

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 28 JULY 2015 – 7.30PM**  
**PARISH OFFICE**

**AGENDA**

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**1. Apologies**

**2. Declarations of**

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

**1. General Highway Report**

**2. Eccles Highway Matters**

Proposed pedestrian crossing in Bull Lane. Cllr Homewood reported at Council that early indications are that the monitoring carried out in Bull Lane has identified the required numbers and traffic speeds for a crossing. Once confirmation is received the Parish Council will consider its position on contributing towards funding.

**3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters**

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

**4. Aylesford Highway Matters**

**4.1 - Old Bridge Lighting Project** - Following site visit, proposals to be presented by Cllr Rillie and the Clerk.

**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 to be programmed and will require the road to be closed. Date awaited. Clerk has pursued. Awaiting detailed response.

4.4 - **Aylesford Village Square** - Awaiting street furniture proposals from Fitzpatrick Woolmer for consideration.

4.5 – A20 between Larkfield and Aylesford – Joint initiative between Ditton, E Malling & Larkfield and Aylesford Parish Councils re traffic flow problem agreed to request a meeting TMBC. TMBC have agreed to this once they have discussed the matter further with Kent Highways. It is expected that the meeting between the parishes and TMBC will be held in September. Parish Council has agreed to join the Joint Parish Councils Traffic Consultative Group with Cllr Walker as its representative (up to two other PC representatives are also entitled to attend). It is hoped this Group will assist in the discussions about the A20.

## **5. Walderslade Highway Matters**

### **6. Public Footpaths**

Clerk to establish land ownership of these paths (thought to be KCC) and to then report encroachments to the appropriate landowner for action.

### **7. Lighting**

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

KCC Safe and Sensible Lighting Policy – Following Cllr Homewood’s report to Parish Council that KCC will be commencing installation of LED lights throughout the county in 2016, Clerk to report on PC light policy in due course.

### **8. Car Parks**

AVCC/AFC/Parish Council car park – Clerk reported to AVCC the view of the PC that extension of the car park and widening of the access was not a good value project. AVCC have discussed this further with the Clerk and have asked the PC to reconsider.

### **9. Any Other Business/Correspondence**

**Peters Village** – Trenport tour of the Peters Village site will take place on Tues 11 August. Members wishing to attend to inform the Clerk.

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

### **1. All Sites**

1.1 - Local history signs – Clerk looking 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.

### **2. The Hollow**

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

2.2 - Surfacing repair under multiplay required – quote awaited.

### **3. Ferryfield**

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

4.1 - Redundant tennis courts - Project completed and being well used. Awaiting installation of litter bin. Formal opening to be arranged?

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

4.3 - Car park fencing replacement – Completed. Cost £821.66

### **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 – Clerk to report

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

Shrubbery clearance completed behind the Hall.

**8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground**

**9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site**

**10. Cemetery**

**11. Churchyard**

**12. Old Bridge Gardens**

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

**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.

**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**

Rubber Duck Race – John Rafferty of Bluebell Estate Agency has asked whether the Parish Council would support a Rubber Duck Race between the bridges in the Summer of 2016. The race would raise funds for local Aylesford good causes.