

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Held at Aylesford Football Club Pavilion
Forstal Road, Aylesford**

Tuesday 15 January 2019

Present: Cllrs Balcombe (Chairman), Base, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Kennedy, Ludlow, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Walker, Winnett, Wright

In attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Elvy, Homewood

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AGENDA ITEM 1 - **Declarations of Interest additional to those contained in the Registry of Members' Interests**

84 - There were no Member declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - **Apologies for absence**

84 – Cllr Elvy (unwell), Cllr Homewood (unwell)

Apologies and the reasons for their absence were noted and accepted. Best wishes to be sent to both Councillors. **Clerk**

AGENDA ITEM 3 – **Chairman's Announcements**

85 – There would be a need for a Closed Session at Item 13 of the agenda this evening relating to the Scout Hut, Forstal Road, Aylesford. Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - **Adjournment of the meeting to allow for public participation (subject to the limitations of Standing Order 29 d)**

86 - There were no members of the public present and the Chairman reopened the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – **Law and Order in the Parish**

87. No report to this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - **To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 November 2018**

88 - Proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd, as an accurate record of the meetings and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

Closed Session (Aylesford Scout Hut) – Proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd, as an accurate record of the meeting. See 89 below.

AGENDA ITEM 7 - Matters Arising from the previous minutes (including those which required Members' action)

89. Closed Session (Aylesford Scout Hut) – Referred to Closed Session at Agenda Item 13. below.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - Committee Reports/Minutes: to consider and adopt; to deal with any matters arising

90 - Policy and Resources – 4 December 2018

Proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no matters arising.

91 - Policy and Resources – 8 January 2019

91.1 – Page 2, top paragraph – Before ‘2.69’ insert ‘£’ to read ‘£2.69’. Subject to this amendment it was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Smith that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted, **AGREED**

Matters Arising

91.1 – Page 1, Item 5. 2019/20 Precept and Draft Budget – It was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Shelley, that a precept figure of £250,700, an expenditure budget of £282,000 and an income budget of £31,300 as recommended by P&R be accepted by Council this evening. **Agreed** unanimously. TMBC to be advised. **Clerk**

91.2 – Page 2, item 12.2 – KALC Community Awards Scheme – Proposed recipient Archie Mitchell has accepted the nomination. Clerk to proceed with arrangements for presentation of award at the May Annual Meeting. **Clerk**

91.3 – Page 3, item 16.2 – Rear of Belgrave Street. Work completed in-house to compact unauthorised materials in potholes.

92 – Planning – 4 December 2018

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Wright as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising.

93 - Planning – 8 January 2019

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Gledhill as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising.

94 – **Environmental Services – 27 November 2018**

Proposed by Cllr Base, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising.

95 – **Environmental Services – 11 December 2018**

Proposed by Cllr Ludlow, seconded Cllr Walker, as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

Matters Arising

95.1 – Page 3, Item 3. Blue Bell Hill Slip Road Lights – Members expressed their strong dissatisfaction at the length of time it is taking to resolve this fault, now well over a year. Clerk agreed to pursue Kent Highways for a update to report to ESC next week. Depending on the response further consideration will be made regarding making a formal complaint to Paul Carter at KCC. **Clerk**

AGENDA ITEM 9 - To receive the observations of the County Councillor

96. County Councillor Homewood was not in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 10 - To receive the observations of the Borough Councillors

97. Borough Councillor Base

98.1 – Upper Bell PH development – This application is expected to be considered at TMBC Planning Meeting on 31 January 2019.

98.2 – 2019/20 Budget. Cllr Base reported that the TMBC budget is likely to be set with approximately a 3% increase (£6) for a Band D property. Police and KCC figures awaited.

Despite considerable cuts in Government funding, TMBC have managed to maintain a relatively healthy budget and continued services.

98.3 – Cllr Base reported that he is not aware of any EU funded projects in the TMBC area that might be affected by Brexit implications. He is aware that TMBC do have safeguards in place regarding IT etc which could be affected.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Base for his report.

AGENDA ITEM 11 - Accounts for Payment

99 - Payment list distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix A** to these minutes.

14 payments totalling £1518.09 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Shelley, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd. **AGREED**

AGENDA ITEM 12 - To consider any other items of correspondence/Any Other Business

100.1 – Taddington Woods – Cllr Wright reported a light out. Will try to ascertain the number and report to the Parish Office. **Wright**

100.2 – TMBC Village Car Park – Cllr Base reported lights out in this car park. To be report to TMBC. **Clerk**

AGENDA ITEM 13 - Chairman moved 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.’

101. **Scout Hut, Forstal Road, Aylesford** – Closed Session minute attached for Councillor distribution only.

AGENDA ITEM 14 - Closure of the meeting

102 - There being no further items of business, meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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101 – Aylesford Scout Hut, Forstal Road, Aylesford/Yoakley Trust

The Clerk reported that Cllr Balcombe and himself met with representatives of the Yoakley Trust today to discuss the strip of land still in the ownership of the Yoakley Trust on the site to be leased to the Scout Group for their new hut and the wish of the Parish Council to acquire it in order for the project to progress.

The Yoakley Trust have received a land valuation of between £10k and £15k per acre. The area involved is 0.34 acres so the Yoakley Trust are looking for a sale price of between £3400 - £5100 plus legal costs. They would also require a covenant that if the land should be sold in the future at a higher value they would receive a proportion of the increased amount. The Yoakley Trust will consider the exact amount they require at their meeting on 25 January 2019 and will advise the Clerk.

Cllr Balcombe asked that Members agree to revise their spend of up to £5000 to include purchase and legal costs as proposed in the Closed Session Minutes of 20 November 2018. He further suggested a purchase price of up to £5100 plus legal costs. This was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Winnett and **agreed** unanimously.

There being no further closed session matters the meeting reopened.