

# Aylesford Parish Council

## Meeting of the Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held at the Capel Morris Centre on 21 September 2021

**Present:** Councillors Shelley (Chairman) and Councillors Fuller, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Mrs Papagno, Smith, Sullivan, Williams Rillie, Walker and Winnett.

**In Attendance:** Mrs Randall (Clerk)

Also in attendance were 4 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillors Balcombe, Ms Dorrington, Hammond, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi and Smith. Apologies also received from County Councillor Kennedy.

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#### **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 Balcombe, Ms Dorrington, Hammond, Ludlow and Smith were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

#### **3. Chairman's Announcements**

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

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

Q1. Why was this meeting not very well advertised, for example a notice on a noticeboard? Answer. There was a Noticeboard owned by the Parish Council in Eccles Recreation Ground but as it was broken it was removed a number of months ago. A new one has already been purchased and will be installed when workload allows. At the moment there are no other noticeboards owned by the Parish Council in Eccles.

Q2. It was reported that the Bridle Way behind a property in Bull Lane Eccles is very overgrown and unrideable and the Parish Council was asked if they could report this to KCC. **Action:** Clerk to report.

Q3. Regarding the Bushey Wood Development – how will the Parish Council know if TMBC are adhering to the law? If they are not what does the Parish Council intend on doing about it? Will they take legal advice? Does the Parish have any old documents relating to the Local Plan?

Answer: unfortunately, the Parish Council will not be aware if TMBC are adhering to the law or not. It was suggested by the Parish that the member of public might like to have a meeting with the Borough and Parish Councillors for that area to discuss things first before seeking the retrieval of historic documents. **Action:** Councillor Beadle to make the arrangements for the meeting.

Q4. Regarding the Parish Council refusing the recent request from a resident for the placement of a container on Eccles Recreation Ground for the storage of items for various charities, like the homeless. The member of the public stated they felt it wasn't a reasonable reason given for refusal and wanted to know why it was refused. The Clerk stated that this topic was discussed at length and the decision to refuse the request was a unanimous one and unfortunately it is not up for debate.

## **5. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 July 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Gadd and seconded by Councillor Sullivan that the Meeting of the Council held on 20 July 2021 be **approved** as a correct record and signed.

## **6. Matters Arising from the previous minutes**

There were no Matters Arising.

## **7. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee**

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee on 3 August 2021. There were no matters arising.
- b) It was **Agreed** that the Grant Award Policy be adopted as submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee on 7 September 2021, item 14.

## **8. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee**

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee on 27 July 2021. There were no matters arising.
- b) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee on 24 August 2021. There were no matters arising.

## **9. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Planning Committee**

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 27 July 2021. There were no matters arising.
- b) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 3 August 2021. There were no matters arising.
- c) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 24 August 2021. There were no matters arising.
- d) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 7 September 2021. There were no matters arising.

## **10. To Receive the Report of the County Councillor**

Councillor Kennedy sent his monthly newsletter for distribution, as attached to the agenda.

## **11. To Receive the Report of the Borough Councillors**

Councillor Williams reported that the garden waste is still suspended and asked the Clerk if she received the weekly update from the Waste Services Team at TMBC. She confirmed that she did so Councillor Williams asked if she could forward that to members. Clerk will ensure this happens every week.

## **12. Accounts for Payment**

The Council considered the Payment Schedule attached to the Agenda and Councillor Sullivan proposed and Councillor Mrs Gadd seconded and it was **Agreed** that 15 payments totalling £6,138.35 be made.

## **13. Any other Items of Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that

- the new Exercise Bars installed in Tunbury the previous week had already been vandalised; the two plastic caps on top had been removed however the Supervisor had found one but not the other. A number of metal signs from the play area/recreation ground had been smashed up/damaged and thrown around the ground. There is a handle missing on a piece of play equipment and there has also been a lot of glass and rubbish on the site.
- She has arranged to have the map renewed in the mapboard at Podkin Meadow which was done today.
- The Aylesford Village sign on the green opposite the entrance to the Parish Office will be replaced as the Tax Consultants are no longer in the village, instead it is a Chartered Surveyor who have asked if they can replace the sign at their own cost. It

will be exactly the same as it is now, just with their name on it. The Clerk has agreed to this.

- It was the TMBC Joint Transportation Board Meeting on the 20 September and the Coldharbour roundabout and the Quarry Wood roundabout proposals were on the agenda for information only. Coldharbour: this is a scheme to provide a larger roundabout with a wider circulating area, comments received suggest that it should be signalised because of the tidal nature of the traffic flow. The current view is that it should operate more efficiently as a normal roundabout, however ducting and other associated infrastructure will be installed and budget retained so the signals can be retro fitted if needed. Construction tenders will be invited towards the end of 2021 early 2022 for a start in Autumn 2022.
- A20 Quarry Wood Junction, this is a proposal to replace the traffic lights with a roundabout. A virtual public engagement was carried out and a recurring comment was about the flooding at this junction. The layout and how it will operate will be reviewed as travel patterns may have changed as we emerge from Covid. The traffic surveys, modelling and scheme review will be undertaken as quickly as possible but it will take a few months. Construction could follow after the Coldharbour project is completed in 2023 as the objective is to minimise the overall time the roadworks are in place along this particular section of the A20.

Councillor Gledhill reported that the long-awaited resurfacing of the top end of Bull Lane Eccles had now been completed.

#### **14. Duration of Meeting**

7.36pm to 8.50pm