

## **Public Convenience Review – Aylesford Toilets**

### **Correspondence sent to TMBC on 1 April 2020**

Firstly, my apologies for a delay in replying but in response to the offer from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council set out below as clarified in discussions with yourself and other Council Officers the Parish Council would respond as follows.

The unique circumstances of the position regarding the public conveniences provided by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council in Aylesford village is that they are provided, maintained and operated by the Borough Council on land leased to them by the Parish Council. When the lease runs out in May 2021 there is an obligation on the Borough Council to continue to provide the public conveniences or if no longer providing to then act in accordance with the lease which would be to remove the building and reinstate it to its former condition.

However, the Parish Council, in order to continue the provision of these public conveniences, would be happy to enter into a Community Use Agreement with the Borough Council which would commit it to providing and maintaining this facility for a period of 5 years for a payment of £8000 to be made at the outset of taking on this responsibility. This would be subject to a condition that, if both parties agree, that the public conveniences could be closed at an earlier date.

This agreement would be in addition to any payments proposed in the original offer made by the Borough Council for taking on the responsibility for providing these public conveniences.

The Council fully understands that this response will need consideration. It is also aware that the current position is quite unique and that it might take a little time before this matter can be brought to a conclusion.

### **Additional Information**

In recent times there have been issues with the toilets in the village firstly there was a problem when they were closed due to maintenance problems and no running water which was when there were ASB problems in the Old Bridge Gardens as a result. On the 29 June it was also necessary for the toilets to be closed due to vandalism in the men's toilet and no running water in the ladies. It is believed these issues have now been resolved.