

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2015**

**Commenced 8.10pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Balcombe, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Wright, Hammond, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Winnett

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Ambrose, Base, Mrs Brooks, Ms Dorrington, Walker

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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 Ambrose (holiday), Base (business trip), Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Ms Dorrington (ill), Walker (TMBC Meeting) were noted and reasons accepted.

**3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee**

Minutes of meeting held on 22 September 2015. Attached at **Appendix A.**

Matters Arising

3.1 – 2015/16 Hall Grant application – Brassey Centre - £2000 for redecoration. **Agreed.**

**4. Accounts for Payment**

Payment list attached at **Appendix B.**

28 payments totalling £10,101.27 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy. **Agreed.**

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

**6. New Eccles Car Park**

The major part of the project is completed. Awaiting lighting certification and connection, some minor aesthetic works and signage. Should provide up to 40 car parking spaces and with the improvements to the surface at the rear of Belgrave Street make parking at the rear

of these properties more accessible this should release approximately a further 10 cars from Belgrave Street. It was **agreed** to open the car park for public use once the lighting has been connected this weekend.

## **7. Rugby Club/Netball League**

Club have requested use of Ferryfield for additional pitches and parking on Sunday 1 November for Mini Rugby Tournament. **Agreed** subject to usual conditions relating to ground/weather conditions and marshalling.

## **8. Flood Defences**

Cllr Rillie reported there will be a Flood Warden meeting at the end of October which he will attend. Noted.

## **9. Council Vacancies**

9.1 - Current vacancies: 2 Aylesford South 1 Eccles

9.2 – Clerk to report to a future meeting of the Committee on a social inclusion policy and on providing sufficient accommodation for full number of councillors.

## **10. TMBC Local Centres Fund Budget**

Village square enhancement - Clerk is now seeking alternative suppliers and quotes for street furniture including discussions with Gallaghers as instructed by Environmental Services Committee on 22 September 2015. Report will be made to ESC on 27 October 2015.

## **11. Social Media – Facebook/Twitter**

Clerk is aware that the Society of Local Council Clerks run courses on how Parish Councils can effectively use social media. He would like to attend one of these before making a recommendation to Council. **Agreed**. Initial thoughts are to use Facebook for the Parish Council to only post out information to the public and as a vehicle for the public to report their views which Members would then consider in meetings. It would not serve as discussion forum between the Council and public.

## **12. Any Other Business/Correspondence**

12.1 – Royal British Legion – Opening of the Pop In Centre on Thurs 15 October 2015 – 10am. All Members invited.

12.1 – Cllr Ms Neimer referred to footway clearance required in Eccles. Cllr Gledhill reported that he has clarified with Eccles Football Club that this is their responsibility and they are arranging clearance, possibility with the assistance of a microgrant from Cllr Gledhill. Cllr Ms Neimer also referred to the ‘Payback Scheme’ which is used by other Parish Councils for minor maintenance works. Clerk has the details and will look into this.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.45pm.