

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**held at Aylesford Football Pavilion, Forstal Road,
Aylesford on**

Tuesday 16 January 2018

Present: Cllrs Balcombe (in the Chair), Base, Ms Dorrington, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Homewood, Ludlow, Rillie, Shelley, Walker, Winnett, Wright

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

Apologies: Cllrs Hammond, Smith
Borough Cllrs Keers, Sullivan

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

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

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Apologies for absence

78. - Cllrs Hammond and Smith (both unwell).
Apologies and the reasons for their absence were noted and accepted.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Chairman's Announcements

79. Cllr Balcombe wished Members a Happy New Year and referred to an expected busy year ahead for the Parish Council particularly in respect of planning applications.

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

80. There was no public participation and the meeting was reopened.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Law and Order in the Parish

81. No report to this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 21 November 2017 including Closed Session

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

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

82. There were no Matters Arising

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

83. Policy and Resources – 5 December 2017

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

There were no Matters Arising

84. Policy and Resources – 9 January 2018

Proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Wright as an accurate record of the meeting and actions including the 2018/19 Budget and Precept at Item 6 and Appendix C and D, be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising

85 – Planning – 5 December 2017

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Shelley as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising.

86 - Planning – 9 January 2018

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

Matters Arising

86.1 – Page 1, Item 3.2 – TM/17/03350 – Former Somerfield Depot.

Objection proposed by local members as follows:

The Council objects to this application on the following grounds:-

- (1) That the Council does not want to see an increase in the number of dwellings on this site

- (2) That the increased number of dwellings on this site will lead to a further increase in traffic movements (a point accepted by the applicant) along Station Road, Hall Road and the already over capacity A20 at the Hall Road/A20/Quarrywood Industrial estate junction
- (3) That there is no increase in the car parking provision even though there is an increase in dwellings and a likely increase in vehicles wishing to park at this site whether living there or visiting
- (4) That the Council would not wish to see the removal of the affordable housing provision from this application as this is part of a well thought out strategy in respect of the needs for housing in this area. If there is no affordable housing provided as part of the development there must be a financial contribution in lieu of the loss of this type of housing provision. It is also important that any decision made in respect of this should be made before the construction of any further buildings commences.

This was proposed for agreement and forwarding to TMBC by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Balcombe. **AGREED**

87 – Environmental Services – 28 November 2017

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

There were no Matters Arising

88 – Environmental Services – 12 December 2017

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

Matters Arising

88.1 – Page 2, 4.3 – **Hall Road** – Cllr Rillie asked that the Clerk chase up a response regarding the debris coming from the Somerfield development site on to Station and Hall Roads. **Clerk**

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

89. County Councillor Homewood

89.1 - **A20 (Homebase) Flooding** – Following a number of flooding incidents over the Christmas and New Year period, Cllr Homewood has pursued an urgent resolution with KCC who have agreed to prioritise the site. Discussions are now on-going with Crown Estates who own the adjacent land regarding installation of a pumping station.

89.2 – **Walderslade Woods Road/Lower Robin Hood Lane** – Cllr Homewood is aware of Borough Councillor Keers campaign to get an interactive speed 30mph sign at this location. To this end Cllr Homewood has funded speed cable installation to gather the required back up information.

89.3 – **Cabinet Member for Highways** – Mike Whiting has replaced Matthew Balfour as KCC Cabinet Member for Highways.

89.4 – **Bus Consultation** – Cllr Ludlow asked about the consultation document on subsidised bus services which had appeared on the KCC website but was then withdrawn. Cllr Homewood responded that this consultation would be reinstated later in the year in preparation for funding reductions required in 2019/20.

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

90. Borough Councillor Base

90.1 – Cllr Base reminded Members that Borough Councillors cannot campaign on **planning matters** in their areas as this would invalidate their vote as a Member of the TMBC Planning Committee. Seeking local views and voicing concerns as a consultee on planning applications must therefore fall to the Parish Council.

90.2 – Cllr Base detailed the savings required in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 **TMBC Budget**. There are likely to be some substantial changes in services and postponed projects and he will expect to see the Parish Councils asked to take on more responsibilities.

AGENDA ITEM 11 - **Accounts for Payment**

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

12 payments totalling £1467.02 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Shelley, seconded Cllr Elvy. **AGREED**

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

92. **Lighting Faults**

Cllr Wright asked that faulty lighting under the Impton Way subway and on the Walderslade Woods Road, junction with Tunbury Avenue be reported to KCC.

Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 13 - **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.’**

93. There were no confidential items of business.

AGENDA ITEM 14 - **Closure of the meeting**

There being no further items of business, meeting closed at 7.50pm.