

# Aylesford Parish Council

## Environmental Services Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 October 2019

**Present:** Councillor Ludlow (Chairman) and Councillors Balcombe, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Hammond, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Sullivan, Walker and Williams.

**In Attendance:** Melanie Randall (Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer)

**Apologies:** Councillors Beadle, Ms Oyewusi, Ms Papagno, and Wright

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#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Beadle (Holiday), Ms Oyewusi (Holiday), Ms Papagno (Personal Commitment) and Wright (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 24 September 2019

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed.

#### 4. General Highway Matters – Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

The Committee noted the report of the Clerk.

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

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting he had requested KCC to undertake a traffic survey at the approaches to the village both north and south as traffic enters the 30mph speed limits. KCC responded asking whether the Council would be willing to fund the surveys to which the Clerk replied asking would KCC fund them. KCC have responded

indicating that they would consider funding one of these surveys at a cost of approximately £300 each in the next financial year.

It was **Agreed** that the Council would fund one of the surveys at a cost of approximately £300 and that County Councillor Peter Homewood be asked to fund the other so that both surveys could be undertaken this financial year.

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

The Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer reported that currently Lampposts 1 and 3 were not working but KCC are hoping to finish the work on 3 or 17 November.

#### **7. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters – A229 Accidents**

At the last meeting the Committee expressed their disappointment with the reply from the Director of Highways and agreed that the Clerk should request a copy of the last review undertaken by KCC. No response has been received so far.

#### **8. Aylesford Highway Matters – Aylesford Village Square**

The Clerk reported that he had received 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 and would report back.

#### **9. Walderslade Highway Matters – Pedestrian Crossing at Tunbury Avenue**

At the last meeting the committee agreed that the Clerk should follow this matter up by meeting with the local petitioner, the Headteacher at Tunbury School, if possible KCC Officers and other interested parties where possible to see how this could be taken forward. The local petitioner recently arranged a meeting with the Headteacher and a KCC Officer responsible for assisting Schools with Travel Plans and invited the Clerk to attend. It was a useful meeting resulting in the school agreeing to develop a Travel Plan and for them to work to see how they can improve the position by taking forward ideas firstly through the school.

#### **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 parks matters reported to the meeting.

### **13. Bus Services – 155 Bus Service**

The Clerk reported that There could be a further meeting of the 155 Bus Working Group, in the future, to iron out a number of details. The meeting could be on 20 or 21 November.

### **14. All Sites**

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

### **15. The Hollow**

There were no matters relating to The Hollow reported to the meeting.

### **16. Ferryfield – Play Equipment**

It was reported that ROSPA had attended at the site and had approved it for opening. However, he had identified one very low risk item which Kompan were looking into. Currently waiting on a date to remove fence, collect skip and remove a pile of dirt.

It was also reported that the contractor had lost 4 keys and 1 padlock with one key being for the bollard. It was **Agreed** that the contractor be informed that they have one week to find all the keys and the padlock otherwise all of the locks in all of the Rhino bollards are to be replaced and cost of replacement to be paid for by the contractor.

### **17. Ferryfield – Boot Scraper**

The Committee considered a request for a boot scraper to be provided at the Ferryfield and it was **Agreed** in principle to provide a boot scraper in Ferryfield, subject to costs and finding a suitable location with any potential funding to be met from microgrants following a recommendation to the Finance Advisory Sub Committee.

### **18. Forstal Road Recreation Ground – Aylesford Football Club**

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

### **19. Allotments- Water pipe.**

It was reported that there was a leak on the allotments water supply pipe at Eccles outside 70 Alma Road and that the repair work was booked in for 29 October.

### **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**

There were no matters relating to the Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and car park reported to the meeting.

## **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– Children’s Area**

It was reported that the Children’s area at the cemetery was to be tidied up and that the benches would be cleaned and re painted.

## **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 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**

It was considered that the attempts to create a wild meadow had not been successful as had been hoped but in the future the brambles should continue to be removed and that the area be grassed and maintained.

### **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. Sports and Recreation Committee**

It was **Agreed** that the Sports and Recreation Committee be re-appointed and that the Clerk investigate whether the Council still has a Sports Policy.

### **35. Duration of Meeting**

7.30pm to 8.06pm