

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2016
Commenced 8.10pm

MINUTES

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Present: Cllrs Base, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Rillie, Smith, Walker, Winnett, Wright

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

Apologies: Cllrs Balcombe, Mrs Brooks, Elvy, Hammond, Homewood, Jones, Shelley

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In the absence of Cllrs Balcombe (Chairman) and Shelley (Vice Chairman), it was proposed that Cllr Mrs Gadd take the Chair for this meeting. **Agreed.**

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no Councillor declarations additional to those listed in the Register of Members' Interests.

Mr Harris and Mrs Collier declared an interest in item 11, National Salary Reward. The Clerk made a factual report only and took no part in the discussion/decision.

2. Apologies

Cllrs Balcombe (holiday), Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Elvy (funeral attendance), Hammond (work), Homewood (KCC meeting), Jones (holiday), Shelley (holiday). Apologies noted and reasons accepted.

3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

3.1 - Minutes of meeting held on 24 May 2016 attached at **Appendix A**. **Agreed** for accuracy and recommendations.

Matters Arising – There were no matters arising.

4. Accounts for Payment

Payment list attached at **Appendix B** - 38 payments totalling £34,993.99 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Gledhill. Payment **agreed**.

Late Payment – The Clerk requested authority to immediately pay Darren Pay, local handyman - £80 – for welding work recently carried out on the gate at Eccles Recreation.
Payment **agreed. Clerk**

5. Law and Order

Eccles – The Clerk reported that following a number of recent criminal incidents, a local Eccles resident had requested that the Parish Council install CCTV at either end of Bull Lane, Eccles. The Clerk estimated this would cost approximately £15,000. Members considered this request but concluded that this would not be good value for money. The Council will continue to support other crime prevention initiatives such as new neighbourhood watch schemes and regular contact with the local PSCO and Community Warden.

Tunbury Hall, Walderslade – Cllr Wright reported a recent incident of apparent vandalism at Tunbury Hall where high level windows have been damaged/broken.

6. Rugby Club/Netball League

Clerk to report on order placed for surfacing of ‘gap’ between the Rugby Club and Ferryfield based on the following:

After discussions with the Contractor, his advice was to proceed with road plannings. His revised quote minus the gate is £2200. The Rugby Club have also indicated they will contribute £300 to the scheme leaving the APC to pay £1900. Works should commence in the next few weeks.

7. Flood Defences

The stream and culvert in Aylesford village coped well with recent sudden heavy rainfall.

There were problems elsewhere – Hall Road/Station Road junction where local properties were at risk – Parish Council assistance given with sandbags; Station Road opposite the Brassey Centre – on-going problem; A20 adjacent Homebase – on-going problem.

8. Council Vacancies

8.1 - Authority from TMBC to co-opt following Michael Ambrose’s resignation granted.

8.2 - Current vacancies: 3 Aylesford South

9. Committee Membership

Revised list attached at **Appendix C**

10. Replacement for Small Van

Clerk reported that the new van had been ordered.

11. National Salary Reward

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the decision of the Council, the National Salary Award for 2016 of 1% would be implemented with salaries adjusted accordingly.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Winnett, that this be accepted. **Agreed**

12. Proposed Introduction of a Local Charge and Cessation of Financial Arrangements with Parish Council grant scheme and Proposed Withdrawal of Council Tax Reduction Grants w.e.f. April 2017

Consultation document was distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix D** to the bound copy of these minutes. Response to TMBC as at (a), (b), (c) and (d) at the end of the document was **agreed.** **Clerk**

13. Any Other Business/Correspondence – No reports to this meeting.

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