

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2015

Commenced 7.50pm.

MINUTES

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Homewood, Tiller

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

2. **Apologies**

Apologies from Cllrs Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Homewood (KCC business), Tiller (holiday) were noted and reasons accepted.

3. **Finance Advisory Sub Committee**

Minutes of meeting held on 24 March 2015 attached at **Appendix A**. Noted and **agreed**.

There were no matters arising.

4. **Accounts for Payment**

4.1 - Payment list attached at **Appendix B**. 31 payments totalling £15,955.42 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd and checked and seconded for payment by Cllr Elvy. **AGREED**

4.2 - Additional payment request - Micro Grant 2014/15 – Cllr Tiller - £554.72 – 4th Chatham South Brownies (based at Blue Bell Hill) for outing and craft equipment. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Winnett. **AGREED**

5. Law and Order

Criminal damage to bench at The Hollow – crime report made 31 March 2015.

Fire brigade called out to incident in Ferryfield – attempt to burn a fallen tree – 3 April 2015.

Overnight camping reported in Ferryfield over Easter. To be reported to police if they return.
Post Meeting Note: Tents and occupants were seen packing up Wed. 8th April am. Reported to PCSO.

6. New Eccles Car Park

Planning permission awaited but following discussions between contractor, highway consultant and the Clerk, cost of scheme has reduced to £26,500 from £29,100 due to a recommended lower specification of surfacing materials required.

7. Rugby Club/Netball League

Clerk arranging a meeting with Club Chairman to discuss rent review and any other issues. Regular meeting pattern to be established.

8. Flood Defences - No report to this meeting.

9. Council Vacancies

Currently - 1 Walderslade; 2 Aylesford South; 2 Eccles.

Elections 7 May 2015 - Nomination papers due back to TMBC by Thurs 9 April – 4pm.

10. TMBC Local Centres Fund Budget

Aylesford village centre: £7500 TMBC grant for this project has now been paid to the Parish Council.

Village welcome sign – Planning permission granted and Royal British Legion Industries are making the sign. Post Meeting Note: Sign received. Awaiting in house installation.

Village square enhancement – Report made to Environmental Services Committee on 24 March. Draft design for comment expected June 2015.

11. Kent Association of Local Councils

The Council has received notification of the annual renewal of membership of the KALC at a cost of £1368 (inc. VAT). It is recommended that membership is renewed. **AGREED**

12. Office Cleaning

Zoe Payne taken over office cleaning from Louise Jones – self employed - £8 per hour – 2 hours per week. Noted.

Letter of thanks from the Chairman to go to Louise.

Clerk

13. Any Other Business/Correspondence

Emergency Contacts - In view of recent incidents which have taken place out of office hours, a list of emergency contact numbers will be drawn up and distributed to councillors and other appropriate authorities.

Clerk

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.10pm.