

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2019

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Present: Cllrs Ludlow, (Chairman), Balcombe, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Winnett, Wright

In attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Base, Gledhill, Homewood, and Walker

1. Apologies were received, noted and reasons accepted as follows:

Cllrs Base (personal commitment) Homewood (unwell), Gledhill (business commitment), Walker (business commitment).

2. Declarations of Interests

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

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway – No report to this meeting.

2. Eccles Highway Matters – No report to this meeting.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

Repair of the lights on the slip road off the A229. Matter still being pursued with KCC.
Clerk

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - Aylesford Village Square - Clerk had approached a potential new consultant who had indicated that he would be interested in the work and quoted a fee of up to £7500 on a scheme with a top value of £40k. This quote included a topographical survey, fully designed

scheme with a full set of drawings for submission to KCC, drawing up tenders and detailed specification, analysing the tenders and recommending the preferred contractor and project management of the scheme. This quote was based on an estimated value of the scheme of £30 – 40k. The Committee felt that the quote from the Consultant was not unreasonable but wondered if the cost of the scheme at £40-50k (including the Consultant’s fee) was too much for the Council to finance on its own and felt that the right approach was for Council to look for match funding from other bodies to enable this scheme to proceed. It was agreed that the Clerk should look to seeing if half of the cost of the scheme could be found from other sources and report back to the committee in due course. **Clerk**

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

6. Public Footpaths

No reports to this meeting.

7. Street Lighting

8. Car Parks

9. Bus Services

It was noted that a second meeting with Borough Councillor Davies, KCC and Arriva relating to the 155 bus service has been arranged. It was agreed that the meeting should be asked to meet on a quarterly basis. **Clerk**

10. Any Other Business/Correspondence – No report to this meeting.

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - **Play Equipment** – In house painting on going.

1.2 - **Caloo Outdoor Gym Equipment** – Clerk to report back on the long term maintenance costs of this equipment including the significant cost of repairs and the approach going forward at a future meeting of the committee. **Clerk**

1.3 - **Resurfacing Works** – Clerk is further assessing the most appropriate/cost effective way to carry out the required surfacing work and will report to a future meeting **Clerk**

2. The Hollow

No report to this meeting

3. Ferryfield

3.1 - Play Equipment Replacement Phase 1 – Clerk awaiting the proposal from Kompan and a revised proposal from Wicksteed and hopes to be in a position to report on these and the Eibe proposal to the May meeting of the Committee. **Clerk**

3.2 – Request from North West Kent Dog Training Club for 2019 Show on 26/27/28 July. Already agreed.

3.3 – Rugby Club – Clerk still pursuing the matter of the exact works required with the contractor. **Clerk**

3.4 – Rugby Club Road – Following further consideration of the condition of the road following the recent roadworks in the area that no further action be taken re the pot holes. **Clerk**

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

5. Allotments.

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

No reports to this meeting.

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

10. Cemetery

11. Churchyard

12. Old Bridge Gardens

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

14. Yoakley Land

The Clerk reported that the current cost of the scheme working with the Medway Valley Countryside Project team going forward was as follows:-

- 1) Clearing works and walkways and steps (5 days) - £1989.50
- 2) Newt Survey – Free
- 3) Invasive Plant Survey - £250
- 4) Bat Survey - £250
- 5) Bioblitz Engagement Event on 13 July 3900 -£1000

The total cost being in the region of £3400. The other costs to be funded were the Tree works and possible interpretation materials. The works as set out were agreed. **Clerk**

15. Walderslade Open Spaces - No report to this meeting.

16. St Marks Square, Belgrave Street car park, new car park- No report to this meeting

17. Podkin Meadow.

Long term project continuing and further wild flower and grass seed sowing will take place in the near future subject to ground and weather conditions. Clerk in regular contact with contractor.

18. Christmas Lights

The Clerk has discussed with Gala Lighting a possible expansion of the Christmas lights scheme and will report back on the details including costings at the next meeting.

19. Aylesford Flood Plan

Aylesford Community Flood Plan exercise – Revised date Thursday 27 June at 11.00am.
Staff and as many Councillors as possible to attend. **Clerk**

20 Y2 Crew Youth Scheme

The Clerk reported that TMBC had thanked the Council for its contribution of £500 to this scheme last year and asked whether the Council would be able to support the scheme again this year. It was agreed that the Council would contribute £500 to the scheme for this year but would also ask TMBC how many children from the Parish benefitted from the Scheme as a whole. **Clerk**

20. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence

20.1 – The Clerk reported a thank you card from Janet Collier.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.13pm.