

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2016

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Ambrose, Balcombe, Base, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Walker, Winnett, Wright

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Elvy, Hammond, Homewood, Ms Neimer

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

2. Apologies

Apologies and the reasons from them were noted and reasons accepted as follows:

Cllrs Mrs Brooks – care of elderly relative; Elvy – unwell; Hammond – working; Homewood – KCC meeting; Ms Neimer – personal engagement;

3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 26 January 2016 were distributed and **agreed**. Attached at **Appendix A**.

Matters Arising

4. Hall Grants – Tunbury Hall – Sewage Pump Replacement. The Clerk reported that on previous occasions the Council had contributed 50% to schemes relating to the sewage pump as this has an impact on the changing rooms which were the Council’s responsibility. Therefore as this scheme costs £1684, the Council’s contribution would be £842 to be funded £500 from the maintenance fund for the changing rooms for 2016/17 and a further separate grant of £342. The Tunbury Hall contribution would be funded from the remaining funds in the 2015/16 grant (£143) and from the 2016/17 grant. It was proposed by Cllr Winnett, seconded Cllr Balcombe, to fund this scheme as set out above. **Agreed Clerk**

4. Accounts for Payment

Payment list attached at **Appendix B**. 35 payments totalling £26,734.28 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Balcombe – **agreed**. 2 late payments totalling £207.80 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Balcombe – **agreed**.

5. Law and Order - No report to this meeting.

6. Rugby Club/Netball League

Aylesford Rugby Club – Racetrack. Gallaghers have requested agreement to lay a drain on the racetrack from their premises at Coldharbour down to Hall Road as their current Kent Highway drain is blocked and are considering Council suggestion re installing a path for walkers when reinstating the land. Response awaited.

7. Flood Defences – No report to this meeting.

8. Council Vacancies

Current vacancies: 2 Aylesford South 1 Eccles

9. TMBC decision on Summer Playschemes

The Clerk reported that the TMBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee were recommending that their TMBC Summer Playscheme has been withdrawn with immediate effect. They intend to retain the Y2 Crew Programme which is aimed at disadvantaged children and to retain the Leisure Pass scheme. TMBC are interested in discussing replacement schemes with direct providers.

10. KCC Mobile Libraries Future

KCC are proposing to reduce the Mobile Library service, cancelling it in some areas and with a reduced and amended timetable in others. Aylesford will reduce from 3 to 1 site and Eccles visit has been rescheduled. Clerk will consider consultation document in detail and report back to next P&R meeting on 1 March in order to meet comments deadline of 4 March 2016.

Clerk

11. Blue Bell Hill Picnic Site

KCC’s advertised intention to sell this site has now been cancelled. There was considerable public opposition and the Leader of the Kent County Council has confirmed to Boxley Parish Council that plans to sell have been stopped.

At the meeting with Wouldham PC and Kent Wildlife Trust last week which was planned before the cancellation was known, KWT indicated they would not have been interested in purchasing the site. A joint Parish Council initiative was muted if KCC should decide to make it available for a peppercorn sum. Members **agreed** that they would be interested in pursuing this option of possible purchase if KCC considered disposing of the site in the future.

12. Any Other Business/Correspondence

12.1 - Forrests Funfair – Request to visit Ferryfield Tuesday 3 to Sunday 8 May 2016.

Agreed.

Clerk

12.2 – Maintenance Equipment – The Clerk sought authority to purchase a new commercial ‘blower’ - £370. **Agreed.**

Clerk

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.20pm.