

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017
MINUTES

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Present: Cllrs Base (Chairman), Balcombe, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Homewood, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Wright

In attendance: Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Ms Dorrington, Gledhill, Walker, Winnett

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1. Apologies

Cllrs Ms Dorrington (holiday), Gledhill (hospital), Walker (TMBC meeting), Winnett (another meeting). Apologies and reasons noted and accepted.

2. Declarations of Interests – There were no declarations additional to those contained in the Register of Members’ Interests.

A. FOOTWAYS/HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING MATTERS

1. General Highway Report - No report to this meeting.

2. Eccles Highway Matters

2.1 - Bull Lane/Pilgrims Way junction

Scheme being progressed and construction to take place in October. Work expected to take 2 nights.

3. Blue Bell Hill Highway Matters

3.1 – Speedwatch – Equipment now working. Clerk has completed first stage of training. Awaiting news of the volunteers’ completion of same training.

4. Aylesford Highway Matters

4.1 - **Aylesford Village Square** - Awaiting revised plans from KCC. Cllr Homewood undertook to pursue progress on this project with KCC.

4.2 – A20 congestion between Larkfield and Aylesford

Cllr Homewood reported that the planned August widening scheme for Hermitage Lane has been postponed until September due to the major works being undertaken in August around the A20/New Hythe Lane.

4.3 – Alleged Unauthorised Advertising

Enquires regarding alleged unauthorised advertising at the entrance to Aylesford village have been passed to Kent Highways.

4.4 – Flooding Opposite the Brassey Centre

Cllr Rillie asked if works to solve this problem were being incorporated with the road closure to surface around the level crossing area. Deputy Clerk could only report that the problem has been acknowledged by KCC but no specific undertaken had been given to resolve it.

5. Walderslade Highway Matters

5.1 **Fostington Way/Tunbury Avenue Speeding** – Clerk will update at next meeting.

5.2 **Overhanging Branches and Overgrown Pavements** – Cllrs Wright and Elvy undertook to supply Cllr Homewood with exact details and whereabouts so he could pass the issues to Kent Highways.

6. Public Footpaths

New river towpath – TMBC have put a larger litter bin at the start of the path. To be monitored regarding any further requirements further in but this may involve emptying issues.

7. Street Lighting

All parish lights now upgraded to LED with the exception of Old Bridge Gardens – awaited.

8. Car Parks

Parish Council private car park at entrance to AVCC/Parish Council. To be relined in house.

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence - No report to this meeting.

B. RECREATION AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. All Sites

1.1 - Local **history signs** – Clerk will be looking at this following on from the Aylesford Village Square enhancement project.

1.2 - 2018 Grass Maintenance Contracts/In house

Arrangements for the delivery of new equipment in hand and expected in the next few weeks.

1.3 – All Sites Security

The following works have been ordered and should be in place imminently:

Two retractable bollards at Eccles recreation ground inside the existing locked wooden gate

Steel bund gate for Forstal Road recreation ground

Bollards at the entrance into the overflow Forstal Road recreation ground car park

Additional 2 bollards between the Community Centre and the play equipment

Steel barrier in the gap between Ferryfield and the Rugby Club

Steel barrier in the gap beside the Rugby Club car park leading to the race track

(In addition the Rugby Club are also improving their own security measures)

2. The Hollow

Request from a member of the public for an update of this play equipment area. Members asked the Clerk to prepare a report on this play equipment area with a view to any small improvements that could be implemented short term and a long term enhancement plan.

Clerk

3. Ferryfield

3.1 – Upgrade of multi-play equipment – Clerk to report back to Committee on progress in due course.

3.2 – Dog show – 21/22/23 July 2017 – Successful event with no problems reported.

3.3 – Rugby parking and pitch request – 17 September and 5 November 2017 – Already Agreed.

4. Forstal Road Recreation Ground

4.1 – Aylesford Scout Group 16 July Fun Day Fund Raising event. Successful event with no problems report. Initial enquiries made regarding a similar event next year.

4.2 – Aylesford Football Club Tournament – 2nd and 3rd September – Already agreed.

4.3 – Temporary boulders in place to prevent unauthorised access. To be removed when new bund gate is installed.

4.4 – Small water leak on boundary with recreation ground and Forstal Road. Repair completed.

4.5 – Request for use of small grassed area outside AVCC for charity event Saturday 23 September. They are aware recreation ground is likely to be in football use. **Agreed**

5. Allotments

Pricing for 2019/20. Clerk to report to future meeting.

Water leak in Eccles allotment supply. Repair completed.

6. Eccles Recreation Ground

6.1 - Temporary boulder in place to prevent unauthorised access. Contractor has been advised that this is the first priority for **bollard installation**. Gang mowing will be arranged as soon as bollards are in and boulder removed.

6.2 – As it appears the new security for Eccles Rec will be in place this week, **the Fair** (request agreed in principle at P&R July 2017) will be in attendance Monday 14 – Monday 21 August. Open for business Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

7. Tunbury Recreation Ground, Changing Rooms and Car Park - No report to this meeting.

8. Blue Bell Hill Recreation Ground - No report to this meeting.

9. Blue Bell Hill Pond Site – No report to this meeting.

10. Cemetery

Long term future extension. This item will appear on the ESC agenda each month for progress report from the Clerk as appropriate.

11. Churchyard - No report to this meeting.

12. Old Bridge Gardens - No report to this meeting.

13. Mill Hall (Beside Rose Cottage/Old Bridge) - No report to this meeting.

14. Yoakley Land - Fencing repairs carried out in-house.

15. Walderslade Open Spaces - No report to this meeting.

16. St Marks Square, Belgrave Street car park, New car park

16.1 - Minor repair to tarmac access road being investigated in order to prevent water accessing neighbouring property. Initial specification and quotation of £7200 considered to be excessive. Clerk still discussing with contractor a more basic solution.

17. Podkin Meadow

Long term project will continue in the Autumn.

18. Any Other ESC Business/Correspondence – No report to this meeting.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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