

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2015
Commenced 8.10pm
MINUTES

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

Others: One Member of the Public

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Hammond, Homewood, Rillie

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

2. Apologies

Received from Cllrs Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Hammond (TMBC meeting), Homewood (KCC meeting), Rillie (personal engagement). Noted and reasons accepted.

3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 28 July 2015. Attached at **Appendix A**.

3.1 - Matters arising

4. Hall Grants – Tunbury Hall. On behalf of Tunbury Hall Management Committee, Cllr Wright thanked the Parish Council for its assistance with the roofing work which has been completed to a high standard by the contractor.

4. Accounts for Payment

Payment list attached at **Appendix B**. 30 payments totalling £22,406.27 have been checked and authorised for payment by Cllrs Mrs Gadd and Cllr Elvy. **Agreed** for payment.

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

6. New Eccles Car Park

Queries on lighting have now been resolved between the contractor and TMBC Environmental Officer. Awaiting formal approval from TMBC and signing of the lease by Trenport, both of which are expected imminently. Once received contractor will be given go ahead to order materials and it is hoped work will commence in September.

7. Rugby Club/Netball League

The Rugby and Netball Clubs have been advised of the rent review due to take place in August. Exact figures will depend on the Retail Price Index in August.

8. Flood Defences

8.1 – Cllr Base informed Members that a recent report from the TMBC Economic Regeneration Programme has indicated more funding will be released for flood defences. More details are awaited.

8.2 – The stream coped well with the recent heavy rainfall and has also since received weed clearance.

9. Council Vacancies

Current vacancies: 2 Aylesford South 2 Eccles

New recruitment signs have gone up on noticeboards and the website. Two Eccles residents have expressed an interest. Formal applications awaited.

10. TMBC Local Centres Fund Budget

Village square enhancement - Awaited suggested designs from Fitzpatrick Woolmer have not been forthcoming and the Clerk is now seeking alternative suppliers.

11. Social Media – Facebook/Twitter

Discussion as per request for consideration made by a member of the public at Council on 21 July 2015. Clerk is considering the advantages/disadvantages of this. Members favoured facebook over twitter, whilst recognising that any social media outlet must be used positively and with caution. Clerk will make a more detailed report to P&R in October. **Clerk**

Cllr Base reported that former Clerk Andrew Flindell's twitter account which he set up with Parish Council links is still current. Enquiries on removing this to be made. **Clerk**

12. Any Other Business/Correspondence

12.1 - **Nigel Tiller** – Mr Tiller’s length of service as a Parish Councillor May 2001 – May 2015 - 14 years. Members appreciated his efforts during this substantial period of time but it did not meet the criteria for the Council’s long service award of 15 years minimum.

12.2 – Cllr Walker sought the agreement of Members to arrange in conjunction with TMBC a **litter clearance** initiative for Hermitage Lane on Wed 2nd September. This was welcomed. Cllr Walker will distribute details nearer the time.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.35pm.