

Aylesford Parish Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Aylesford Parish Council Office, Aylesford on Tuesday 6 June 2023

Present: Councillors Sullivan (Chairman), Balcombe, Beadle, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Mrs Ogun, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Smith and Walker.

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Birkbeck, Fuller and Ms Oyewusi.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Mrs Birkbeck, Fuller and Ms Oyewusi 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 except Councillors Mrs Eves and Smith declared an interest in item 12 and left the room taking no part in the discussion or decision.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 May 2023

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes from the meeting held on 2 May 2023 be approved as a correct record.

4. Accounts for Payment

The Council considered the Payment Schedule attached to the Agenda and Councillor Balcombe proposed and Councillor Mrs Gadd Seconded and it was **Resolved** that 33 payments totalling £19,888.65 be made.

5. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

It was **Agreed** to note the minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2023. **Noted**

6. Law and Order

6.1 Police Report

No report received since the last meeting of this Committee. The Clerk reported that she had asked who the new contact is and was told to expect some correspondence soon. Correspondence now received and the new contact will be Terry Newman who is the new Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Unit Inspector. Kent Police will aspire to attend one Parish Council meetings meeting every three months. They ask that they are first on the agenda to allow them to get back to their duties as quickly as possible. They would also like to know in advance what issues are to be raised to enable them to come fully prepared. This will not be possible regarding any questions the public may have. The Clerk will send the meeting calendar to Terry Newman highlighting the Full Council meetings, so they have the dates well in advance.

Noted

7. KALC

Councillor Shelley said that he had not received and recent correspondence from KALC to report.

Noted

8. TMBC/Parish Partnership Panel Meeting

Councillor Shelley informed members that the year's meeting dates have been set.

Noted

9. Council Vacancies

There were two vacancies.

1 – Aylesford North

1 – Walderslade

The Clerk reported that two applications had been received, for co-option; from Luke Chapman (Aylesford North) and Iain Craig (Walderslade) stating the reasons why they wished to join the Parish Council.

The Council considered both applications and **Unanimously Agreed** to recommend to Full Council that Luke Chapman and Iain Craig be co-opted.

Recommendation to Full Council

10. Public Convenience Review

The Chairman reported that yet again he has followed up with Stuart Edwards at TMBC to request an update. As of the meeting the Chairman had not received a response, just Stuarts out of office asking that any correspondence be forwarded to his colleague Chris Goymer which the Chairman complied with. As of the meeting no response had been received. Members felt that this has been going on for far too long and if there is no response within a week the Council may need to go down the legal route to bring this to a close.

Ongoing

11. Adoption of Aylesford Station

Councillor Shelley reported that Aylesford School had produced their first attempts at designing posters for the signs at Aylesford Station. Once one is chosen it must be approved by Southeastern, everyone must agree. There are two recycled noticeboards for use, but new ones will be provided via a grant. **Ongoing**

12. Grant Application Request

A request was received from Bluebell Hill Village Fete Committee for £500 to support and improve the annual village fete.

After discussion it was **Unanimously Agreed** to grant £500 for the benefit of the fete. The Council asked the Clerk to remind the Bluebell Hill Village Fete Committee that grant funding should not be relied on and the council's agreement this year does not set a precedence for future years, should the committee apply again in future years. **Closed**

13. Any Other Correspondence

There was no other correspondence.

14. Duration of Meeting

7.40pm to 8.07pm