

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Commenced 8pm**

**MINUTES**

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**Present:** Cllrs Shelley (Chairman), Base, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Hammond, Jones, Mrs Phibbs, Rillie, Smith, Winnett, Wright

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Balcombe, Mrs Brooks, Elvy, Homewood, Walker

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**1. Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

**2. Apologies** - Apologies and the reasons given were noted and accepted.

Cllrs Balcombe (holiday), Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Elvy (holiday), Homewood (KCC meeting), Walker (bereavement).

**3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee**

3.1 Minutes of meeting held on 23 August 2016 attached at **Appendix A**. Noted and **agreed** as an accurate record of the meeting and for recommendations to be actioned.

3.2 Matters Arising – There were no matters arising.

**4. Accounts for Payment**

Payment list attached at **Appendix B** – 50 payments totalling £25,930.99 - was checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Gledhill and **agreed**.

**5. Law and Order**

5.1 – Vandalism to Eccles Recreation Ground play equipment on 29 August reported to police. Culprits have been identified and visited by the PCSO. It was **agreed** that a request be made via the police for a formal apology to the Council from those involved by way of a meeting with one or two councillors and a member of staff. No formal demand for

compensation will be made but if a token financial gesture is offered this would be welcomed. It is anticipated that The 'Happy Hedgehog' equipment involved should be repairable at a cost of approximately £500. **Clerk**

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

## **7. Flood Defences**

Flood Warden information day will be held at the Kent Showground on Saturday 12 November. Further information available from Cllr Rillie.

## **8. Council Vacancies**

Current vacancies: 3 Aylesford South. Noted.

## **9. Sale of Old Van**

The old van was sold at auction and the Council received £1453. Noted.

## **10. Standing Orders and Breach of Code of Conduct**

Following Cllr Elvy's report to P&R on 2<sup>nd</sup> August (item 10.2) regarding an incident of a Parish Councillor being barred from his Parish Council Planning Meetings and the ability of a Parish Council to implement that ban, the Clerk reported that under the current Standing Orders of this Council (no. 14, paragraph D) any such ban can be enforced and the offending Councillor asked to leave the meeting.

## **11. Any Other Business/Correspondence**

11.1 – **The Bush PH wall** by sandbag container. Licensee of The Bush has now contacted Tracy Crouch MP regarding her concerns about the safety of her wall and the alleged damaged being caused to it by ivy coming from the APC side. Licensee's civil engineer advisor has stated the wall is not 'in imminent danger of collapse'. The Clerk has noted that the post and rail fence surrounding the wall has recently been renewed. The Licensee has requested a meeting with the MP and her civil engineer on Friday this week. The APC has not been formally invited to attend but as the Clerk is on jury service and Chairman is on holiday no representation is available in any event. Clerk has requested legal advice on APC responsibilities as per ESC on 23 August (item B.4.2) and is awaiting a response.

11.2 – **155 Evening Bus Service** – Cllr Gledhill advised that KCC have agreed to subsidise this service for a further 6 months after which a further review will take place. This was welcomed by Members.

11.3 – **Aylesford Village Level Crossing** – Station Road - There will a road closure to allow for essential works to the level crossing on Sunday 11 September for one day.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.32pm.