

Aylesford Parish Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Aylesford Parish Council Office, Aylesford on 22 August 2023

Present: Councillor Mrs Gadd (Chairman) and Councillors, Balcombe, Beadle, Mrs Birkbeck, Chapman, Craig, Mrs Eves, Gledhill, Rowe, Rillie, Sullivan, Sharp, Shelley, Smith and Walker.

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Ms Dorrington, Fuller, Ms Oyewusi and Mrs Ogun.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors, Ms Dorrington, Fuller, Ms Oyewusi and Mrs Ogun 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 25 July 2023

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Small Works Programme

The Clerk informed the committee that due to a sudden high level of workload she is yet to source a replacement contractor. **Ongoing**

5. Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

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

a) **Tunbury Avenue, Walderslade**

Mini Wardens Project

There was no update

Ongoing

b) **Junction of Tunbury Avenue and Robin Hood Lane**

The Clerk asked members to consider removing this item from the agenda as KCC will not do anything about this problem and with there being nothing the Parish Council can do either there is little point in it remaining on the agenda, therefore it was **Resolved** to remove it from the agenda. **Closed**

6. Climate Change and Environmental Strategy for Aylesford Parish Council

The Clerk informed the committee that she is waiting for the quote from the tree surgeon for the planting of various trees in Tunbury Recreation Ground. **Ongoing**

7. Damage to Ragstone Wall

The Clerk informed the committee that the wall has now been repaired. Some Councillor's raised concerns that the overall finish of the wall is not of a good standard. The Clerk reminded members that the wall does not belong to the Council, but to the Bush Public House therefore it was them who commissioned their own contractor and paid for the works. Should there be any issues then it will be for the Bush Public House to rectify. **Closed**

8. Metal Coronation sign for Coronation Gardens

The Clerk informed the committee she is waiting for the RBLI to contact her to discuss the design and provide a quote. She will report back in due course. **Ongoing**

9. New Fence to Cemetery Boundary

No further quotes have been received. **Ongoing**

10. Minibus Trip around Parish

The Clerk asked members if they wished to take a minibus trip around the Parish to view all Parish Council owned sites and assets. It proved very useful and informative for members when this was done previously in 2019 and with several new members it would be helpful to do this again. After discussion it was **Resolved** to go ahead with the trip and the Clerk was authorised to obtain a quote from the company used before and to book it if the quote is acceptable. The Clerk will email members a selection of about four dates and the most popular one will be the date of the trip. **Closed**

11. Any Other Correspondence

The Clerk informed the committee that she has obtained a 20mph and a 30mph toolkit from KCC for free. They include things like wheelie bin stickers, social media messages, A4 posters and car stickers. When the kits arrive, a message will be put on the council's social media and the website for residents to come to the Parish Office to collect some items. She clarified that Council staff will not be putting up any posters or stickers anywhere, the

toolkits are for residents to do themselves and posters etc must only be put on private property with the property owner's permission. They cannot attach them to lampposts etc.

12. Duration of Meeting

7.58pm to 8.15pm