

Aylesford Parish Council

Meeting of the Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 September 2019 at the Aylesford Football Club Pavilion, Aylesford.

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

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

Apologies: Councillors Balcombe, Walker and Williams

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 (Holiday), Walker (Holiday) and Williams (TMBC meeting) were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

3. **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

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

Several members of the public raised their serious concerns about the Planning Applications relating to the increased HGV traffic movements along Bull Lane arising from vehicles accessing and exiting the western lake of the quarry. They felt that this additional traffic was not acceptable and only made the bad situation in Bull Lane much worse. They enquired whether the Council had raised an objection to these applications.

The Clerk indicated that the Council had objected and read the Council's objection to all present. Members of the Council also encouraged members of the public to also put their objections in as well.

In response to a question from a local resident the Clerk indicated that he would seek from the KCC Officer a decision-making timeline going forward and let the local resident know.

A number of residents also raised the application relating to 80 Rochester Road and whether the council was going to object to this application. The Clerk indicated that the Council would be considering this application at their meeting on 1 October where they would determine their view. Members encouraged the public to submit their comments to TMBC and the Clerk also stated that if the Council were copied into these objections would ensure that they were put before the members for their consideration with the planning application.

At the conclusion of the adjournment for public participation the Chairman reopened the meeting and the Community Warden updated everyone at the meeting about the work she had undertaken in the Aylesford area since the last meeting.

5. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 July 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Shelley and seconded by Councillor Oyewusi that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 July 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 – 3 September 2019

Minute 13 - Co-option to the Council

It was **Agreed** that Mrs Wendy Papagno be co-opted to the Council.

Minute 14 - Public Convenience Review – Aylesford Toilets

The issue of whether TMBC should be asked to retain these toilets as there was a lack of alternative provision was considered. It was **Agreed** that this matter should be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its next meeting

8. **Environmental Services Committee Minutes**

Environment Services – 23 July 2019

Minute 20 – Ferryfield – Play Equipment

The Clerk reported that works on Phase 1 of the Ferryfield Play Equipment project would commence on 30 September and would take no longer than 3 weeks and would open in time for School Half Term.

9. **Planning Committee Minutes**

Planning – 6 August 2019

There were no matters arising.

Planning – 3 September 2019

There were no matters arising.

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

County Councillor Homewood reported that he was starting to feel better and was getting back to meetings. He reported Paul Carter would be retiring as Leader of KCC soon. He also indicated that he would look into the applications relating to the HGV traffic in Bull Lane and endeavour to be at the KCC meeting at which they were discussed.

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

Councillor Base reported that the financial position for TMBC was not looking good at the moment with the need to find significant savings over the next 6 months. However, on a more positive note TMBC were looking to purchase further temporary accommodation for the homeless thereby reducing costs of accommodating the homeless. Additionally, the new waste contract was to start as of 30 September.

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 18 payments totalling £3875.86 be made.

13. **Any Other Correspondence**

Request for Use of Ferryfield by Aylesford Rugby Club

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Aylesford Rugby Club for use of the Ferryfield for car parking at the forthcoming Sunday Morning. It was **Agreed** that the Aylesford Rugby Club be allowed to use the Ferryfield for car parking on Sunday 22 September 2019.

14. **Duration of Meeting**

7.30pm to 8.45pm