

# AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2013 – 8.08pm POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Ambrose, Base, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Green, Rillie, Smith, and Wright

**In attendance:** Mr Harris, Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllrs Balcombe, Mrs Brooks, Homewood, Ms Hurley, Tiller, and Winnett

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**1. Apologies – Noted.**

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

**3. FASC Minutes and Recommendations – 22 October 2013 – Attached at Appendix A.**

3.1 - Proposed by Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd, as a true record of the meeting and recommendations **agreed.**

3.2 - Matters Arising:

4 Micro Grants – It was reported that Councillor Tiller wished to spend £105 of his micro grant on sport/play equipment etc for the Blue Bell Brownies. **Agreed**

5. KCC Debt – It was reported that payment had been received.

**4. Accounts for Payment** – Payment list attached at **Appendix B** had been checked and authorised by the Clerk and Cllr Gledhill. 29 payments totalling £17,987.78 were proposed for payment by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed.**

**5 Completion of the Annual Audit for year ended 31 March 2013**

No issues and publication of the certified Annual Return completed as required.

**6. AVCC**

Outside toilet renovation – Work ongoing.

**7. Law and Order**

A request for a financial donation of £500 from the Kent Downs ANOB towards the continued employment in 2014 of a PCSO and an off road vehicle covering the Bushy Wood and other rural areas in the Medway Gap particularly relating to motorised illegal access incidents had been received.

The Committee before considering the request instructed the Clerk to investigate the matter further with particular relevance to the amount of work undertaken in Aylesford Parish and whether other Parish Councils were contributing and their level of support. **Clerk**

## **8. Eccles Car Parks**

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Clerk updating it on the progress in respect of the car park and seeking instructions on the options for moving the project forward.

The Committee **agreed** the following actions:-

- (1) That the Council should proceed with the scheme
- (2) That the Heads of Terms for the lease as detailed in the report be agreed
- (3) That it be noted that no action be taken in progressing the car park until such time as the position with the land in blue as shown in the map attached to the report has been resolved and the lease agreed.
- (4) That Option B as detailed in the report be agreed as the means of progressing the issues relating to the access to the car park site.
- (5) That this issue be discussed with local residents at the next appropriate Council meeting to be held at Eccles. **Clerk**

## **9. Council Policy on Further Allotment Site/Recreational Land**

Land beyond Yoakley Land – Cllrs Balcombe and Base have asked Tracey Crouch MP to contact KCC regarding their refusal to part with this land for recreational purposes. Acknowledgement from Tracey received. Awaiting KCC's response to her.

It was reported that the Rugby Club were looking for additional land and it was suggested that they look at this land but it might not be appropriate for their needs. **Clerk**

## **10. Council Policy on Recreation Ground Use**

Signage for all sites – Logo concepts.

The Clerk submitted the three concepts developed by the professional graphic designer. The Committee favoured the more heraldic concept but with the intention that it should have a link to each of the 4 villages and the names of the villages could be included above the crest. It was **agreed** that the Clerk develop this with the graphic designer and bring it back to the Committee for further consideration. **Clerk**

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

## **12. Flood Defences**

The Committee considered the report of the Clerk setting out the Environment Agency update on the position relating to the schemes to help alleviate the problem of flooding in Aylesford and seeking the support of the Parish Council. Consideration of a request for financial support to a Property Level Protection scheme was also sought from the Environment Agency.

It was **agreed**

- (1) That the efforts of the Environment Agency to mitigate the potential of flooding in Aylesford and the measures it has taken so far be supported but that the view of the Parish Council is that a period of monitoring the impact of these works on mitigating the flooding should take place before any further scheme is implemented.
- (2) That the Parish Council would only consider any financial contribution to any new scheme such as Property Level Protection following the conclusion of the above monitoring.
- (3) That the inclusion of the Kent County Council on the Steering Group be supported.
- (4) That the Parish Council should meet with the new Quarry owner
- (5) That the planning position relating to the quarry site is ascertained from TMBC  
Planning **Clerk**

**13. Parish Council Website** No report to this meeting

#### **14. Noticeboards**

Some of the new noticeboards have leaked badly and remedial work has been requested by the manufacturer.

#### **15. Staffing Committee**

Staffing Committee to consider the 2014/15 salaries has been set for 7.00pm on 26 November 2013

#### **16. TMBC Parish Partnership Panel**

Meeting date 14 November. Cllr Balcombe to attend.

#### **17. Council Vacancies**

Vacancies still exist as follows:

1 Walderslade; 3 Aylesford South; 1 Eccles

#### **18. Next Council Meeting due 19 November 2013 at Aylesford Village Community Centre**

Date of the next Council meeting on P&R agenda to decide whether or not to cancel the Council meeting due in two weeks time. If meeting is cancelled cheque lists and committee minutes/actions would need to be approved by correspondence with silence indicating consent.

It was **agreed** the meeting will take place.

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

19.1 – A request had been received from Patrick Robert concerning the possibility of the Parish twinning with a town in France namely 2 places on the outskirts of Lille. It was **agreed** that no action be taken on the request. **Clerk**

19.2 – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2013 – The Clerk reported the receipt of this review from TMBC and indicated that they were proposing no changes to the polling

places in the parish. It was **agreed** that the review be noted and that TMBC be informed accordingly. **Clerk**

19.3 –The Chairman reported that he was to attend a meeting with Ann Barnes and indicated that he intended to ask a question about why her aides got paid so much. The Committee supported the Chairman in asking this question.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 9.13pm.