

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES

TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2014

MINUTES

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Present: Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Balcombe, Base, Elvy, Fielder, Mrs Gadd, Rillie, Smith, Winnett

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

Apologies: Cllrs Ambrose, Mrs Brooks, Homewood, Ms Hurley, Tiller, Wright

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1. Apologies – Noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

3. FASC Minutes 26 August 2014 – Attached at **Appendix A.**

Noted and actions **agreed.** There were no matters arising.

4. Accounts for Payment – Payment list attached at **Appendix B.**

21 payments totalling £ 11,650.88 were authorised and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy. **AGREED**

5. Law and Order

CCTV –Two cameras purchased. First has been installed opposite the Premier Parade shops in The Avenue, Aylesford. The second camera has been collected from the office by the police for installation in Fostington Way, overlooking Tunbury recreation ground. Installation imminent. It was confirmed that both these cameras are mobile and can be moved to other sites at the request and with the agreement of both the police and parish council.

Notices regarding ‘CCTV in the area’ are ready for installation which include reference to their provision by Aylesford Parish Council.

6. New Eccles Car Park

Transfer of the small piece of land from La Farge to Trenport has now been completed. The Lease between Trenport and the Council being progressed.

Clerk has commenced the action regarding the relaxation of the covenant on the small strip of St Marks Square required to widen the access to the new car park. The initial advice from the solicitor is that he is seeking a barrister to advise on whether there is a need to take the proposal to the Land Tribunal or not. Awaiting this advice and will then review how to take this matter forward to as early a conclusion as possible.

7. Council Policy on Recreation Ground Use

Signage for all Parish owned open spaces progress report. Awaiting final proof from Royal British Legion Industries of first sign for The Hollow.

8. Rugby Club/Netball League - No report to this meeting.

9. Flood Defences - No report to this meeting

10. Parish Council Website

Awaiting confirmation of conversion on to new site.

11. Staffing - No report to this meeting.

12. Council Vacancies

Vacancies still exist as follows:

1 Walderslade; 3 Aylesford South; 1 Eccles.

13. AVCC Lease

Lease progress. Negotiations are continuing between all parties. In the hands of solicitors.

14. TMBC Local Centres Fund Budget

Progress report on works planned for Aylesford village centre using this £7000 grant from TMBC. Clerk is awaiting information from the local traders association before he can proceed. General view is that work is urgently required on the condition of paving and trees in the centre of the village. Clerk is looking at whether there is the possibility of a joint project to enhance this area with Kent Highways, TMBC and the Parish Council.

15. Discussion on Full Council Meeting Dates and Venues for 2015

Proposed 2015 Full Council Meeting Programme (alternate months)

January – Aylesford Football Club Pavilion (Budget/Precept meeting)

March – St Albans Church Hall, Blue Bell Hill

May – Aylesford Football Club Pavilion (Annual Meetings)

July – Eccles Church Hall

September – Aylesford Football Club Pavilion

November – Tunbury Hall, Walderslade

This programme was **agreed**. Deputy Clerk to make hall bookings.

Clerk

Policy & Resources/Planning and Environmental Services/FASC Committees all remain on a monthly basis in the Parish Office.

16. Any Other Business/Correspondence

16.1 – AVCC Car Park Entrance – Gate pillar and wall were badly damaged by a vehicle on Tuesday 26 August. Quotation of £2400 has been agreed by the Clerk in order to get the urgent repairs undertaken as soon as possible. Booked for 5 September. **AGREED**
Enquiries are being made regarding those responsible for damage.

16.2 – Eccles Recreation Ground entrance – Gate and post damaged by Funfair leaving on Monday 1 September. They have admitted causing the damage. Quotation of £250 has been agreed by the Clerk in order to get the urgent repairs undertaken as soon as possible for security of the site. Booked for 10 September. Funfair's deposit of £150 will be retained and formal request made to them for an additional £100. **AGREED**

There being no other business or correspondence, meeting closed at 8.18pm.