

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2018
Commenced 8.15pm

MINUTES

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

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

Apologies: Cllr Elvy

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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 from Cllr Elvy (unwell) were noted and accepted.

3. Accounts for Payment

List attached at **Appendix A**. 45 payments totalling £20,500.67 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Shelley, checked and seconded for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd. **Agreed**

4. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 23 January – Attached at **Appendix B**. Proposed as a true record of the meeting and recommendations agreed by Cllr Shelley, seconded Cllr Smith. **Agreed**

Matters arising

4.1 – Page 2, Micro Grants – Cllr Walker – RBLI Summer Concerts. The Clerk reported that having checked the financial records, the Parish Council supported these concerts last year with £600. It was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Ms Dorrington that this 2018 micro grant donation be increased from £400 to £600. **Agreed**

5. Activities for the Elderly

Cllr Shelley proposed a scheme for keeping the Over 60's active which would include providing a 'one off' Parish Council funded bus trip to take them to a local Gym/Leisure Centre for a taster session of what the Centre can provide for older people. Members agreed a 'one off' funded bus trip in principle subject to Cllr Shelley ascertaining the willingness of the leisure centre to be involved, seeking any other alternative funding sources and ascertaining the interest for such a trip from local residents. Cllr Shelley to report further to a future P&R meeting. **Shelley**

6. Law and Order – No report to this meeting.

7. Rugby Club/Netball League - No report to this meeting.

8. Flood Defences – There have been a number of recent Environment Agency flood warnings but the overflow system and culvert in the village appear to have worked well.

9. Council Vacancies

Vacancies cleared for co-option. All advertised on website and local noticeboards.

3 Aylesford South 1 Eccles 1 Blue Bell Hill

10. Parish Office

10.1 – New flooring proposals and decorating.

Vinyl flooring for entrance hall and maintenance staff areas - already authorised at a cost of £1477.

Carpet for main office and Clerk's office – already authorised at a cost of £1102.

Installation taking place week beginning 19 February 2018.

10.2 – Committee room furniture. Wrong size tables delivered initially but correct replacements have been received today.

11. KALC Meetings – No report to this meeting.

12. TMBC/ Parish Partnership Panel Meetings – No report to this meeting.

13. Any Other Business/Correspondence

13.1 – A20/Homebase Flooding – Clerk reported that he has received information from Kent Highways that they are in discussion with Crown Estates (adjacent land owners) to resolve this on-going problem and anticipate that plans will be finalised in March and work actioned by April this year.

13.2 – Pratling Street – Cllr Rillie asked that as there is a planned road closure of Pratling Street on Sunday 18 February for tree works, could a litter pick be organised at the same time as the area is in a very untidy condition. Cllr Walker advised that TMBC are aware of the need for a clearance but whether the 18 February is an appropriate time with the type of works planned is doubtful. However he will pursue with TMBC when a clearance can take place. **Walker**

13.3 – Old Bridge Gardens – Cllr Rillie reported a number of issues in OBG namely the damage caused by recent emergency electricity works, garden waste dumping and random planting including two Christmas trees. Clerk is following up the damage with the electricity company but in any event remedial work will be carried out in-house once the ground conditions improve. Dumping and planting will be investigated. **Clerk**

13.4 – TMBC Car Park (East side) – Cllr Walker reported the large amount of litter caught in the scrub/hedges in this car park and queried whether they could be cut back. Clerk confirmed these are TMBC responsibility. Cllr Walker will take the matter up with TMBC.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.40pm.