

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

held at Tunbury Hall, Walderslade on

Tuesday 21 November 2017

Present: Cllrs Balcombe (in the Chair), Ms Dorrington, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Walker, Winnett, Wright

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

Apologies: Cllrs Base, Homewood

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

58.1 – Mr Harris and Mrs Collier declared an interest in Item 8, 64.1 – Policy & Resources 7 November 2017 – Item 5. Staffing Committee - and took no part in the discussion/decision.

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

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Apologies for absence

59. - Cllrs Base (holiday); Cllr Homewood (KCC meeting)

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

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Chairman's Announcements

60.1 – Aylesford Heritage Quarry Visit – Chairman and Clerk attended an interesting tour of the quarry site including the reservoir on the west side of Bull Lane.

60.2 – Chairman attended the Remembrance Day service at the British Legion Village and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

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

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Law and Order in the Parish

No report to this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 21 November 2017 including Closed Session

62.1 – Present – Add Cllr Wright

62.2 - Subject to this amendment, the Minutes were proposed as a correct record of the meeting by Cllr Shelley, 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)

63. There were no Matters Arising

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

64. **Policy and Resources – 3 October 2017**

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

AGREED

Matters Arising

64.1 – Page 1 – Item 4. FASC – Financial Risk Assessment. The Clerk distributed the final FRA draft to all members – attached at **Appendix A** to these minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Shelley and **agreed** unanimously.

65. **Policy and Resources – 7 November 2017**

Proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Wright as an accurate record of the meeting and actions included to be accepted including the recommendations of the Staffing Committee – page 1, Item 5. – Appendix C.

AGREED

Matters Arising

65.1 – Page 2, Item 9. Council Vacancies – Mrs Brooks. Cllr Balcombe asked that the formal thanks of the Council for nearly 15 years service be recorded. **Agreed** unanimously. Clerk will write to Mrs Brooks.

Clerk

66 – **Planning – 3 October 2017**

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

AGREED

There were no Matters Arising.

67 - Planning – 7 November 2017

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

There were no Matters Arising

68 – Environmental Services – 26 September 2017

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

There were no Matters Arising

69 – Environmental Services – 24 October 2017

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

Matters Arising

69.1 – Page 1, Item 2.1 – Bull Lane/Pilgrims Junction. Work on Phase 1 of the improvement works has been completed.

69.2 – Page 5, Item 18. Christmas Lighting

Aylesford village entrance tree – Contractors have found that the lighting installed on this tree several years ago has now failed and is irreparable. Replacement set quoted at £1057. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Ms Dorrington. **AGREED**
Clerk

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

70. No report to this meeting.

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

71. Borough Councillor Sullivan (Walderslade and Blue Bell Hill)

71.1 – Robin Hood Lane speed concerns – Borough Councillor Keers has taken this matter up on behalf of concerned residents. Speed monitoring strips to be installed for analysis and 30mph signs to be reviewed and cleared/cleaned.

Cllr Winnett asked why Kent Highways were prepared to carry out these investigations in RHL when he considered the speeding problem in Fostington Way was much worse. There are no 30 mph speed limit signs on this road.

71.2 – Upper Robin Hood Lane development – This development of 5 dwellings which was refused by TMBC and had its appeal dismissed, has been resubmitted now with a the reptile survey included. The omission of this survey was the only reason the appeal was dismissed so there is every likelihood there is now no case for refusal.

71.3 – Nil Desparandum (Big World Motoring) – There are concerns at the tree felling and land clearance being done on this site without permission including possibly trees with TPOs. TMBC are being assisted in their investigations by the Forestry Commission and a ‘Stop’ notice has now been placed on the site.

Cllr Smith reported that he believed work continues on the site despite the ‘Stop’ order. It is not clear exactly what area/type of work the ‘Stop’ order relates to and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries with TMBC Enforcement. **Clerk**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sullivan for his attendance and report.

72. Borough Councillor Walker (Aylesford)

72.1 – Railings on the A20 boundary with the retail development (Aldi/MacDonalds) have been identified as a danger as they do not prevent children running directly out into the road. Reported to Kent Highways.

73. School Sprinkler Systems – Cllr Ludlow asked if any Borough Councillors knew whether new school builds (such as in Peters Village) will automatically be fitted with sprinkler systems. Cllr Sullivan replied that this enquiry would need to be made to KCC.

AGENDA ITEM 11 - **Accounts for Payment**

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

17 payments totalling £1720.64 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Shelley, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd. **AGREED**

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

75. Community Information Evening: Centenary Village Hermitage Lane Development (RBLI) – Tuesday 28 November 5.00-7.00pm – Capel Morris Centre, Hall Road, Aylesford. All invited.

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.’**

76. There were no confidential items of business.

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

There being no further items of business, meeting closed at 8.07pm.