

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2015**  
**Parish Office following Planning**

**AGENDA**

**1. Declarations of Interest**

**2. Apologies**

**3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee**

Minutes of meeting held on 27 October 2015 attached.

**4. Accounts for Payment**

Payment list attached

**5. Law and Order**

**6. New Eccles Car Park**

Work has been completed and the new car park has been well received by local residents.

**7. Rugby Club/Netball League**

**8. Flood Defences**

**9. Council Vacancies**

9.1 - Current vacancies: 2 Aylesford South 1 Eccles

9.2 – Clerk to report to a future meeting of the Committee on a social inclusion policy.

**10. Development Programme Scheme Update**

Report attached

## **11. Staffing Committee held on 27 October 2015**

Minutes attached

## **13 Kent County Council 2016/17 Budget Consultation**

The Consultation explains that KCC is proposing a small increase in Council Tax (up to the amount permitted without having to arrange a formal referendum - e.g. 1.99%) to contribute towards the additional demands being placed on council services and to provide some protection for local services. The Consultation question asks “How much Council Tax would you be willing to pay towards the financial challenge the authority faces next year?” and provides 3 options:

- I'd accept the small proposed increase without the need for a referendum e.g. 1.99% (The KCC element of the Council Tax charge on a band C property would increase by £19.36 per year or 37p per week).
- I'd accept a larger increase requiring a referendum e.g. 5% (The KCC element of the Council Tax charge on a band C property would increase by £48.40 per year or 93p per week).
- No increase (leave the KCC element of the Council Tax charge on a band C property at £966.88 per year or £18.59 per week) and make equivalent cuts to services (of around £11m per year) on top of the estimated £80m already needed to balance the budget).

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

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