoing**

6. Climate Change and Environmental Strategy for Aylesford Parish Council

The Clerk informed the Committee that the contractor has ordered the trees and they have advised that as it is late lifting this year planting can take place until March. **Ongoing**

7. Metal Coronation sign for Coronation Gardens

The Clerk informed the committee she has made further enquiries, and it is quite possible that Planning Permission will be needed. Consultation with the Conservation Team within TMBC will need to take place as Coronation Gardens is in a Conservation Area. It was therefore suggested that the emblem on the right-hand side gate is changed to the King's and the date replaced with 2023 – (leaving the end date blank). It was Agreed for the Clerk to obtain a cost and report back to this committee. **Ongoing**

8. Christmas Lighting 2023

It was **Resolved** to accept the quotes for the putting up, taking down and testing of the Festive Lighting for 2023, as follows.

Walderslade Tree Lights - £820.00

Eccles - £1,450.00

Aylesford - £2,325.00

The Clerk reminded members there may be additional costs for call outs and repairs if there are any problems with the lights. **Closed**

9. Any Other Correspondence

There was no Other Correspondence

10. Duration of Meeting

7.30pm to 7.38pm