

Aylesford Parish Council

Meeting of the Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2019 at the Tunbury Hall, Catkin Close, Walderslade.

Present: Councillors Balcombe (in the Chair) and Councillors Base, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi, Rillie, Shelley, Winnett, Wright and Williams

In Attendance: Mr Harris (Clerk) and Mrs Randall (Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer)

Apologies: Councillors Hammond, Ms Papagno, Smith, Sullivan and Walker.

1. **Declarations of Interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Hammond (Unwell), Ms Papagno (personal commitment), Smith (personal commitment), Sullivan (personal commitment) and Walker (Unwell) were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

3. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that he had recently represented the Council at a visit of the Queen to the RBLI to commemorate their 100th anniversary. He had also represented the Council at the RBLI Remembrance Sunday Service.

4. **Adjournment of the Meeting to allow for Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present wishing to ask questions of the Council.

5. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 September 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Balcombe and seconded by Councillor Wright that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 September 2019 be **approved** as a correct record and signed.

6. Matters Arising from the previous minutes

There were no Matters Arising.

7. Policy and Resources Committee Minutes

Policy and Resources – 1 October 2019

Minute 6(7) – Financial Risk Assessment

It was **Agreed** that the attached Financial Risk Assessment be approved.

Policy and Resources – 5 November 2019

There were no matters arising.

8. Environmental Services Committee Minutes

Environmental Services – 24 September 2019

There were no matters arising.

Environmental Services – 22 October 2019

There were no matters arising.

9. Planning Committee Minutes

Planning – 1 October 2019

There were no matters arising.

Planning – 5 November 2019

There were no matters arising.

10. To Receive the Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Homewood was not present and there was no report.

11. To Receive the Report of the Borough Councillors

Councillor Base reported that the Local Plan was subject to a further consultation as requested by the Planning Inspectors so that comments could be received on the additional correspondence and information that has arisen since the last consultation. Once this consultation has concluded he hoped that the Council would receive a date for the Inquiry. He also indicated that the financial position for TMBC was not looking quite as bad as he had reported to the last meeting but there was still savings of £500k to be found.

During discussions on the report of Councillor Base concern was raised about the loss of the Doctor's Surgery in Eccles with the medical practice being moved to Peters Village. Councillor Ludlow indicated that he was attending a meeting re this next week and it was **Agreed** that the Clerk would write to the Clinical Commissioning Group to follow up on this matter after Councillor Ludlow had attended the above meeting if it was necessary.

12. Accounts for Payment

The Council considered the Payment Schedule attached to the Agenda and Councillor Shelley proposed and Councillor Mrs Gadd seconded and it was **Agreed** that 29 payments totalling £5817.25 be made.

13. Any Other Correspondence

Request from Highways England to lay new Drainage Pipe on Council Owned land at the Racetrack

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Highways England to lay a new drainage pipe on Council land that runs from their depot at Coldharbour to their outlet on Hall Road. The works was not an open trench but was a series of large holes approximately every 100 metres through which the pipe would be laid. This hole would also provide a future access point for maintenance. They were also seeking to place their equipment near to the Coldharbour entrance and it was estimated that the works would last 4 weeks.

Highways England were therefore formally seeking a permanent easement over Council land for the purpose of installing and then maintaining the replacement sewer. They were also seeking a Licence for their temporary occupation of another plot of Council land close to the Coldharbour entrance to site the contractor's compound during the works. Highways England were offering £14,700 for this permanent easement and temporary licence. The Council were happy with this proposal and it was **Agreed** that the offer of £14700 for a permanent easement and temporary licence as described above be accepted subject to some minor provisos relating to the height barrier at the Coldharbour entrance, security and signing.

14. Duration of Meeting

7.30pm to 8.03pm