

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2016
Parish Office – Commenced 8.02pm

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

In attendance: Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Hammond, Homewood, Walker,

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1. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations additional to those contained in the Register of Members' Interests.

2. Apologies

Apologies as follows were noted and reasons accepted.

Cllrs Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Mrs Gadd (holiday), Gledhill (family commitment), Hammond (working), Homewood (KCC meeting), Walker (holiday).

3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

3.1 - Minutes of meeting held on 26 July 2016 attached at **Appendix A**. Proposed by Cllr Shelley as a true record of the meeting and that all recommendations should be accepted, seconded Cllr Smith and **agreed**.

There were no Matters Arising.

4. Accounts for Payment

Payment list attached at **Appendix B**. 28 Payments totalling £27,698.81 were checked and approved for payment by Cllrs Balcombe, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed**.

5. Law and Order - No report to this meeting.

6. Rugby Club/Netball League – No report to this meeting.

7. Flood Defences

Deputy Clerk reported that the Environment Agency have carried out a major weed clearance from the stream and this has been followed up by a roadside weed clearance in house. Appearance of the area and stream flow is now much improved. Clerk will be discussing with Environment Agency and Kent Highways what assistance the Parish Council can give in order to regularly maintain this area to avoid it reaching this poor standard again including regular spot weed killing on road side.

When work on the Alms Houses is completed the whole area will require remedial work including railing repairs/replacement.

Lee Randall was thanked for his assistance with this work.

8. Council Vacancies

8.1 - Current vacancies: 3 Aylesford South 1 Eccles. Vacancy in Eccles has now been authorised by TMBC for co-option.

8.2 – Application for co-option received from Mrs Kylie Phibbs. Members had received a copy of Mrs Phibbs’ application (attached at **Appendix C** to the bound copy of these minutes) and noted that Mrs Phibbs had been in attendance at the Council meeting held on 19 July.

They welcomed Mrs Phibbs’ application and **agreed** her co-option as Ward Member for Eccles. **Clerk**

9. Replacement for Small Van

New van delivered 22 July.

10. Any Other Business/Correspondence

10.1 – Cllr Base brought to Members’ attention the sad death of Aylesford Scout, Charlie Girling. He asked that if the family decide on a charity or project in Charlie’s memory the Parish Council should contribute. This was unanimously **agreed**.

10.2 – Cllr Elvy referred to a matter raised at his recent attendance at a TMBC Standards Committee meeting. A Parish Councillor had been found in breach of a Code of Conduct relating to a non declaration of interest regarding a planning matter and the Standards Committee had evoked a ban on his attendance at his Parish Council’s Planning Committee meetings for 6 months. He had rejected this ban and had insisted on attending as his Parish Council had no powers to enforce the ban. The Standards Committee have suggested that Parish Councils should be asked to review their Standing Orders to ascertain how they would be affected in a similar situation. It was **agreed** the Clerk be asked to look at this. **Clerk**

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.12pm.