

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**held at Aylesford Football Club,
Forstal Road, Aylesford**

Tuesday 19 January 2016

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Elvy, Ms Neimer
Borough Councillor Sullivan

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

65. – There were no declarations additional to those contained in the Register of Members' Interests.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Apologies for absence

- 66. Cllr Mrs Brooks – Care of elderly relative
- Cllr Elvy – Unwell
- Cllr Ms Neimer – Work commitment

Apologies and the reasons for them were noted and accepted.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Chairman's Announcements

67. Cllr Gledhill informed Members that unfortunately Cllr Elvy has been involved in a car accident. He will not be attending meetings for the next two weeks. Members sent their best wishes.

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

68. There being no participation from members of the public the meeting was reopened.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - Law and Order in the Parish

69. Reports from PCSOs Iantosca (Aylesford) and Tiller (Eccles, BBH and Walderslade) were distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix A** to the bound copy of these Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 November 2015

70. These Minutes were proposed as a correct record of the meeting by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Wright and actions included accepted. **AGREED**

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

There were no matters arising.

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

71. - Policy and Resources – 1 December 2015

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

There were no matters arising.

72. – Policy and Resources – 5 January 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd that these minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and actions be **agreed** including item 9. Budget and Precept 2016/17. It was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Wright, that the precept for 2016/17 should be increased by £10651 making a total of £177374 and that the budget as attached to the P&R minutes of 5 January 2016 be agreed by Council this evening. **Agreed unanimously.**

There were no Matters arising.

73. - Environmental Services – 24 November 2015

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

There were no Matters arising

74 – Environmental Services – 15 December 2015

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

There were no Matters arising

75. – **Planning – 1 December 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Ambrose, that these minutes be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and action included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no Matters arising.

76 – **Planning – 5 January 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd that these minutes be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no matters arising.

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

77.1 Cllr Homewood reported on KCC's likely intention to sell the **Blue Bell Hill Picnic Ground** for an expected price of circa. £40,000. A large part of the site is leased to Kent Wildlife Trust and they may be a possible purchaser. KCC have emphasised that interested parties must submit their plans for the future use of the site and these plans may influence the decision of KCC on who to sell to, not necessarily the highest bidder. The site falls within the boundaries of Burham Parish Council with the main entrance off Common Road, BBH, which is in the Aylesford Parish.

77.2 – Cllr Homewood reported on the **Bull Lane, Eccles pedestrian crossing** project. The design is now with Amey being safety audited so things are progressing.

77.3 – Cllr Homewood has a meeting with KCC Highways at which he will raise the outstanding improvements to the Hall Road, Aylesford zebra crossing and traffic flow at the Quarrywood Retail site/A20/Hall Road junction.

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

78.1 – Cllrs Hammond and Walker reported they will be holding an open clinic at The Base Camp, British Legion Village on Saturday 13 February 11am.

78.2 – Cllr Walker reported that the expected decision of the TMBC Scrunity Committee is that due to financial restrictions the TMBC Summer Playscheme will be withdrawn with immediate effect.

78.3 – Cllr Base reported that there has been a 47% cut in Government funding to TMBC and this could result in cuts of up to 60% in some areas. He confirmed the Playscheme is likely to go and there will be other radical proposals to come.

All Borough Councillors undertook to keep the Parish Council informed as proposals are muted and decisions made.

AGENDA ITEM 11 - Accounts for Payment

79. - Payment list distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix B** to these minutes.

19 payments totalling £6190.27 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Balcombe. **AGREED**

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

80.1 – Letter of thanks received from Kent Air Ambulance for donation.

80.2 – Personal request from Finance Officer for payment in lieu of holiday – 15 hours (equivalent to 5 days) from 2015/16 entitlement. **AGREED**

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.’

There were no confidential items of business this evening.

AGENDA ITEM 14 - Closure of the meeting

There being no further items of business, meeting closed at 8.00pm.