

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

held at Aylesford Parish Council Offices on

Tuesday 17 January 2017

Present: Cllrs Balcombe (Chairman), Ms Dorrington, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Homewood, Jones, Mrs Phibbs, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Walker, Winnett, Wright

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

Apologies: Cllrs Base, Mrs Brooks, Hammond

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

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

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Apologies for absence

71. - Cllrs Base, (TMBC meeting), Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Hammond (working)

Apologies and the reasons for their absence were noted and accepted.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Chairman's Announcements

72. Cllr Balcombe reported on his attendance with the Clerk at a meeting with the Royal British Legion regarding provision of play equipment in the RBL Village; and at a meeting with TMBC and other local Parish Council representatives to discuss traffic issues on the A20 Larkfield to Aylesford corridor.

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

There was no public attendance so the meeting was reopened.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Law and Order in the Parish

73. No report to this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 15 November 2016

74. These Minutes were proposed as a correct record of the meeting by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Elvy and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

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

75. There were no Matters Arising.

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

76 - Policy and Resources – 6 December 2016

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

There were no Matters Arising.

77. Policy and Resources – 3 January 2017

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

Specific **agreement** was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Shelley, to the 2017/18 Budget and Precept recommendation (page 3, item 12). **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising.

78 – Planning – 6 December 2016

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

Matters Arising

78.1 – Page 2, TM/16/03184 – **17 Gorse Crescent, Aylesford South**. Cllr Mrs Gadd reported that this application has been refused by TMBC. Her concern however was that despite the Parish Council and neighbour strong objections, Council Officers had seen fit to approve the application. She thanked local Borough Councillors for calling the application out resulting in the Area 3 Committee taking into account the objections and refusing the application. Members noted this with concern at the apparent lack of interest by the Officers in the objections received.

79 - Planning – 3 January 2017

Proposed by Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Elvy as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising.

80 – Environmental Services – 22 November 2016

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

There were no Matters Arising.

81 – Environmental Services – 13 December 2016

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

There were no Matters Arising

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

82. Cllr Homewood gave the following reports and responses to questions:

82.1 – Blue Bell Hill slip road towards Eccles/Aylesford – Lighting is again out on this road. Cllr Homewood will pursue with Kent Highways.

82.2 – Robin Hood Lane/Maidstone Road island has been constantly damaged by HGVs running over it. The verge has now been cut back and kerb realigned.

82.3 – Gritting and salting programme has been running successfully and at full strength during recent snow and low temperatures.

82.4 – Cllr Smith reported that HGVs are still entering the village thinking they can gain access to the A229. The ‘red sign’ advising no entry requires tree clearance. Cllr Homewood will arrange this.

82.5 – Cllr Walker thanked Cllr Homewood for arranging for the barrier installation at the bottom end of the disused Common Road slip road. It is hoped this will help prevent fly tipping at this location.

82.6 – Cllr Walker asked Cllr Homewood to chase up the installation of ‘halos’ around the Hall Road zebra crossing, which have been outstanding for several months. Cllr Homewood will pursue.

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

83. There were no Borough Councillor reports.

AGENDA ITEM 11 - **Accounts for Payment**

84 - Payment list distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix A** to these minutes.

17 payments totalling £7586.26 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy. **AGREED**

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

85. **KALC Meeting** – Cllr Gledhill reported on his attendance at the meeting held on 12 January. There were only five attendees and the main topic of discussion was the impending closure of the Nat West Bank at Borough Green. Objections are to be lodged. He questioned the validity of such meetings. Noted.

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.’

86. 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 7.50pm.