

Aylesford Parish Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Parish Council Offices, Aylesford on Tuesday 16 April 2024

Present: Councillor Mrs Gadd (Chairman) and Councillors, Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Chapman, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Gledhill, Mrs Ogun, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Smith and Sullivan.

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Hammond, Ms Oyewusi and Walker.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Hammond, Ms Oyewusi and Walker 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, except Councillor Fuller declared an interest in item 10. He left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2024

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Small Works Programme

It is hoped that this work will start at the end of the month, subject to it being dry enough. However, it is now grass cutting season so the contractor will fit the work in when they can.
Ongoing

5. Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

The Agreed Action Plan was submitted to KCC on 30 April 2022.
No update to report.

It was **Resolved** to remove this item from the agenda and if the Clerk receives further requests, she will put it back on the agenda for members consideration. **Closed**

6. Metal Coronation sign for Coronation Gardens

The Clerk informed the committee that staff have found someone who could potentially make His Majesty the Kings Cypher in metal/wrought iron and is in the process of obtaining a quote. It was **Agreed** that the Clerk will continue to source contractors who could potentially complete this work. She will find out if the Queens Cypher that is currently on the gates could be removed, which will have to be cut out as it does form part of the actual gates from when they were made. It is not bolted on. The Kings Cypher will be made to measure and then welded onto the gate. The Clerk will report back in due course. **Ongoing**

7. Eccles Car Park – White Lining

There was no update. The Clerk will continue with this once Year End is complete.

Ongoing

8. Tunbury Car Park – White Lining

There was no update. The Clerk will continue with this once Year End is complete.

Ongoing

9. Request received from a member of public to use Old Bridge Gardens

The clerk explained the request is for Sunday 9 June 2024 to host the annual Aylesford Big Lunch. It is a free community picnic event. They plan on having a bouncy castle, live music, possibly big Jenga, a bubble machine and various other outdoor games. All rubbish will be collected by organisers and they have arranged for TMBC to collect the bags the day after the event. The organiser also asked if the council would consider waiving the hire fee. The use of the land and waiving the fee was **Unanimously Agreed**.

Permission is based on the Clerk receiving the Public Liability Insurance Certificate for the Bouncy Castle which must be a minimum of £5m. The Insurance Policy for the event and Risk Assessment. The Council reserves the right to withdraw its permission if the documents are not provided by the deadline given to the resident may result in permission being withdrawn. The Council may also withdraw its permission up to 48 hours before the event if weather is such that damage will be caused to the ground by the event taking place.

If there is any damage to the land as a result of the event then the organiser will be fully responsible for carrying out all necessary repairs to the council's complete satisfaction.

Closed

10. Request received from Aylesford Football Club

The request is for the annual Tournament scheduled to take place on Saturday 31 August 2024 and Sunday 1 September 2024 on Forstal Recreation Ground. permission is requested to use the recreation ground for an ice cream van, photographers van, and possibly an inflatable dart board. They plan on using the Deacon Trading Estate for additional parking and have asked the Clerk to seek permission from TMBC for them to use the overflow grass parking

area by the bridge. It was **Unanimously Resolved** to permit the request, subject to the Clerk receiving the Public Liability Insurance Certificate for the inflatable dart board. The Council may also withdraw its permission up to 48 hours before the event if weather is such that damage will be caused to the ground by the event taking place.

If there is any damage to the land as a result of the event the Football Club will be fully responsible for carrying out all necessary repairs to the council's complete satisfaction.

Closed

11. Request received from an Eccles resident to use Eccles Recreation Ground on Saturday 6 July 2024

A request was received from a member of public for a Community Fun Day to be held on Eccles Recreation Ground on Saturday 6 July 2024. Current plans are for food vans, stalls, a stage, music, family games, picnic area, face painting, information stands and more. The Methodist Church will be available for toilet facilities and first aiders and stewards will also be on site for the duration of the event. There will be a designated dog exercise area for those who still wish to use the recreation ground to exercise their dogs but not attend the event. The resident will require keys to the gate and bollards to the recreation ground, which she has had before for previous events with no issues.

It was **Unanimously Resolved** to permit the request, subject to the Clerk receiving the Insurance Policy for the event and Risk Assessment.

The Council may withdraw its permission up to 48 hours before the event if weather is such that damage will be caused to the ground by the event taking place.

If there is any damage to the land as a result of the event the organiser will be fully responsible for carrying out all necessary repairs to the council's complete satisfaction.

Closed

12. Any Other Correspondence

The item on the agenda is a duplicate of the agenda of the 19 March 2024.

13. Duration of Meeting

7:39pm to 8:07pm