

Aylesford Parish Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Parish Council Offices, Aylesford on Tuesday 5 November 2024

Present: Councillor Mrs Gadd (Chairman) and Councillors, Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Gledhill, Ms Oyewusi, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Smith, Sullivan and Walker.
Melanie Randall (Clerk to the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Chapman, Ludlow, Mrs Ogun and Hammond were received, and the reason for absence agreed.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. To Agree the Minutes of the last meeting held on 8 October 2024

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Any Matters Arising from the last minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Outdoor Gym Equipment in Forstal Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that she has two quotes, one like for like and one for the next model up from two different contractors. She will obtain a third quote then report fully to this committee. **Noted**

6. Any Other Correspondence

The notes from the Climate Change Forum meeting held on 29 October 2024 were noted.

The Clerk advised she has applied for a grant from Persimmon Homes for the South East as they have a Community Champions Scheme. This grant would fund the purchase and

installation of the disabled swing frame and seat in Podkin Meadow. The Council will not know if it has been successful or not until after Christmas. The Clerk will report back in due course.

The Clerk reported that the Council's gate and height barrier at Little Preston is in the process of being moved.

Councillor Fuller gave an update from Aylesford Football Club.

They have some volunteers and employees moving on to premier league clubs in a variety of roles. The Women's Team won their recent match with Reading and are now in the 2nd Round of the FA Cup for the first time in the club's history. They are one of only two teams left in Kent.

7. Duration of Meeting

7:58pm to 8:06pm