

# Aylesford Parish Council

## Environmental Services Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting held in the Aylesford Parish Council Office, Aylesford on 26 September 2023

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**Present:** Councillor Mrs Gadd (Chairman) and Councillors, Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Chapman, Ms Dorrington, Gledhill, Ms Oyewusi, Rillie, Sullivan, Sharp, Smith and Walker.

**In Attendance:** Melanie Randall (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillors Craig, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Mrs Ogun, Rowe and Shelley.

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors, Craig, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Mrs Ogun, Rowe and Shelley 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 22 August 2023

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 August 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 due to other work taking priority. **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

A Councillor gave an update on this project. It launched on 5 July 2023, went very well. The children are very enthusiastic and have no problem challenging parents who

park where they shouldn't. the offending person receives three written warnings and if they do it a fourth time their details are given to KCC. The children had to apply to be a Mini Warden, by completing an application form stating why they want to be a Mini Warden. The children are involved in writing the letters at the initial stage, then a teacher/teaching assistant will tidy up and formulise the letter. **Ongoing**

## **6. Climate Change and Environmental Strategy for Aylesford Parish Council**

The Committee were presented with the quote from the Councils Tree Surgeon for the planting of 13 trees on Tunbury Recreation Ground. The trees quoted for are a height of between 8 and 12 feet and are referred to as 'Council trees' The cost is £2,986.00 including labour to plant them and tree irrigation. The Clerk informed the committee that there is a small amount of S106 money that this could potentially be funded from.

After discussion it was **Resolved** to proceed with the tree planting subject to it being funded from S106 money. **Ongoing**

## **7. Metal Coronation sign for Coronation Gardens**

The Clerk informed the committee she has still not heard from the RBLI and has not made any other enquiries. **Ongoing**

## **8. New Fence to Cemetery Boundary**

A second quote has been received. The first contractor will be asked to requote as the second one is slightly different, and all quotes need to be like for like to ensure fairness to all contractors. The Clerk will report back in due course. **Ongoing**

## **9. Report from Aylesford North Ward**

Councillors Chapman and Rillie took a walk round their Ward and produced a short report of their findings. After discussion it was **Resolved** that Councillor Chapman will report the various issues to the appropriate authorities, copying in the relevant TMBC Councillors and the County Councillor. **Closed**

## **10. Any Other Correspondence**

Southern Water will be carrying out works in Old Bridge Gardens, involving digging to ascertain the precise location of the pipework that goes under the river. The work is due to start on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, they will collect the key to the bollard next to Bluebell Estates for access. The ground will be reinstated after completion of the work. The Supervisor will check the quality of the reinstatement.

## **11. Duration of Meeting**

7.30pm to 7.51pm