

Aylesford Parish Council

Meeting of the Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Parish Council Offices, Aylesford on Tuesday 23 July 2024

Present: Councillors Sullivan (Chairman) and Councillors Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Smith and Walker.

In Attendance : Mrs Randall (Clerk).

Also in Attendance: Borough Councillor Davis

Apologies: Councillors, Chapman, Mrs Ogun, and Borough Councillor Dalton.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Chapman, Mrs Ogun and Borough Councillor Dalton were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

2. 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.

3. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman informed members that he had attended the departure event of the cyclists who participated in the annual RBLI's Ride with a Veteran event.

4. Adjournment of the meeting to allow Public Participation.

There were no members of public present.

4.2 Police Report

There was no representation from Kent Police. The Clerk had provided members with the July Kent Police report that was sent to Parish Council's from KALC. **Noted**

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2024

It was proposed by Councillor Balcombe and Seconded by Councillor Gledhill that the Minutes of the Council held on 11 June 2024 be **approved** as a correct record and signed.

6. Any Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no Matters Arising.

7. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee on 2 July 2024. There were no matters arising.

8. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee on 2 July 2024. There were no matters arising.

9. To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Planning Committee

- a) It was **Agreed** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee on 2 July 2024. There were no matters arising.

10. To Receive the Report of the County Councillor

There was no County Councillor present, and no report was provided.

11. To Receive the Report of the Borough Councillor(s)

See attached report at Appendix A written by the Borough Councillors for Aylesford North and North Downs Ward. **Noted**

12. Accounts for Payment

The Council considered the Payment Schedule attached to the Agenda and Councillor Balcombe proposed and Councillor Mrs Gadd seconded and it was **Resolved** that 21 payments totaling £33,059.85 be made.

13. Council Vacancies

There is currently one vacancy for Eccles Ward. **Noted**

14. Decisions taken under S101 Delegated Authority

No decisions have been taken under S101 Delegated Authority.

Noted

15. To review the Reserves

The Clerk reminded members the Council had a reserve fund for the renewal of the remaining play equipment in Ferryfield, referred to as Phase 2 of the project. These funds were not needed as the Council was successful in obtaining a grant from the FCC Communities Foundation of £58,974.74.

The Clerk requested the Council's authorisation to transfer £4,179.62 from this reserve into the Cemetery budget to meet the shortfall of the cost to replace the Cemetery fencing.

Agreed

The Clerk also requested the Council's authorisation to transfer £3,017.50 from this reserve into a suitable budget code to fund the cost of the replacement streetlight in Old Bridge Gardens. **Agreed**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider reallocating the remaining funds from the Ferryfield Phase 2 Project to a new budget code "General Parish Improvements" and this could help fund several improvements around the Parish, such as those that were identified or suggested during the recent organised mini-bus trip around the Parish that some members went on. It could also assist with general tidying up within the Parish. The amount to be reallocated is £50,699.23. **Agreed**

A Councillor requested that two new Christmas Light motifs be considered for Eccles using these unallocated funds. After discussion it was **Agreed** this item will be added to a future agenda of the Environmental Services Committee.

16. Consider Any Other Items of Correspondence

There was no Other Correspondence.

17. Duration of Meeting

7:23pm to 7:52pm

REPORT TO AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL 23rd July 2024

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward
Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

**Aylesford South and Ditton Ward
Councillors Rob Cannon, Steve Hammond and Colin Williams**

**Walderslade Ward
Councillor Des Keers**

ALL WARDS ITEMS

GENERAL ELECTION

1. At the General Election on the 4th July the following candidates were elected:
 - a. Chatham and Aylesford - Tristram Osborne -Labour Party
 - b. Maidstone and Malling - Helen Grant - Conservative Party
 - c. Tonbridge – Tom Tugendhat – Conservative Party
2. We congratulate all the candidates and look forward to working with them for the benefit of our residents.

LOCAL PLAN -REGULATION 18B CONSULTATION

3. As a result of the new government's impending changes to the national planning regime, TMBC have had to delay their 18B consultation until the position is clearer. More information can be got from the press release at:

<mailto:https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/news/article/143/council-to-assess-impact-of-planning-changes-announced-by-new-government>

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4. Work is still progressing between our planning and IT departments.
5. The next step is to prove the communication program with selected TMBC Councillors and when that is successful to then migrate the information onto an Excel Spreadsheet for distribution round parish councils.

AYLESFORD NORTH & NORTH DOWNS ISSUES

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN PROGRESS

General

6. There has been little change in the ongoing enforcement actions in the ward since your last meeting.

Nursery Rochester Road Aylesford

7. No change on this report since last month. This application has been appealed and is now with the Planning Inspectorate. All other enforcement action must wait for the outcome of that appeal.

Land Rear of Mackenders Lane Eccles Aylesford Kent

8. Little change since the last report as the owner failed to attend the visit on the 10th June and another meeting with him is being set up.

9. There is a farm building that has been built in the last few months but that now is understood to be complete. It is a building for farm use such as storing farm machinery in. This building is permitted development.

10. There is also a caravan on site that is been occupied during the period of construction of the permanent building above. This is the subject of the enforcement action.

Land On Former Scout Camp Warren Road

11. This is with the legal team. Another prosecution is now pending and hopefully this will happen before the end of the year.

Land North of Lower Warren Road and East of Warren Road

12. Little change from the last report as we are now waiting for the 22 July enforcement deadline and any resultant follow up action.

13. As you know there have been 3 applications for the land:

- a. 20/01125/FL - Extension to existing stables - Approved
- b. 20/01845/RD - Drainage conditions for above - - Approved
- c. 22/00417/NMA - Addition of windows change of openings - Refused 25 Mar 22.

14. The last application resulted in two Enforcement Notices being served on 14th April 22 to two different people for the same reasons. This in turn led to two appeals to the Planning Inspectorate.

15. The appeal decision has come in with the Enforcement Notices upheld with a slight variation. This means their appeal has been dismissed and they must still carry out all necessary internal and external works so that the stable building is in accordance with the terms and conditions of approved planning permission TM/20/01125/FL. The 2-month compliance period, which will have been held in abeyance until the date of the appeal decision, means the new deadline is now 22 July. A compliance check will be arranged once this deadline has elapsed and before the case is closed.

16. Technically that does not mean that he can't live on the site but all the work to make it habitable must stop and be rectified.

AYLESFORD SOUTH AND DITTON

17. There are no specific Aylesford South ward items to report this time.

WALDESLADE WARD

18. Cllr Des Keers, the TMBC Cabinet Member for Community Services, draws your attention to the attached Cabinet Report - Community Development Grants report. The deadline for this year's application has passed but there will probably be similar grants next year.