

## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

held at Aylesford Football Pavilion, Forstal Road,  
Aylesford on

**Tuesday 19 September 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs Shelley (in the Chair), Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Rillie, Smith, Walker, Winnett

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Balcombe, Ms Dorrington

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

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

**AGENDA ITEM 2 - Apologies for absence**

40. - Cllrs Balcombe (holiday); Cllr Ms Dorrington (unwell)

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

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Chairman's Announcements**

41. There were no Chairman's announcements.

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

42. There was no public participation and the meeting was reopened.

**AGENDA ITEM 5 – Law and Order in the Parish**

43. Cllr Ludlow referred to the number of vehicles break-ins and stolen tools in the Eccles area recently. All have been reported to the police. He asked if there was any knowledge of other areas also experiencing thefts of this kind. Cllr Smith advised he was aware of similar incidents in the Burham area.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 - To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 18 July 2017 including Closed Session**

44. The Minutes were proposed as a correct record of the meeting by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

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

45. Page 5, 36.3 – **Toys R Us site, BBH**

Cllr Elvy reported that he had attended the public exhibition regarding the proposed redevelopment of this site which is to include an Aldi and KFC. He had raised his concerns at the loss of parking spaces and increased traffic congestion particularly leaving the site on to the Maidstone Road as there is no traffic regulation proposed. Although the site is within the Medway Authority, the Parish Council will be consulted as a near neighbour and it was **agreed** that these concerns will be stated when commenting on the formal planning application.

46. Closed Session – Mrs Collier thanked Members on behalf of the staff for the acknowledgement of efforts during recent traveller invasions.

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

47. **Policy and Resources –1 August 2017**

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

There were no Matters Arising.

48. **Policy and Resources – 5 September 2017**

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

Matters Arising

48.1 – Page 1, 4. **Parish Office Telephone System/Internet.** Clerk reported that the new system will be installed on 11 October.

49 – **Planning – 1 August 2017**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Smith as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted. **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising.

50 - **Planning – 5 September 2017**

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

Matters Arising

**50.1 – Page 4, 23 – 239 Robin Hood Lane, Blue Bell Hill**

Cllr Smith reported that work is continuing on this site despite the retrospective application not being considered by TMBC yet and the Parish Council's objection. He has reported this to TMBC and is very disappointed at the lack of response received from the TMBC Planning Department. He will be taking the matter up with Borough Councillors and Officers. Noted.

**51 – Environmental Services – 25 July 2017**

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

Matters Arising

**51.1 – Page 2, 5.2 – Overhanging Branches and Overgrown Pavements, Tunbury**  
Cllr Wright reported that some work has been done, mainly where growth is coming from private properties, but higher branches affecting high sided vehicles have not been cleared. Tunbury Avenue from its junction with the Walderslade Woods Road to Tunbury School is particularly affected. All road signage requires cleaning and vegetation clearance and lighting in Oaksdene is very obscured by vegetation. Local Members offered to do a 'walk round' with Kent Highways. Clerk to contact KH on all these matters. **Clerk**

**52 – Environmental Services – 22 August 2017**

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

Matters Arising

**52.1 – Page 1, 2.1 – Bull Lane/Pilgrims Road junction**

Clerk reported that this junction was discussed at the recent Three Villages Meeting where a progress report was urgently requested from County Councillor Homewood. This has now been received with details of speed limits, rumble strips and road markings. Clerk to make full report to ESC on 26 September.

**52.2 – Page 2, 5.1 – Fostington Way/Tunbury Avenue Speeding**

Local Members asked for sight of the evidence/data Kent Highways state they have researched relating to speeding in this area. Clerk to contact KH. **Clerk**

**52.3 – Page 6, 19.2 – Aylesford Quarry**

Cllr Elvy reported on his attendance with Cllr Homewood at a meeting to view the Aylesford Heritage Group's plans for the development of Aylesford Quarry. He considered it a well thought out development for just over 140 houses, but still with insufficient highway infrastructure proposals in place to cope with a likely extra 200 vehicles on Rochester Road and Bull Lane, insufficient parking at the most local station (Aylesford) and offering no real community benefit to the existing area. Fencing of the lake should be included for health and safety. There are therefore still a

number of issues to be addressed and based on the current information available Cllr Elvy would expect the Parish Council to object to any formal planning application.

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

53. No report to this meeting.

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

54. Borough Councillor Walker (Aylesford)

Cllr Walker stated TMBC are continuing to consider the outline application relating to the proposed Gladstone development in Hermitage Lane. They share the Parish Council view that highway infrastructure must be seen to be in place to resolve existing traffic issues as well as the likely impact of any additional development.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 - Accounts for Payment**

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

20 payments totalling £10343.25 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Shelley, seconded Cllr Elvy. **AGREED**

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

**56. Walderslade Woods – Its Future – Boxley Parish Council**

Request from Boxley Parish Council for Aylesford Parish Council to support their request for a reduction in the expected figure of 40% affordable housing in the proposed small development in Walderslade Woods which will provide the funding to invest in the management and maintenance of the remainder of the Walderslade Woods ancient woodland area to be owned and managed by Boxley Parish Council.

After consideration of the details supplied by Boxley PC (attached at **Appendix B** to these minutes) Members **agreed** to support the request for this reduction. **Clerk**

**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.’**

57. There were no confidential items of business.

**AGENDA ITEM 14 - Closure of the meeting**

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