

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**held at Aylesford Football Pavilion, Forstal Road,
Aylesford**

Tuesday 15 September 2015

Present: Cllrs Gledhill, Ambrose, Balcombe, Base, Ms Dorrington, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Homewood, Ms Neimer, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Winnett, Wright

In attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Base, Mrs Brooks, Hammond, Walker
Borough Councillor Sullivan

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AGENDA ITEM 1 - Declarations of Interest additional to those contained in the Registry of Members' Interests

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

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Apologies for absence

35. Cllr Mrs Brooks – Holiday.
Cllrs Base, Hammond and Walker – TMBC meeting.
Apologies and the reasons for them were noted and accepted.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Chairman's Announcements

35.1 – Cllr Gledhill and other Councillors attended the opening of the new RBLI community café – Base Camp. He welcomed this facility and wished it every success.

35.2 – Cllr Gledhill welcomed Cllr Amanda Neimer who has recently been co-opted to the Council representing Eccles Ward. Cllr Neimer has made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Clerk.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Adjournment of the meeting to allow for public participation (subject to the limitations of Standing Order 29 d)

There being no members of the public present, the Chairman reopened the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - Law and Order in the Parish

36. Reports from PCSOs Iantosca (Aylesford) and Tiller (Eccles, BBH and Walderslade) were distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix A** to the bound copy of these Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 July 2015

37. These Minutes were proposed as a correct record of the meeting by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and actions included accepted. **AGREED**

AGENDA ITEM 7 - Matters Arising from the previous minutes (including those which required Members' action)

There were no matters arising.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - Committee Reports/Minutes: to consider and adopt; to deal with any matters arising

38. - Policy and Resources – 4 August 2015

Proposed by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no matters arising.

39. – Policy and Resources – 1 September 2015

Proposed by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

Matters arising

39.1 – Page 1, 3. FASC – **Churchyard wall repairs**. The Clerk confirmed that as the Council had a responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard, the cost of these repairs should come from the main budget and not Section 137 (donations) microgrants.

Two quotations have been received: Andrew Clarke - £580; Kent Turf Care - £1041.67. It was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Rillie to accept the quotation from Andrew Clarke – **Agreed.** **Clerk**

The Clerk sought further agreement to ask Andrew Clarke to inspect the condition of the whole wall and report back. Mr Clarke has indicated he would undertake this free of charge. Any further work required will be priced and agreement sought from the Council in the normal way. **Agreed.** **Clerk**

39.2 – Page 2, 6. **New Eccles Car Park**

Formal planning permission and lease agreement received so work can now commence on Monday 21 September. Additional cost of £4000 previously agreed will include French drain and geo-tec fabric and sharp sand for hydro carbon disposal as required by TMBC. Total cost will be £29,500. (See Agenda Item 11 below re part payment agreement.)

Local residents will be advised by hand delivered letter this week of work commencement with a request for considerate parking to allow lorry access. Work should take approximately 3 weeks.

Cllr Ms Neimer offered to put all this information on the Eccles Community facebook page. Agreed.

Members welcomed the commencement of this long planned for project and the Clerk was thanked for his work in bringing it to fruition.

39.3 – Page 2, 9. **Council Vacancies**

The Clerk reported that following the decision that the Council would not co-opt Anna Morrell as there was no adequate provisions within the Parish Office for child care during meetings, he proposed to explore all possibilities that might alleviate this situation He is also looking at room and furniture rearrangement, which could include the purchase of additional table/s, in order to accommodate the increased number of councillors. There will be a report back to P&R.

40. - **Environment Services – 28 July 2015**

Proposed by Cllr Ms Dorrington, seconded Cllr Balcombe as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

Matters arising

40.1 – Page 5, 15. **Walderslade Bollards** - One bollard received from Kent PROW. Exact location to be confirmed.

41 – **Environmental Services – 25 August 2015**

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Balcombe as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

Matters arising

41.1 – Page 5, 15. **Walderslade Bollards** - Clerk still to confirm exact bollard location with Kent PROW. Will be installed in-house.

42 – **Planning – 4 August 2015**

Proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted.

There were no matters arising.

43 – Planning – 1 September 2015

Proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Elvy as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted.

Matters Arising

43.1 – Page 4, 5. Any Other Business – 3. **Aylesford Nursery**

Clerk has ascertained from TMBC Enforcement Office that they are aware of the siting of mobile homes on this site and are monitoring the situation.

44. **Other Planning Matters**

44.1 – TM/15/02167 – **Land West of Lake Road Roundabout, Quarry Wood Industrial Estate (adjacent Pets at Home) – Erection of building for restaurants and reconfigured car parking.**

Parish Council objected to this application based on the loss of parking and the site being at full capacity. Owners, Crown Estates, have asked to address Members on their car park strategy which they consider will alleviate Members' concerns. Meeting arranged for 11.30am Wednesday 23 September, Parish Office.

AGENDA ITEM 9 - **To receive the observations of the County Councillor**

45. Cllr Homewood reported that:

45.1 – **Pedestrian Crossing, Bull Lane, Eccles** – Cllr Homewood confirmed that all Kent Highways criteria for a crossing have been met – speed of traffic, amount of pedestrians etc. Estimated cost is £18,000. Kent Highways have stated they are unable to fund the project. Cllr Homewood has committed half the cost from his Member's Grant and he asked the Parish Council to consider match funding.

Members considered this request and the Clerk confirmed that there were funds available to cover this.

Members considered this was a good value project in respect of health and safety for the residents of Eccles.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Balcombe that the Parish Council fund 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £10,000. This funding agreement was without setting a precedent for any further highway projects that would normally be seen to be the responsibility of Kent Highways. **Agreed unanimously.**

Cllr Homewood thanked Members for their support.

45.2 – Cllr Homewood informed Members that he has agreed to fund one of the replacement batteries for the Eccles Community Group's defibrillator - £300. The Group will be seeking to fund raise for the second battery.

Cllr Ms Neimer confirmed that the ECG are actively fund raising at the present time. She is also considering a microgrant application.

AGENDA ITEM 10 - To receive the observations of the Borough Councillors

46. No Borough Councillors present.

AGENDA ITEM 11 - Accounts for Payment

47.1 - Payment list distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix B** to these minutes.

15 payments totalling £7,174.04 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy. **AGREED**

47.2 – New Eccles Car Park. The Clerk requested authority to make a 50% part payment (£14,750) to Kent Turf Care mid way through the project to assist the company with cash flow for materials etc. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Balcombe and unanimously **agreed**.

AGENDA ITEM 12 - To consider any other items of correspondence/Any Other Business

48.1 – Kenward Trust – Thank you for donation.

48.2 – Royal British Legion – Request for donation towards £2500 for seat covers in new Garden of Honour Memorial. Several Members agreed to fund this full amount between them from microgrants. Exact figures to be clarified at FASC on 22 September.

48.3 – Royal British Legion – ‘Save the Date’ invitation to formal opening of the new Garden of Honour Memorial – Friday 2 October. Formal invitation awaited.

48.4 – Pop In Centre, Royal British Legion – Invitation to opening on 15 October.

48.5 – St Peters Primary School – Invitation to attend opening of Coronation Gardens Trim Trail – 25 September. Cllrs Balcombe, Mrs Gadd, Ms Dorrington, Rillie and Gledhill (if work commitments allow) to attend.

AGENDA ITEM 13 - 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.’

There were no confidential items of business this evening.

AGENDA ITEM 14 - Closure of the meeting

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