

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016
MINUTES

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Homewood, Walker

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1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Homewood (KCC meeting), Walker (personal engagement). Noted and reasons accepted.

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

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report - No report to this meeting.

2. Eccles Highway Matters

Proposed pedestrian crossing in Bull Lane. Clerk continues to pursue progress on this matter and has asked County Councillor Homewood to also pursue with KCC.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 - Milestone – Work completed. Awaiting installation by KCC.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - **Old Bridge Lighting Project** – Street lighting contractor considering various options. Awaiting report back on best way forward.

4.2 - **Aylesford Village Square** - Clerk has made contact with KCC Member Grant Section and next step is to follow up with KCC Highways Member Grant Officer. A contact is in the process of being supplied.

4.3 – **A20 congestion between Larkfield and Aylesford** – Clerk has asked TMBC for the latest position. Survey results are expected soon and a meeting with all interested parties will be arranged when received.

4.4 – **Ferryfield – Highways Agency** have asked for permission to carry out surveys from Ferryfield boundary with the motorway in preparation for M20 Smart Programme between junctions 3 and 5 including converting hard shoulder into a live lane. Noted and agreed.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters - No report to this meeting.

6. Public Footpaths

6.1 - Kent County Council Definitive Map Modification Orders for the Creation of Bridleways in the Parishes of Aylesford and Burham.

Public Inquiry completed. Decision received and with one exception all paths have been granted bridleway status.

6.2 – **River Medway Towpath Reinstatement Aylesford to Allington** – KCC have confirmed the reinstatement is going ahead. Diversion orders are being applied for in respect of Yoakley Land behind the allotments where the path will come away from the river bank into the TMBC car park and then back under the bridge into Old Bridge Gardens.

7. Street Lighting

7.1 Survey of all Parish Lights

Work has commenced and number of faults identified. Clerk is being regularly updated by the contractor.

7.2 – Christmas Lighting

Royal British Legion Village – Parish Council offer to supply tree has been gratefully accepted. They already have a site/connection and lights.

Aylesford and Walderslade – 2016 installation costs for existing lights have been advised to the Clerk.

Eccles – New lights will be priced separately.

Blue Bell Hill – In situ lights will be checked during the summer and again at the end of November before switch on.

8. Car Parks

TMBC Aylesford Car Parks – Number of lighting faults to be reported. **Clerk**

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence – No report to this meeting.

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - **Local history signs** – Clerk will be looking at this in conjunction with the Aylesford Village Square enhancement project.

1.2 – **Annual Tree Survey** – Work completed

1.3 – **Grass Maintenance – All Sports Sites**

Clerk awaiting proposals/quotations for future grass maintenance enhancement programme following discussions with Landscape Services held on 23 March.

2. The Hollow – No report to this meeting.

3. Ferryfield

3.1 - Hirings:

Sunday 24 April. Junior Rugby Festival - Use of Ferryfield pitches and overflow car parking. No problems reported.

Monday 25 April – 3 nights - Lawsons Circus – **Cancelled**

Sunday 1 May – Kent Rugby Finals – Use of Ferryfield for overflow parking

Tuesday 3 May – 6 nights – Forrests Funfair

Post Meeting Note: Visit cancelled.

Post Meeting Note: Sunday 8 May – Request from Rugby Club for overflow car parking agreed by the Clerk.

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May – Culverstone Dog Club - Overflow car parking around the Rugby Club/Ferryfield gated gap in the hedge.

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 July – North West Kent Dog Training Club – Overflow car parking – exact site to be agreed

In view of the number of the above uses of Ferryfield, advance warning notices for the general users of the site will be put up and details on the website.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

Disabled Children's Play Equipment – Bucket style seat at Forstal Road recreation ground in place of one of the flat seats received. Awaiting instructions for installation which will take place on receipt.

5. Allotments – No report to this meeting.

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

6.1 - Two new picnic benches and bin being installed.

6.2 – Fayre visit from 16 or 17 May to be open for business weekend 20/21/22 May 2016.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park

7.1 - Two quotations received re repairs of play equipment surfacing. Wicksteed accepted - £542 plus VAT.

7.2 – Request for a bench installation in memory of local 'Mum' **agreed.** **Clerk**

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site

No report to this meeting on 8, 9, 10, 11.

10. Cemetery

11. Churchyard

12. Old Bridge Gardens

The Aylesford Big Lunch – 12 June 2016.

13. Mill Hall (Beside Rose Cottage/Old Bridge)

14. Yoakley Land

15. Walderslade Open Spaces

No report to this meeting on 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

16. St Marks Square, Belgrave Street car park, New car park

17. Podkin Meadow

18. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence

There being no further business, meeting closed at 7.52pm.