

# Aylesford Parish Council

## Meeting of the Council

### Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Link on 16 March 2021

**Present:** Councillors Balcombe (in the Chair) and Councillors Base, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi, Ms Papagno, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Sullivan, Walker, Williams and Wright

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Beadle and Hammond.

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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 Hammond (unwell), and Beadle (work commitment) were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

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

The Chairman informed everybody that he had attended various Zoom meetings, regarding the Panattoni development on the Aylesford Newsprint site, Oakapple Lane (known as the Pea Field) and the Croudace Homes Development on Hermitage Lane. He also attended a meeting with the other Parish's, Ditton, East Malling and Larkfield, Burham, West Malling and Wouldham all of whom are concerned about the amount of planning in the area.

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

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

**5. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 January 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor Balcombe and seconded by Councillor Rillie that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 January 2021 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 – 2 February 2021**

There were no Matters Arising.

**8. Policy and Resources Committee Minutes – 2 March 2021**

Minute 10 – Financial Regulations – Annual Review

It was **Agreed** that there be no amendments to the Financial Regulations this year.

Minute 11 – Statement of Internal Control

It was **Agreed** that the Statement of Internal Control 2021 as submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee be approved

**9. Environmental Services Committee Minutes – 26 January 2021**

There were no Matters Arising.

**10. Environmental Services Committee Minutes – 23 February 2021**

There were no Matters Arising.

**11. Planning Committee – 2 March 2021**

There were no Matters Arising.

**12. To Receive the Report of the County Councillor**

No report received.

**13. To Receive the Report of the Borough Councillors**

Borough Councillor Base confirmed that two large Planning Applications were going to the TMBC Area 3 Planning Committee on Thursday 18 March, they are the Pannatoni development and Oakapple Lane. He indicated that the Croudace Homes Hermitage

Lane application for 330 dwellings could be considered at Area 3 Planning Committee on 22 April but it could be later.

He also gave an update on the Local Plan situation - the Inspector has made it very clear that TMBC have failed in their duty to cooperate with Sevenoaks Borough Council. TMBC are waiting for the final report to arrive at which time they will ask the Secretary of State to intervene. It is expected this will happen within a matter of weeks.

He also reported that there is an Extraordinary meeting due to take place at TMBC whereby a motion to reduce the number of Councillors at the next election in 2022 be passed. If passed this would see a maximum of 43 Borough Councillors to be elected, a reduction of 10.

TMBC have increased the Council Tax by £5 but they still have an overall savings target of £475,000.

#### **14. 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 24 payments totalling £10314.36 be made.

#### **15. A20 London Road, Aylesford Roundabout Consultation**

The Council considered the consultation document from KCC and took into account the presentation from County Officers at a meeting last Tuesday. It was **Agreed** that the Clerk submit a response be to the County Council to include comments on the provision of Traffic Signal Ducting, the proposal of dealing with the Flooding on the A20, the possible re-siting of the zebra crossing on Hall Road, the provision of bus stops and the need for it to be safe for cyclists.

#### **16. Request from Aylesford Football Club for an Easter Holiday Football Club**

It was **Agreed** that a request received from Aylesford Football Club to run an Easter Holiday Club over the Easter period on 7/8/9 April and 14/15/16 April to be run in accordance with latest Government guidance and FA guidance be approved.

#### **17. Any Other Correspondence**

##### **Delegation of Clerks duties to the Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer**

The Chairman started by ensuring that members were aware of the Clerks recent resignation and took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for his past years of service to the Parish Council and members joined him in wishing him well for the future. While the Council has no Clerk and to ensure that the Council operates legally the following was **Agreed**

‘That all delegations to the Clerk are either given directly by the Council or its Committees or set out in the Council’s Standing Orders, Financial Regulations or any other Council document be exercised by the Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer, in the absence of the Clerk (either through being temporarily absent or the post being vacant), or as a result of the postholder being unable to act because of a disclosure of interest or some other impediment preventing action’

**18. Duration of Meeting**

7.30pm to 8.07pm