

Aylesford Parish Council

Policy and Resources Committee

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held via Zoom link on 29 September 2020

Present: Councillor Balcombe (Chairman) and Councillors Base, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Hammond, Ms Papagno, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Sullivan, Walker, Williams and Winnett.

In Attendance: Neil Harris (Clerk) and Melanie Randall (Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer)

Apologies: Councillors Beadle, Ms Dorrington, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi, and Wright.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Beadle (work commitment), Ms Dorrington (personal commitment), Ludlow (personal commitment), Ms Oyewusi (personal commitment) and Wright (unwell) were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests but Councillor Base indicated that he would leave the meeting when the Aylesford Newsprint application was discussed as he might have to consider the application as a TMBC Councillor at the Area 3 Planning Committee..

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2020

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Aylesford Football Club 3G Football Pitch Proposal for the Forstal Road Recreation Ground

The Committee considered the report of the Clerk and also received a detailed presentation from James Fuller, Chairman of Aylesford Football Club, on the details of the Club's proposal for the development of a 3G Football Pitch at the Forstal Road Recreation Ground including responding to questions.

Following a detailed discussion of the proposal it was **Agreed** to support Aylesford Football Club's proposal for a 3G Football Pitch on the Forstal Road Recreation Ground.. It was further **Agreed** that the Council would make a joint application with Aylesford Football Club for funding from the Football Foundation and for the procurement of the 3G Football Pitch on the working assumption that it would end its involvement at the end of the procurement process but that any final decision would be made at a later stage.

5. TM/20/01829/OA – Aylesford Newsprint Planning Application

The Committee considered the planning application details and also the notes of a recent meeting at which Councillor Mrs Gadd had attended with representatives of Ditton and East Malling and Larkfield Parish Councils. The outcome of that meeting was the need for all 3 Councils to work together in formulating a response to this application. It was **Agreed** that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, be given delegated authority to agree a joint response to this application with Ditton and East Malling and Larkfield Parish Councils.

6. Duration of Meeting

7.30pm to 8.45pm