

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
At Aylesford Football Club Pavilion, Aylesford
16 SEPTEMBER 2014
MINUTES**

Present: Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Base, Mrs Brooks, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Homewood, Tiller, Winnett, Wright

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

Others: 1 Member of the Public

Apologies: Cllrs Balcombe, Ms Hurley, Fielder, Rillie
Cllrs Davis, Sullivan

AGENDA ITEM 1

66. Declarations of Interest additional to those disclosed in the Members' Register of Interests

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

AGENDA ITEM 2

67. Apologies for absence - Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 3

68. Chairman's Announcements – No report to this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4

69. Adjournment of the meeting to allow for public participation (subject to the provisions of Standing Order 1(d))

Mrs Rillie (resident of Rochester Road, Aylesford)

Mrs Rillie questioned the objections of the Parish Council and TMBC sent to Kent Public Rights of Way regarding the proposal to reinstate bridleways in Aylesford and Eccles (as per ESC 26 August 2014 – Item 6) as they had previously supported the Valley of Vision project

in the area some years ago which included keeping these areas available to horse riders. Mrs Rillie has been advised of the PC objections by the Kent Public Rights of Way Officer dealing with the case. She realised the objections are based on concerns that removal of the motorcycle inhibitors would lead to a return of anti-social behaviour previously experienced but the areas have been free of this for many years and those who originally caused these problems will now have grown up and moved away. Also a police presence when these troubles were experienced was successful in catching the culprits and the seizure of one of the motorbikes involved was an effective deterrent.

Mrs Rillie stated that she believed the 'horse stiles' proposed to replace the motorbike inhibitors would be effective in preventing motorbike access as they do not have a wide enough gap between the sleepers to allow a bike to be lifted over.

Cllr Homewood commented that the area had had a long historical problem before the installation of the inhibitors with raves, fly-tipping and off road bikes. If the Council could be guaranteed that the new barriers were effective he would welcome the opportunity to reopen the bridleways to horse riders. There must also be access for pushchairs and mobility scooters.

Cllr Gledhill stated that the Parish Council supported horse riding around the Parish but not to the detriment of misuse by anti-social behaviour.

The Clerk reported that had received a response from Kent Public Rights of Way commenting on the objections raised by the Parish Council and asking it to reconsider their objection in the light of these comments. He indicated that he would be submitting this response to the next ESC meeting.

Members agreed to consider Mrs Rillie's and KPRofW comments at the next ESC meeting and to agree at that meeting whether they wished to make any amendments to their objections.

Cllr Gledhill thanked Mrs Rillie for her attendance.

There being no other public participation, the meeting was reopened.

AGENDA ITEM 5

70. Law and Order in the Parish

70.1 – Latest crime reports from PCSOs Iantosca (Aylesford) and Joanne Tiller (Eccles, Walderslade, Blue Bell Hill) were distributed to Members. Attached at **Appendix A**. Members acknowledged the report from PCSO Tiller this month but would welcome a little more detail re dates etc as per PCSO Iantosca's report. **Clerk**

Cllr Mrs Brooks also referred to a recent vehicle incident in Warren Road which does not appear on either report. Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 6

71. To confirm as a correct record and to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2014.

Minutes of the meeting were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and the actions contained therein agreed. **AGREED**

AGENDA ITEM 7

72. Matters Arising from the previous minutes (including those which required Members' action)

There were no matters arising.

AGENDA ITEM 8

73. To receive the report of the County Councillor Homewood

Cllr Homewood reported on KCC matters since his appointment as Chairman of Kent County Council earlier this year. Much effort is being put into 'Transformation' with many services being put out to private enterprise rather than in house in order to make necessary savings.

Cllr Tiller referred to 'unnecessary expenditure' being made in education on Educational Specialists being brought into schools. Cllr Homewood noted his comments.

Cllr Mrs Brooks asked whether these savings would affect childrens' services. Cllr Homewood stated that funding for childrens' services had been ring fenced and secured so there should be no cuts in these areas.

Cllr Homewood reported that £40,000,000 of the Icelandic investments has now been repaid, whilst the remaining £10,000,000 was expected back within the next two years. He added that these original investments had been made by KCC with HM Treasury permissions.

Cllr Gledhill thanked Cllr Homewood for his report.

AGENDA ITEM 9

74. To receive the reports of the Borough Councillors

There were no Borough Councillors present and no reports to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Committee reports/minutes: to consider and adopt minutes, and to deal with any matters arising

75. Environmental Services Committee –26 August 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Base, seconded Cllr Wright, that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **AGREED**

Matters Arising/Any Other ESC Business

75.1 – Page 3, 9. AOB – Blue Bell Hill milestone. Clerk reported that Kent Highways have agreed to do some resiting works on the stone. Clerk is seeking stone mason quotations to enhance the stone itself. Next meeting of ESC will consider whether Parish Council should fund this work. **Clerk**

75.2 – Page 5, 14. Yoakley Land – Cllr Homewood queried why the life buoy has not been reinstated. Problem regarding the most appropriate site in view of widely varying water levels in summer and winter will be considered by the Clerk and report made to next ESC meeting. **Clerk**

75.3 – Page 5, 17. Podkin Meadow barrier. Barrier itself has been delivered. Clerk to pursue installation with Station Haulage as soon as possible. **Clerk**

76. Policy and Resources – 2 September 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **AGREED**

Matters Arising/Any Other P&R Business

76.1 – Page 1, 5. Law and Order – CCTV. Both cameras are now installed. Clerk confirmed that the police and Council can view the images on the dedicated lap top in its possession.

77. Planning –5 August 2014

77.1 – Page 1, 1. Declarations of Interest – second line. Delete ‘application is know’ and insert ‘applicant is known’.

Subject to this amendment, it was proposed by Cllr Elvy, seconded by Cllr Base, that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the actions proposed agreed. **/AGREED**

There was no Matters Arising/Any Other Planning Business.

AGENDA ITEM 11

78. Accounts for Payment – Payment list distributed to all Members and attached at **Appendix B.**

78.1 – 23 payments totalling £12,845.84 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed.**

AGENDA ITEM 12

79. To consider any other items of correspondence/Any Other Business

79.1 – Kent Air Ambulance Service – Thank you for donation.

79.2 – Aylesford Church – Invitation to all Councillors and staff to attend and participate in a Community Celebration Service on Sunday 19 October. Noted. Cllr Gledhill will be attending.

AGENDA ITEM 13

80. Chairman to move that: ‘The press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as publicity for any confidential aspects of the business identified in agenda items 1 – 12 above would be likely to prejudice the public interest.’

Not required.

AGENDA ITEM 14

81. Closure of the meeting at or before 9.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.