

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
At Eccles Church Hall, Bull Lane, Eccles
15 APRIL 2014
MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Gledhill, Ambrose, Balcombe, Base, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Homewood, Rillie, Smith, Winnett, Wright

In Attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk
2 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Ms Hurley, Tiller
Cllrs Dalton, Davis, Smith, Sullivan

AGENDA ITEM 1

176. Declarations of Interest additional to those disclosed in the Members' Register of Interests

There were no other declarations of interest additional to those listed in the Members' Register of Interests.

AGENDA ITEM 2

177. Apologies for absence - Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 3

178. Chairman's Announcements

178.1 – The Chairman reminded Committee Chairman and outside body representatives that reports for the Annual Meeting on 20 May should be passed to the office for distribution with the agenda before 12 May.

AGENDA ITEM 4

179. Adjournment of the meeting to allow for public participation (subject to the provisions of Standing Order 1(d))

179.1 – Mr Biggs, resident of Walderslade. Stated his continued efforts with Kent Highways to reconsider the implication of their Safe and Sensible Lighting Scheme in his area. He acknowledged the personal involvement of County Councillor Homewood.

179.2 – Mr Fielder, resident of Aylesford South. Confirmed his interest in joining the Council. His application will be formally considered by P&R on 6 May 2014.

There being no further public participation, the Chairman thanked residents for their attendance and reopened the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5

180. **Law and Order in the Parish**

180.1 - No police attendance.

180.2 - Crime reports for March 2014 distributed to Members and attached at **Appendix A**.

180.3 – Cllr Balcombe reported two recent thefts from garages/sheds in the Aylesford South area. He had encouraged both victims to report these to the police to assist in the return of any recovered stolen goods as well as recording the crime.

AGENDA ITEM 6

181. **To confirm as a correct record and to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2014.**

181.1 – Page 1, delete AGENDA and insert MINUTES.

Subject to this amendment, the Minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy and the actions contained therein **agreed.** **AGREED**

AGENDA ITEM 7

182. **Matters Arising from the previous minutes (including those which required Members' action)**

182.1 – Page 2, 166.1 **Upper Bell** – The Clerk reported that TMBC were the responsible authority and had served planning enforcement notices on the owner. The owner has now attended the Magistrates Court, has pleaded guilty and been fined appropriately.

Kent Highways reinstated the road and footway surfacing back to its original specification and are seeking to recharge the owner for costs incurred.

182.2 – Page 4, 168 – **Station Road/Hall Road Flooding** – No precise date advised yet. Clerk continues to pursue.

Opposite Brassey Centre – Works planned to take place when crossing is closed 24 May.

AGENDA ITEM 8

183. To receive the report of the County Councillor Homewood

Cllr Homewood confirmed that he continues to take up residents' complaints re Kent Highways Safe and Sensible Lighting Scheme. He had visited Mr Ainsworth at home as invited and noted his concerns.

AGENDA ITEM 9

184. To receive the reports of the Borough Councillors

Cllr Balcombe (Aylesford) – Flooding and Drainage Issues

Aylesford Village surface water has been investigated with Kent Highways who are looking at solutions. Clearance of gullies has been arranged and other works are planned for July when there is a planned three week High Street closure.

Cllr Base added that he believed the majority of damage is being done by HGV lorries who are still being directed by their sat navs through the village.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Committee reports/minutes: to consider and adopt minutes, and to deal with any matters arising

185. Environmental Services Committee –25 March 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Base, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd, that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **AGREED**

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

186. Policy and Resources – 1 April 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Gledhill, seconded Cllr Balcombe that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **AGREED**

Matters Arising/Any Other P&R Business

186.1 – Page 1, 5.1 – **CCTV** – Clerk reported that he was meeting with police representatives tomorrow (16 April 2014) to discuss camera locations and management responsibilities.

Mr Fielder (member of the public) requested permission to speak to this item – agreed.

Mr Fielder asked if the Parish Council could consider siting a second camera at Premier Parade shops rather than moving their existing camera from The Hollow. The two sites go hand in hand in respect of anti social behaviour and it would be of more use to the police if

both sites could be monitored at the same time. Members considered this and **agreed** to bring forward the purchase of the second camera already agreed to be purchased for the new Eccles car park and site it initially at Premier Parade. When the Eccles car park is progressed a review of cameras will take place. **Clerk**

187. **PLANNING – 4 March 2014**

It was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Ambrose, that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **AGREED**

Matters Arising

187.1 – Page 4, 5.1 – **27 Catkin Close, Waldersalde** – Cllr Elvy reported that TMBC have confirmed it appears there has been a breach of planning permission in respect of the removal of this oak tree.

AGENDA ITEM 11

188. **Accounts for Payment** – Cheque list distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix B.**

188.1 –28 payments totalling £6914.12 were proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed.**

AGENDA ITEM 12

189. **To consider any other items of correspondence/Any Other Business**

189.1 – Blue Bell Hill Village Hall – Thank you letter for grant and micro grant for floor work. Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 13

190. **Chairman to move that: ‘The press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as publicity for any confidential aspects of the business identified in agenda items 1 – 12 above would be likely to prejudice the public interest.’**

Not required.

AGENDA ITEM 15

191. **Closure of the meeting at or before 9.30pm**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.