

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2015 – 7.30-PM
PARISH OFFICE

AGENDA

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1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report

2. Eccles Highway Matters

Proposed pedestrian crossing in Bull Lane. Awaiting confirmation that all requirements have been met. Parish Council will then consider its position on contributing towards funding.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 - Milestone – Stonemason now has stone and will carry out work as soon as workload allows.

3.2 – Overhanging branches and vegetation on the slip road from the A229 to Common Road. Reported to Kent Highway who have advised they do not consider any work is required at the present time. Branches are within minimum height requirements

3.3 – Request for traffic calming measures in Maidstone Road

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - **Old Bridge Lighting Project** – No update on this project due to Clerk’s holiday.

4.2 – **Flooding:** Opposite Brassey Centre - Work awaited. Clerk has pursued this with Kent Highways due to the length of time this work has been outstanding. Drain has been cleaned which has led to some improvement but major work required is not prioritised. Site will continue to be monitored.

4.3 – **Rochester Road speed humps** to be re-profiled by Kent Highways. Work programmed to commence 19 August with road closure for 3 days.

4.4 - **Aylesford Village Square**

- Enhancement Project – No update on this project due to Clerk’s holiday.
- Lighting – Awaiting: removal of ‘modern’ style column installed in error
repair of lighting column in the centre of village
replacement of damaged ‘roundabout’ sign outside Village
Pantry

4.5 – **A20 between Larkfield and Aylesford** – Awaiting meeting date with TMBC.

4.6 – **Station Road Closure Southbound** – From 3 August to 1 September on going.

4.7 – **Litter Clearance** – 3 September 6.00pm at Sainsburys. Love Where You Live initiative for Hermitage Lane organised by Cllr Walker and TMBC. Volunteers welcomed.

5. **Walderslade Highway Matters**

6. **Public Footpaths**

6.1 - Definitive Map Modification – MR613 – Bridleway Aylesford & Burham

MR443 – Footpath Ditton & Aylesford

6.2 – MR481 – Reinstatement of vandalised kissing gate installed by Parish Council some 10 years ago - £75 agreed.

7. **Lighting**

Bull Lane – Upgrade project to allow lights to be adopted by Kent Highways. Confirmation of completion and adoption received. Adoption reported to UK Power Network in order to remove lights from Parish Council energy schedule. Awaiting confirmation.

8. **Car Parks**

New Eccles Car Park – Still awaiting formal lease and planning permission agreements. Working towards commencement of work date 8 September.

9. **Any Other Business/Correspondence**

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - Local history signs – On return from holiday Clerk will look at methods of updating historical content of original signs before contacting potential suppliers. These will be considered in conjunction with the Aylesford Village Square enhancement project – see A.4.4 above.

1.2 – Prevention of Dog Fouling – Consideration following discussions at Council on 21 July 2015. Clerk to report to a future meeting.

1.3 – Annual play equipment inspection by Wicksteed of all 6 sites ordered.

2. The Hollow

2.1 - Surfacing repair under swings and repairs required to the contour slide step completed.

2.2 - Surfacing repair under multiplay ordered

3. Ferryfield

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – Multi sports courts - Formal opening arranged for Tuesday 1 September – 10am – by Tracey Crouch MP (now Minister for Sport). All Members invited.

4.2 – Fencing - Members will recall that they have agreed, in principle, to put a replacement fence at the rear of the properties in Powell Close to protect these properties from people jumping over the fence to retrieve balls lost whilst using the new multi use games area and tennis court.

Following discussions with the contractor it has been agreed that the best fence to achieve the aim of preventing access and with the benefit of providing some privacy would be a 6 foot closeboard fence. The total cost of this fence would be £2295 which represents good value and can be funded from the underspend on this project. It is therefore recommended that the committee proceed with this scheme.

4.3 - Football Club Tournament – 5/6 September 2015. Advance notices re parking to go up on village noticeboards and website.

5. Allotments

Aylesford - New numbers still to be installed.

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

6.1 - Skateboard park completed – Bench and plaque awaiting installation.

6.2 - Fencing of play equipment – Updated quotations awaited. Expected cost to be in the region of £11500.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

7.1 - Following a site meeting with local members, additional play equipment provision is being priced for report back to the Committee.

7.2 – Two complaints received re increased dog fouling issues and perceived deterioration of whole site. TMBC would be happy to support a ‘bag and flag’ initiative similar to that held recently in Eccles. Would like to see Tunbury Primary School involved.

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

10. Cemetery

11. Churchyard

Quotations being sought for repairs required to ragstone wall.

12. Old Bridge Gardens

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

Some tree removal may be required in conjunction with proposed Old Bridge lighting project at A. 4.1 above.

14. Yoakley Land

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. Clerk has approached Kent Wildlife Trust to become involved.

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

Bollards – Clerk pursuing the issue of bollards with Kent PROW.

16. St Marks Square, Car Park and Surrounds

17. Podkin Meadow

18. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence

Planning Application views in order to meeting deadlines.

Aylesford South – TM/15/02011 – Unit 1, Yew Tree Industrial Estate, Mill Hall
Change of use to MOT test station

Eccles – TM/15/02081 – 160 Bull Lane, Eccles
Amended plan received ‘Parking arrangements including dimensions’.
Verbal local resident objection received.

Aylesford South – TM/15/02159 – 9 Robson Drive, Aylesford
Demolition of bungalow. Redevelopment with 4 houses
Written request received from local resident for Parish Council to reassess its ‘No Objection’
view.