

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2014**  
**7.30pm – Parish Office**

**AGENDA**

**1. Declarations of Interest**

**2. Apologies for absence**

**A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS**

**1. General Highway Report**

**2. Eccles Highway Matters**

Bus stop clearway order - confirmed by KCC as 24 hours.

**3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters**

3.1 - Nuisance motorbikes and quad bikes in BBH area. Clerk awaiting response from local PCSO.

3.2 – Milestone – Following discussions with Kent Highways and correspondence with the Milestone Society an approach on the improvement of the milestone in BBH has, subject to the agreement of the Council, been agreed whereby the KCC would be responsible for the works to the pavements including removal and reinstatement of the milestone whilst the Parish would take responsibility for refurbishing the stone itself. The Clerk will report further at the meeting including his discussions with a local stonemason.

**4. Aylesford Highway Matters**

**4.1 - Old Bridge Lighting Project**

Response on proposals awaited from English Heritage.

**4.2 – Flooding:**

**Opposite Brassey Centre - Work awaited**

4.3 – Kent Highways have now checked the work and have indicated that the speed humps in **Rochester Road** will need re-profiling. This work will need to be programmed and will require the road to be closed.

4.4 - Ditton Parish Council request for support in lobbying Kent Highways to open **Bellingham Way** (Station Road, Aylesford to New Hythe Lane, Larkfield).

4.5 - **Aylesford Village Square** – Resulting from damage to the pavement in the Square caused by tree roots lifting the pavements and causing a hazard, discussions have taken place with KCC about taking the opportunity to expand this repair work into an improvement scheme for the whole area in the vicinity of these trees. With finance available from KCC and with financial support from the Parish Council a significant improvement project could be developed for this area. This type of scheme could provide a much needed enhancement and boost for this area. The Clerk will report in greater detail at the meeting.

4.6 – Ash Tree, Powell Close, Aylesford – KCC have informed the Council that they intend to fell the Ash tree in Powell Close to prevent further damage occurring to an adjoining property and the pavements and road. Informal consultation has taken place with local residents and there has been no objection to the proposal to fell the tree.

## **5. Walderslade Highway Matters**

### **6. Public Footpaths**

Definitive Map Modification Orders for **Creation of Bridleways in Parishes of Aylesford and Burham**

KCC response to Parish Council’s comments objecting to removal of motor cycle inhibitors. See Clerk’s report at **Appendix A** attached to this agenda.

Consideration of Mrs Rillie’s request to reconsider objections (as per attendance at Council meeting 16 September 2014).

### **7. Lighting**

7.1 – **Bull Lane** – Kent Highways have listed further works required to complete the upgrade to adoptable standard. Quote accepted for required work - £12,009.80. Some works will start in September but there is a delay on works to be undertaken by UK Power Network until beginning of November.

7.2 – **Teapot Lane** – Kent Highways have confirmed upgrade work completed is to adoptable standard. Lights to now be removed from Parish Council energy and maintenance responsibility schedule. Awaiting paperwork from KH.

7.3 – Parish lights **faults**:

### **8. Car Parks**

Aylesford TMBC Parking Review – TMBC have been written to re the additional car park spaces scheme.

## 9. Any Other Business/Correspondence

### **B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS**

1. **All Sites** – Annual play equipment inspection has taken place. Report awaited.

#### **2. The Hollow**

#### **3. Ferryfield**

Play equipment surface repairs required – Wicksteed quote £6170 accepted. Awaiting start date.

#### **4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground**

4.1 - **Redundant Tennis Court** – Clerk awaiting quotes on the various individual aspects of the project ie. tarmac, fencing etc, for comparison to undertaking scheme as a whole.

4.2 – **Football Club Tournament** – 30 and 31 August. Successful event. No parking issues reported.

4.3 – **Goalmouths** – It was agreed with the Football Club that they would in future do the repair work to the goalmouths on the basis that the Council would pay for materials and not labour as this was being done by volunteers. They have submitted an invoice in the sum of £362.99 for materials and this invoice is being processed. However they have asked if the Council might consider making a small donation to the Club for the work they have undertaken.

4.4 - **Entrance** – On 26 August the gate pillar and adjoining wall were badly damaged. For safety and security reasons urgent repairs were authorised by the Clerk and quotation of £2400 accepted. Work has now been completed. The refuse collection company have offered a payment towards the cost and the Clerk is seeking reimbursement from them.

#### **5. Allotments**

Aylesford - Two untended plots will be cleared in house and relet.

Eccles (Belgrave Street rear access) – Complaint re nuisance motorbikes

#### **6. Eccles Recreation Ground**

6.1 - **Skateboard park replacement** – Clerk investigating funding opportunities and how the Council would proceed with a design and build tender, before reporting back to Committee in detail in due course.

6.2 – Boundary **fencing** repair quote following vandalism. Work completed.

6.3 – Funfair visit – 26 August to 1 September. Successful visit although **gate post** was damaged by their lorry on leaving. For security reasons Clerk authorised urgent repairs and quote of £250 was accepted. Work completed. Funfair company have reimbursed costs.

## **7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park**

7.1 – Path improvement including flattening out depression where new path meets existing road – awaiting commencement date.

7.2 – Awaiting inspection report on puddling on the bottom of the contour slide

## **8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground**

### **9. Blue Bell Hill Pond**

### **10. Cemetery**

### **11. Churchyard**

### **12. Old Bridge Gardens**

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

### **14. Yoakley Land**

Life buoy has not been reinstated as area continues to be flooded. Exact siting to be reconsidered.

Work on a long term plan and strategy for the area as a whole being considered by the Clerk for further discussion with Members at a future meeting.

### **15. Walderslade Open Spaces**

### **16. St Marks Square, Car Park and Surrounds**

Damage caused to metal rail around St Mark Square boundary with Alma Road car park repaired in house.

### **17. Podkin Meadow**

Barrier – Received and in store awaiting installation.

### **18. Christmas Lighting**

18.1 - Eccles Tree –New lights required for 2014 - £240 – ordered.

18.2 – Additional Christmas lighting for Blue Bell Hill trees – £3530 – ordered.

18.3 – Two additional lamp column units to be ordered for Aylesford Village as part of village improvement scheme funded from TMBC grant

### **19. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence**