

Aylesford Parish Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Aylesford Football Club Pavilion, Aylesford on Tuesday 4 October 2022

Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman for this meeting only), Beadle, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Mrs Ogun, Ms Oyewusi, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Walker and Winnett.

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Balcombe and Sullivan.

As both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee gave their apologies, members were asked to nominate a Councillor to Chair the meeting. Mrs Gadd proposed Councillor Smith and Ms Dorrington seconded. It was **Agreed** Councillor Smith would Chair this meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Balcombe and Sullivan 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, Councillor Fuller declared an interest in item 12 and took no part in the discussion or decision.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 6 September 2022

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes from the meeting held on 6 September 2022 be approved as a correct record and subject to Item 2 which should read 'Councillor Fuller declared an interest in item 12'.

4. Accounts for Payment

The Council considered the Payment Schedule attached to the Agenda and Councillor Mrs Gadd proposed and Councillor Shelley Seconded and it was **Agreed** that 19 payments totalling £16,120.74 be made.

5. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

There was no meeting of the Finance Advisory Sub Committee in September 2022.

6. Law and Order

6.1 CCTV in the High Street, Aylesford

There was no further update

Ongoing

6.2 Police Report

It was Agreed to note the September report

Noted

7. KALC

The next meeting is on 13 October 2022 and will be the first face to face meeting since before Covid.

Noted

8. TMBC/Parish Partnership Panel Meeting

There was no update

Noted

9. Council Vacancies

It was Noted that there are currently no Vacancies.

Noted

10. Public Convenience Review

There was no further update.

Ongoing

11. Adoption of Aylesford Station

Councillor Shelley reported that progress is slow. The story boards and planters are still being considered.

Ongoing

12. Aylesford Christmas Market

The Clerk reported that the meetings are now fortnightly. Sponsorship is starting to come in now. The Christmas Market Committee have recently set up a Just Giving page to try and help raise some funds.

Ongoing

13. Any Other Correspondence

A Councillor wished to raise that residents who attended the Full Council meeting on 27 September in Eccles raised with him they were disappointed at the lack of KCC and TMBC Councillors in attendance. They are aware that the Clerk always invites them to attend Full Council.

A Councillor raised that there is a single mum in Burham who does not drive and with no regular bus service is not able to get into Maidstone. Members were reminded that the Burham Charities Commission supplies taxis, solely for people who live in Burham to help those who are eligible for some assistance, so the Councillor will pass her the details.

Members think that Addington Parish Council and/or Ryarsh Parish Council might have a private community bus service, the Clerk was asked to make some enquiries with regards to if this is correct and if so, how it is run and financed.

Note: This item will be discussed in the Environmental Services Committee.

Ongoing

14. Duration of Meeting

7.56pm to 8.11pm