

REPORT TO AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL 23rd July 2024

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward
Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

**Aylesford South and Ditton Ward
Councillors Rob Cannon, Steve Hammond and Colin Williams**

**Walderslade Ward
Councillor Des Keers**

ALL WARDS ITEMS

GENERAL ELECTION

1. At the General Election on the 4th July the following candidates were elected:
 - a. Chatham and Aylesford - Tristram Osborne -Labour Party
 - b. Maidstone and Malling - Helen Grant - Conservative Party
 - c. Tonbridge – Tom Tugendhat – Conservative Party
2. We congratulate all the candidates and look forward to working with them for the benefit of our residents.

LOCAL PLAN -REGULATION 18B CONSULTATION

3. As a result of the new government's impending changes to the national planning regime, TMBC have had to delay their 18B consultation until the position is clearer. More information can be got from the press release at:

<mailto:https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/news/article/143/council-to-assess-impact-of-planning-changes-announced-by-new-government>

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4. Work is still progressing between our planning and IT departments.
5. The next step is to prove the communication program with selected TMBC Councillors and when that is successful to then migrate the information onto an Excel Spreadsheet for distribution round parish councils.

AYLESFORD NORTH & NORTH DOWNS ISSUES

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN PROGRESS

General

6. There has been little change in the ongoing enforcement actions in the ward since your last meeting.

Nursery Rochester Road Aylesford

7. No change on this report since last month. This application has been appealed and is now with the Planning Inspectorate. All other enforcement action must wait for the outcome of that appeal.

Land Rear of Mackenders Lane Eccles Aylesford Kent

8. Little change since the last report as the owner failed to attend the visit on the 10th June and another meeting with him is being set up.

9. There is a farm building that has been built in the last few months but that now is understood to be complete. It is a building for farm use such as storing farm machinery in. This building is permitted development.

10. There is also a caravan on site that is been occupied during the period of construction of the permanent building above. This is the subject of the enforcement action.

Land On Former Scout Camp Warren Road

11. This is with the legal team. Another prosecution is now pending and hopefully this will happen before the end of the year.

Land North of Lower Warren Road and East Of Warren Road

12. Little change from the last report as we are now waiting for the 22 July enforcement deadline and any resultant follow up action.

13. As you know there have been 3 applications for the land:

- a. 20/01125/FL - Extension to existing stables - Approved
- b. 20/01845/RD - Drainage conditions for above - - Approved
- c. 22/00417/NMA - Addition of windows change of openings - Refused 25 Mar 22.

14. The last application resulted in two Enforcement Notices being served on 14th April 22 to two different people for the same reasons. This in turn led to two appeals to the Planning Inspectorate.

15. The appeal decision has come in with the Enforcement Notices upheld with a slight variation. This means their appeal has been dismissed and they must still carry out all necessary internal and external works so that the stable building is in accordance with the terms and conditions of approved planning permission TM/20/01125/FL. The 2-month compliance period, which will have been held in abeyance until the date of the appeal

decision, means the new deadline is now 22 July. A compliance check will be arranged once this deadline has elapsed and before the case is closed.

16. Technically that does not mean that he can't live on the site but all the work to make it habitable must stop and be rectified.

AYLESFORD SOUTH AND DITTON

17. There are no specific Aylesford South ward items to report this time.

WALDESLADE WARD

18. Cllr Des Keers, the TMBC Cabinet Member for Community Services, draws your attention to the attached Cabinet Report - Community Development Grants report. The deadline for this year's application has passed but there will probably be similar grants next year.