

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
AT AYLESFORD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
18 FEBRUARY 2014
MINUTES**

[Draft – to be confirmed at next Meeting]

Present: Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Ms Hurley, Rillie, Smith, Winnett

In Attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk
3 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllrs Ambrose, Balcombe, Mrs Brooks, Homewood, Tiller, Wright
Cllrs Dalton, Davis, Smith, Sullivan

AGENDA ITEM 1

147. Declarations of Interest additional to those disclosed in the Members’ Register of Interests

There were no other declarations of interest additional to those listed in the Members’ Register of Interests.

AGENDA ITEM 2

148. Apologies for absence - Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 3

149. Chairman’s Announcements

There were no Chairman’s announcements.

AGENDA ITEM 4

150. Adjournment of the meeting to allow for public participation (subject to the provisions of Standing Order 1(d))

Mr Kahl and Mr Friend, residents of Laurie Grey Avenue, Blue Bell Hill

150.1 - Both referred to the **Upper Bell** and asked if Members had any further information on the enforcement matters. The Chairman reported there was no update. Mr Kahl and Mr Friend both reported that KCC appear to have installed a drop kerb and tarmacked the drive into Common Road and wondered how this had been arranged. The Clerk will see if

Borough Councillor Sullivan has any information and/or will contact the Kent Highways Steward. **Clerk**

150.2 - Mr Friend reported that Kent Highways have done some work to their **street lighting in Laurie Grey Avenue** but did not clean all the lights and still need to attend to lights where access is more difficult. This work is even more important now Kent Highways are introducing their 'Safe and Sensible Lighting Policy' meaning that lights are going out at midnight.

150.3 – Mr Friend reported that drainage work in the Blue Bell Hill area has been done including clearance and flushing out.

Mr Ainsworth, Walsham Road, Walderslade

150.4 – Mr Ainsworth expressed his objection to the KH 'Safe and Sensible Lighting Policy' which he considers leaves **Walsham Road** in unacceptable darkness after midnight. He was concerned at the apparent lack of consultation with local residents and lack of advance notice that it was going to take place. At the very least he would like to see some individual lights in Walsham Road selected for all night lighting. Mr Ainsworth stated that he had contacted County Councillor Homewood regarding this. PH had acknowledged his enquiry but he is still awaiting a formal response. Mr Ainsworth will also be taking the matter up with Tracy Crouch MP.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council will ensure Mr Ainsworth's concerns are passed to all involved parties **Clerk**

There being no further public participation, the Chairman thanked residents for their attendance and reopened the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5

151. **Law and Order in the Parish**

No police attendance.

Crime report for Aylesford for January 2014 distributed to Members and attached in the bound minutes at **Appendix A**.

Clerk will ask new PCSO Joanne Tiller for a report on Walderslade, BBH and Eccles in future. **Clerk**

AGENDA ITEM 6

152. **To confirm as a correct record and to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 14 January 2014.**

152.1 – Page 2, Public Participation - 133.3 – third line. Delete ‘for over two hours’.

Subject to this amendment, the Minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and the actions contained therein **agreed.** **AGREED**

AGENDA ITEM 7

153. Matters Arising from the previous minutes (including those which required Members’ action)

153.1 – Page 1, 132.1 – Level Crossing Closure – This has been postponed.

153.2 – Page 2, 133.1 – Tree Survey – Clerk confirmed that that Kent Turf Care have been asked to give priority to the Pond Site when commencing the tree survey.

153.3 – Page 2, 133.2 – Parking restrictions, Maidstone Road, BBH – Clerk reported that TMBC have stated there are no parking restrictions by the bus stop and they do not use ‘no parking’ signs. Mr Kahl and Mr Friend stated that there were double yellow lines there until the road was resurfaced and the lines were not reinstated. Clerk will investigate further.

Clerk

153.4 – Page 2, 133.7 – Maidstone Road resurfacing – Clerk reported Kent Highways were not aware of the bus fire and road damage. To be investigated by KH.

153.5 – Page 3, 137.2 – Grass Verges, BBH – Bollards have now been installed by KH to prevent access on to verge at Upper Bell end of the village.

153.6 – Page 4, 137.3 – Freedom Bus Passes – KCC have reduced proposed restrictions on Passes. Will now be valid Monday to Friday term time only. Proposed increase in cost reduced. Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 8

154. To receive the report of the County Councillor

Apologies received – TMBC meeting. No report.

AGENDA ITEM 9

155. To receive the reports of the Borough Councillors

Apologies received – TMBC meeting. No reports.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Committee reports/minutes: to consider and adopt minutes, and to deal with any matters arising

156. Environmental Services Committee – 28 January 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Rillie, that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **AGREED**

Matters Arising

156.1 – Page 1, 4.3 – Flooding. Clerk reported that there have also now been recent incidents of flooding in Sedley Close, Aylesford. Reported to Kent Highways.

156.2 – Page 2, 4.4 – Bollard, Rochester Road. Cllr Rillie stated this bollard was knocked down before Christmas and he was concerned no remedial action had yet taken place. It was acknowledged that there have been difficulties for KH with recent weather conditions but the Clerk was asked to pursue this reinstatement. **Clerk**

156.3 – Page 2, 9.2 – Dog Bin, Robin Hood Lane. Cllr Smith reported this has been emptied regularly over the past two weeks.

156.4 – Page 3, 4.1 – Forstal Road Recreation Ground – Trench repair. Clerk reported that the Football Club have requested this project be postponed as they will not be able to give up use of pitch 3 in April due to the number of games to be rescheduled due to water logged pitches this winter. Noted and agreed. Kent Turf Care informed.

157. Policy and Resources – 4 February 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **AGREED**

Matters Arising

157.1 – Page 2, 11. Flood Defences – Wheel barrow purchased. Meeting with EA arranged for 1 March 2014.

158. PLANNING – 4 February 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Elvy, seconded by Cllr Smith, that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **AGREED**

Matters Arising

158.1 – Page 3, 5.1 – TMBC, Street Naming – Former Somerfield site.

TMBC and developer have proposed Carmelite Road and Abbey Lane. Members felt Abbey Lane was not an appropriate connection to the Friars as it is not an Abbey. They also felt 'Lane' was not appropriate for a new development. After a vote it was confirmed that their first choice remained Hengist Drive and Horsa Close. If this was not mutually agreeable the Parish Council would accept Carmelite Road but would like an alternative to Abbey Lane. TMBC to be informed. **Clerk**

AGENDA ITEM 11

159. Accounts for Payment – Cheque list distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix B.**

159.1 – 21 payments totalling £9,622.80 were proposed for payment by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed.**

AGENDA ITEM 12

160. To consider any other items of correspondence/Any Other Business

There were no other items or correspondence or business.

AGENDA ITEM 13

161. Chairman to move that: ‘The press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as publicity for any confidential aspects of the business identified in agenda items 1 – 12 above would be likely to prejudice the public interest.’

Not required.

AGENDA ITEM 15

162. Closure of the meeting at or before 9.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.