

**AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
AT AYLESFORD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
17 DECEMBER 2013**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Ambrose, Balcombe, Base, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Green, Homewood, Rillie, Smith, Tiller, Winnett, Wright

In Attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk
PCSO Tony Iantosca (part meeting)

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Ms Hurley
Cllrs Dalton, Davis, Smith, Sullivan

AGENDA ITEM 1

114. 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

115. Apologies for absence - Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 3

116. Chairman's Announcements

116.1 – Chairman detailed office hours for the Christmas/New Year period.

Non bank holidays (except 27 December) – office open 9am to 1.30pm

Bank Holidays and 27 December – office closed

116.2 – Chairman thanked Cllr Green for his efforts as a Parish Councillor and Vice Chairman to the Council following his resignation with effect from 31 December. His enthusiasm and new perspective over the last three years have greatly contributed to moving the Council forward.

Cllr Green responded that he has enjoyed his time with the Council and wished it every success in the future.

116.3 – The Chairman reported the resignation of Michelle Rumble, Finance Officer, to take up an appointment as Clerk to Bearstead Council. Members congratulated Michelle on this promotion and wished her every success. Details regarding exact leaving date and vacancy implications to be considered in the New Year.

116.4 – The Chairman reminded Members of the opening ceremony for the MUGA at 2.30pm on Friday 20 December in Ferryfield to be attended by Tracey Crouch MP. All welcome.

116.5 – The Chairman looked forward to wishing all Members a Happy Christmas with refreshments after the meeting this evening.

AGENDA ITEM 4

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

There was no public attendance and the meeting was reopened.

AGENDA ITEM 5

118. Law and Order in the Parish

PCSO Tony Iantosca introduced the Crime report for November distributed to Members and attached in the bound copy of the minutes at **Appendix A**.

Tony emphasised the need for security over the Christmas period, keeping valuables out of sight and locking doors and windows as most crime is opportunist. He also emphasised the police's appreciation of residents vigilance and reports.

The Chairman thanked Tony for his attendance tonight. Members accepted the police are not able to attend every meeting but are aware they keep in regular contact with the office and appreciate their efforts around the parish.

AGENDA ITEM 6

119. To confirm as a correct record and to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 19 November 2013

The Open Minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Wright and **agreed**.

The Closed Session Minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed.**

AGENDA ITEM 7

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

120.1 – Page 5, 112.1 – New Quarry Owners. The Chairman reported that an informative meeting was held with representatives of the new owner Roger Body who is running the quarry under the name of Aylesford Heritage Ltd. Mr Body also has business interests in waste disposal and haulage. They have a license to quarry until 2042. The quarry is currently in a run down condition and their priority is to make it safe and secure. Fishing rights may be introduced in the future but there are no plans for residential development. Another meeting will be arranged for the Spring when they may have formulated a more detailed forward plan.

AGENDA ITEM 8

121. To receive the report of the County Councillor

Cllr Homewood stated he has no report for the meeting but took questions.

Cllr Smith asked Cllr Homewood to investigate how lorries can be prevented from entering Blue Bell Hill Village thinking they can exit down on to the A229. Then, when finding the slip road closed, they are damaging the grass verges turning round. Cllr Homewood agreed to pass these details to Kent Highways for a solution.

AGENDA ITEM 9

122. To receive the reports of the Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor Davis – Apologies and report received on update of T&M Cycle Strategy. Available in the Parish Office. Amendments supported by this Parish Council have been included. Members agreed they had no further comments to make at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 10

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

123. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – 26 November 2013

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

Matters Arising/Other ESC Business

123.1 – 18. Christmas Lighting – Local Members reported there is still a problem with one of the original BBH tree lights. To be reported to Gala Lights in the morning. **Clerk**

124. **POLICY AND RESOURCES – 3 December 2013**

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

Matters Arising/Other P&R Business

124.1 – Page 2, 9. Council Policy on Recreation Ground Use – Logo

Clerk distributed the latest draft design. Tree for Walderslade has been amended to an oak tree. Design was **agreed** with a slight amendment to the Kits Coty stone. It was further **agreed** that this will be adopted as a logo for all parish council matters ie. stationery, signs etc. **Clerk**

125. **PLANNING – 3 December 2013**

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

Matters arising/Other Planning Business:

No report to this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11

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

126.1 – 26 payments totalling £102844.08 were proposed for payment by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed.**

Cllr Gledhill drew members attention to cheque 009810 to Wicksteed which included payment for the MUGA at the quoted price and payment of various repairs following the annual play equipment inspection which had come in slightly under the original quotation.

AGENDA ITEM 12

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

Available at this meeting or in the Parish Office

127.1 – Medway Council – Medway Submission Draft Core Strategy – Withdrawal of Strategy relating to Lodge Hill, Chattenden following its listing as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Noted.

127.2 – KCC – Roadwork details for A229 Running Horse commencing in April.

AGENDA ITEM 13

128. 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

129. Closure of the meeting at or before 9.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.12pm.