

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 3 MAY 2016**  
**Commenced 8.10pm**

**MINUTES**

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**Present:** Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Balcombe, Base, Ms Dorrington, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Rillie, Shelley, Walker, Wright

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Hammond, Homewood, Smith, Winnett

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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 from Cllrs Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Hammond (working), Homewood (KCC meeting), Smith (holiday), Winnett (holiday) were noted and reasons given accepted.

**3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee**

3.1 - Minutes of meeting held on 26 April 2016 attached at **Appendix A**. Proposed as accurate and recommendation agreed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Balcombe. **AGREED**

There were no Matters Arising.

**4. Accounts for Payment**

Payment list attached at **Appendix B**. 42 payments totalling £18450.20 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllrs Mrs Gadd and Cllr Elvy. **AGREED**

**5. Law and Order**

Community Warden Debbie Foreman request to hold regular surgeries in Parish Office. **Agreed** subject to consultation with the Clerk regarding mutually convenient day/time.

## 6. Rugby Club/Netball League

Quotations received for surfacing of 'gap' between the Rugby Club and Ferryfield.

£3800 ready made concrete surface plus new gate

£4200 mixed on site concrete surface plus new gate

£2550 road plannings surface plus new gate

Discussion took place on the most appropriate type of surface allowing for the fact that the tractor mower may require regular access, whether a gate is necessary (not in place at the present time) and whether the Council should fund the whole scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd that: 1) the contractor be asked to reprice the scheme on the basis of no gate; 2) the Clerk should discuss with the contractor which option would be best taking into account the usage and that there would be no gate; 3) the Clerk be authorised to proceed on the best technical option following his discussions with the contractor; 4) the Rugby Club be asked to make a contribution to the scheme.

The Clerk was authorised to proceed on this basis.

**AGREED**

## 7. Flood Defences

Village flood wardens vacancies to be advertised on the Council's website and local notice boards. Details have been supplied to the Clerk by Cllr Rillie including training dates.

**Clerk**

## 8. Council Vacancies

8.1 - Awaiting authority from TMBC to co-opt following Michael Ambrose's resignation.

8.2 - Current vacancies: 3 Aylesford South 1 Eccles

8.3 – Application (tabled and filed with the bound copy of these minutes at **Appendix C**) from Mr Colin Jones for co-option as a Councillor to Eccles Ward.

Members considered Mr Jones' application and **agreed** unanimously to co-opt him as a Member for Eccles Ward. Clerk to invite Mr Jones to make his declaration at or before the 17 May Council meeting.

**Clerk**

## 9. Replacement for Small Van

Clerk reported that Cllr Balcombe and himself were of the view that the purchase of a new van rather than leasing was the best option of the Council. Clerk is still negotiating the best price but should complete a purchase within the next few weeks. KCC have offered to take the existing van to auction on the Parish Council's behalf and this was agreed the best option for disposal.

## 10. Any Other Business/Correspondence

Members were reminded that 17 May 2016 is the Annual Meeting of the Council and Annual Parish Meeting. Nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Committee Membership and Annual Committee and Outside Body Reports should be sent to the Clerk by 10 May 2016.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.25pm.