

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 27 MAY 2014 – 7.30pm
Parish Office
AGENDA

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1. Declarations of Interest

2. Apologies for absence

3. Election of Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report

2. Eccles Highway Matters

2.1 - Proposed new zebra crossing for Bull Lane. Clerk is processing this request with Kent Highways.

2.2 – New Bull Lane dog bin – Quote from TMBC - £298.74

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - Old Bridge Lighting Project – Gala Lighting researching an appropriate style of lights. When a suitable style has been identified by Gala and approved by the Parish Council, a detailed scheme will be proposed and forwarded to English Heritage for approval.

4.2 – Flooding:

Hall Road/Station Road junction – Works planned by Kent Highways. Clerk pursuing exact start date.

Opposite Brassey Centre - Kent Highways carrying out works during level crossing closure on 29 May 2014.

Sedley Close – This site has recently started flooding. Kent Highways are aware.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

Litter and dog bin – Tunbury Avenue. Request re the reinstatement of these bins. Quote from TMBC - £597.49

6. Public Footpaths

Diversion of MR443 – Mill Hall Road, Aylesford – to include erection of a bridge

7. Lighting

7.1 – Bull Lane – Kent Highways have now listed further works required to complete the upgrade to adoptable standard. Quote received for required work - £12,009.80.

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.

7.3 - Potential upgrade/adoption lighting scheme. Rochester Road/Powell Close/Unwin Close. Not to be pursued until Bull Lane and Teapot Lane administration matters are completed.

7.4 – Parish lights faults reported:

Salisbury Road, Kits Coty – Four columns upgraded. Work completed. One teething problem resolved.

The Lindens – Outage reported.

8. Car Parks

Aylesford TMBC Parking Review – Decision on whether to resurrect Parish offer to fund further car park spaces. Cllr Balcombe has raised this with TMBC who are interested in pursuing the proposal and will contact the Clerk. Contact still awaited.

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

2. The Hollow

3. Ferryfield

3.1 – Trim trail reinstatement – Installation completed.

3.2 – Concrete path to MUGA and car park improvements – Commencement date awaited. Installation of a litter bin to be added to contract.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 - Redundant Tennis Court – Clerk awaiting contact from Football Club for discussions on their proposal.

4.2 – Use of recreation ground for St Peters Primary School sports day – 13 June

5. Allotments

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. One set of suggestions from a local young user of the skateboard park received which will be taken into consideration when drawing up the specification.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

7.1 – Skiier (outdoor gym equipment) –. Inspection awaited.

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

7.3 – Puddling on the bottom of the contour slide to be reported to Wicksteed at the time of the annual play equipment inspection to see if any adjustment can be made.

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

8.1 – Woodland for sale. See Clerk’s report to P&R 6 May 2014. Further report to next P&R meeting.

Land adjacent to Blue Bell Hill recreation ground – Further consideration on whether this would be an appropriate purchase for the Parish Council. Clerk reported that agents have invited the Council to ‘make an offer for any area of the land they are interested in’. Clerk advised that any area of the woodland available would be likely to have long term maintenance issues in return for very little public open space usage. Members queried the boundary lines on the agents map and asked the Clerk to query whether sufficient allowance has been made for the woodland area around the recreation ground that the Council own.

Clerk

8.2 – Height barrier repaired. No responsibility claimed.

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond

Tree work requested by neighbour. Tree survey has identified these trees as not dangerous and any work to be undertaken will be done as part of the on-going maintenance programme

in the autumn/winter. Contractor has advised that trees should not be worked on unless in a dangerous condition when in full leaf and likely to have birds nesting in them.

10. Cemetery

Move surplus soil pile – ordered. Site will then be landscaped in-house and new surplus soil pile established at the rear of the cemetery. Work awaited.

11. Churchyard - Car park wall repairs to be undertaken by Parish Council staff agreed between Clerk and Vicar.

12. Old Bridge Gardens

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

14. Yoakley Land

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

14.2 - One large urgent tree removal required adjacent to Waitrose completed.

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

16. St Marks Square, Car Park and Surrounds

17. Podkin Meadow

17.1 - Surfacing of Robin Hood Lane footpath entrance. Weeds. Minor surface repairs and weed killing. Work completed.

17.2 – Height barrier quotation awaited

18. Christmas Lighting

Eccles Tree –New lights required for 2014 (existing sets 5 years old). To be researched.

19. Any Other ESC Business