

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

MINUTES

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Balcombe, Mrs Gadd, Ms Hurley, Homewood
Borough Councillors

AGENDA ITEM 1

70. 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

71. Apologies for absence - Noted.

AGENDA ITEM 3

72. Chairman's Announcements

72.1 – The Chairman welcomed Neil Harris as Clerk to the Council and wished him a long and happy association with the Council.

72.2 – The Chairman reported that Michelle Rumble has returned from six weeks sick leave following her operation and is fully recovered.

AGENDA ITEM 4

73. Co-option of Mr Ambrose as Parish Councillor representing Aylesford South

As per the agreement of P&R on 3 September 2013 (item 15.) the Chairman invited Mr Ambrose to make his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk. This

was done and the Chairman welcomed and wished him a long and happy association with the Council. Cllr Ambrose then joined the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5

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

There were no members of the public present and the meeting was reopened.

AGENDA ITEM 6

75. Law and Order in the Parish

75.1 Crime report distributed to Members and attached in the bound copy of the minutes at **Appendix A.**

Members questioned, in view of the statement at the top of the report, whether they were receiving full details of all crimes reported. Clerk to discuss with PCSOs on their next visit to the office. **Clerk**

Blue Bell Hill Members queried why there was no reference in the report to the traveller invasion on Podkin Meadow. Our local PCSOs had not attended the incident but other officers had and a Section 61 was issued by the police to evict the travellers so some reference in the report might be expected. Clerk to discuss with PCSOs on their next visit to the office. **Clerk**

AGENDA ITEM 7

76. To confirm as a correct record and to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2013

76.1 - Open Minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed.**

76.2 - Closed Session Minutes – Fourth paragraph – Delete ‘and Green’. Subject to this amendment the closed session minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed.** .

AGENDA ITEM 8

77. Matters Arising from the previous minutes (including those which required Members’ action)

77.1 – Page 3, 62.2 – Natural Burial Ground Application, BBH – Cllr Tiller reported that he understood this application has been withdrawn by the applicant. We await to see if it is resubmitted.

77.2 – Page 5, 67.1 – Hermitage Quarry Management Advisory Group – The Clerk reported he had attended this first meeting (17 September) with Cllr Balcombe. The management plan

was discussed together with details of the landscaping proposed. There was also an interesting site visit. It is very early days in the 25 year scheme and work will not really commence until Spring 2014 beginning with the building of a subway to link the two sites which will take approximately 9 months. The next meeting of the Advisory Group is therefore not planned until September 2014.

AGENDA ITEM 9

73. To receive the report of the County Councillor

Apologies received from Cllr Homewood. No report.

AGENDA ITEM 10

74. To receive the reports of the Borough Councillors

74.1 - Apologies received from all Borough Councillors.

74.2 - Report received from Cllr Smith (Aylesford)

Inconsiderate parking by residents on Greenacres Estate – Police have been knocking on doors explaining why there should not be parking on junctions.

Kent Highways have been asked to look at relining Hall Road and Greenacres speed humps.

Kent Highways have agreed there is a need for more gullies in Aylesford High Street to improve drainage. Site meeting awaited.

MUGA for Ferryfield – Cllr Smith asked for progress details. Advised that quotation will be considered at ESC on 24 September. Parish Council will probably have to fund whole project initially as S136 payment will not be made until Bunyards Farm development commences. Actual siting still be agreed.

AGENDA ITEM 11

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

75. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – 27 August 2013

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/Other ESC Business

75.1 – Page 1, 1. General Highway Report – Advertising signs. Cllr Rillie commented that TMBC Planning Application notices are being left on lamp posts in a tatty condition long after the consultation period has passed. He would like to see them removed as a matter of course after deadlines have passed. To be reported to TMBC Planning. **Clerk**

75.2 – Page 3, 3.1 – Ferryfield Circus Visit – Some minor damage caused to main gates when the circus departed and some promotional signs not removed. Deposit of £150 has been retained with the circus’s agreement to cover repair costs.

75.3 – Page 5, 16. Podkin Meadow – Tarmac footpath surfacing work is now showing to be unsatisfactory with weeds growing through it and no edging to prevent soil falling through from adjacent garden. Reported to contractor requesting he inspects and report back to the Parish Office. Response awaited. Report to ESC on 24 September.

76. POLICY AND RESOURCES –2 September 2013

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

Matters Arising/Other P&R Business

76.1 – Page 1, Flood Defence Funding Request – Awaiting report from the Environment Agency following the two public meetings.

76.2 – Page 2, 5. AVCC Outside toilet renovation – Work has commenced.

76.3 – Page 3, 8. Further allotment site/recreation land. Cllr Base reported that he and Cllr Balcombe have written to Tracey Crouch MP regarding KCC refusal to part with this land and have received an acknowledgement stating that she has contacted KCC requesting further information.

76.4 – Page 3, 9.2 – Aylesford Football Club Tournament – Deputy Clerk reported that she has spoken to the Secretary of the Club regarding the parking difficulties who acknowledged there had been a problem. Club very happy to have a meeting re 2014 tournament in the New Year.

77. PLANNING – 2 September 2013

It was proposed by Cllr Elvy, 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 Planning Business: - No other matters for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 12

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

Cllr Gledhill had checked and approved the cheque list earlier today.

19 payments totalling £5338.47 were proposed for payment by Cllr Gledhill, seconded Cllr Elvy. **AGREED**

AGENDA ITEM 12

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

79.1 – Kent Community Rail Partnership – Discover the Medway Valley special train – Sunday 20 October. Details distributed to all members.

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.’

There were no confidential matters.

AGENDA ITEM 15

81. Closure of the meeting at or before 9.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.08pm.