

# Aylesford Parish Council

## Environmental Services Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting held in the Parish Council Offices, Aylesford on Tuesday 6 August 2024

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**Present:** Councillor Mrs Gadd (Chairman) and Councillors, Mrs Birkbeck, Chapman, Craig, Gledhill, Rillie, Sharp, Smith, Sullivan and Walker.

**In Attendance:** Melanie Randall (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillors Balcombe, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Ludlow, Mrs Ogun, Me Oyewusi and Shelley.

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Balcombe, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Ludlow, Mrs Ogun, Ms Oyewusi and Shelley were received, and the reason for absence agreed.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

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

#### 3. To Agree the Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 July 2024

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

#### 4. Any Matters Arising from the last minutes

There were no matters arising.

#### 5. Small Works Programme

The painting/staining in Podkin Meadow has been completed.

**Ongoing**

## **6. Request from Wrenbridge to move access gate at Little Preston**

This item was deferred from the previous meeting, held on 2 July 2024.

Members had now had opportunity to visit the Little Preston site to look at the gate and height barrier in question. The Clerk informed the Committee that Wrenbridge had agreed to tarmac the current stoney area. The cost of the works will be met by and completed by Wrenbridge. It was **Agreed** to proceed and that the Clerk can agree the exact location the items will be moved to. **Closed**

## **7. Request received from the RCCG Church to use Forstal Recreation Ground**

The Clerk explained there is a church group who hire the Aylesford Community Centre every Sunday. They have asked for permission to place a small table on the grass area immediately to the right by the entrance gates to Forstal Road Recreation Ground on the last Saturday of every month, to give out free items to the community. It was **Resolved** to permit the request for a trial period of 6 months, subject to the Clerk receiving a copy of their public liability insurance. **Closed**

## **8. Request received from a member of public for a Disabled Swing Seat in Podkin Meadow**

The Clerk informed the committee that an email had been received from a member of public requesting a disabled swing seat in Podkin Meadow. A new disabled swing seat costs in the region of £1,000 and the frames start from £1,400 up to £4,000, before any discounts are applied.

The Clerk stated that there is a disabled swing seat in Forstal Road Recreation Ground play area that could potentially be swapped for a swing seat in Podkin if the shackles on the disabled seat fit the existing swing frame in Podkin. Or the Parish Council could look at funding the entire unit. Members were very supportive of this request and after discussion would prefer to install the frame and disabled swing seat.

It was **Resolved** that a disabled swing should be installed in Podkin Meadow and the Clerk will obtain some prices from the Council's usual contractors. She will also investigate S106 monies and enquire with TMBC if the Parish Council can utilise some of the available funds. The Clerk will report back to this committee. **Ongoing**

## **9. Any Other Correspondence**

It was Resolved to note the Minutes from the Climate Change Forum Meeting held on 18 July 2024. **Noted**

## **10. Duration of Meeting**

7:41pm to 7:56pm