

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2017**  
**Commenced 7.50pm**  
**MINUTES**

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**Present:** Cllrs Balcombe (Chairman), Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Shelley, Walker, Wright, Winnett

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Elvy, Ludlow, Smith

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**1. Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations additional to those contained in the Register of Members' Interests.

**2. Apologies**

Noted and reasons accepted – Cllrs Elvy (holiday), Ludlow (family commitment), Smith (holiday).

**3. Accounts for Payment** – Attached at **Appendix A**. 19 payments totalling £14340.23 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Shelley, checked and seconded for payment by Cllr Gledhill, and **agreed**.

**4. Finance Advisory Sub Committee**

Minutes of meeting held on 26 September 2017 – Attached at **Appendix B**. Proposed by Cllr Shelley, seconded Cllr Gledhill, as an accurate record of the meeting and recommendations proposed **agreed**.

Matters arising

Page 2, Item 8. **Financial Risk Assessment**. Following a comment from Cllr Elvy regarding the order of checks and approvals for payments, the Clerk reported that he has amended the FRA accordingly. Final draft will be distributed for agreement at Council on 21 November.

**5. Law and Order** – No report to this meeting.

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

**7. Flood Defences**

The Parish Council has advertised for more volunteer Flood Wardens. There is a training course taking place locally in October. Details available in the Parish Office.

**8. Council Vacancies** - 3 Aylesford South.

## 9. Parish Office

New telephone system due for installation on 11 October.

## 10. KALC/TMBC Meetings

Next meeting to be held on 12 October. Will include further consideration of the TMBC Parish Charter. Cllr Shelley to attend.

## 11. TMBC Parish Partnership Panel

Cllr Shelley attended the meeting held on 7 September and gave the following report:

Meeting was attended by several TMBC Officers and a police representative.

Discussion took place on the draft TMBC Parish Charter. Considered to be a slimmed down document concentrating on principles. In the process of adoption. *Will also be considered at the KALC meeting on 12 October.*

Police report that there are now 300 more officers on the front line; that they are addressing thefts of farming and stable equipment and are depending on information from the community; following complaints about the length of time it takes to report incidents to the 101 service, online reporting of crime will be introduced in 18 months time; the ability to send images/videos of crimes immediately they are happening/happened is something they are working on; PSCOs have limited powers and no powers of arrest, they are problem solvers and communicators; crime is committed by all sections of the community.

Lorry Watch – Details were provided on how to set up this scheme. *To be posted on the Parish Website.* **Clerk**

Mention was made of Apprentice Kent ‘Made in Kent’ and Kent Fostering.

Progress on Hermitage Lane work can be followed on [www.kent.gov.uk/hermitagelane](http://www.kent.gov.uk/hermitagelane)

Next meeting 16 November.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Shelley for his attendance and report.

## 12. Any Other Business/Correspondence

12.1 – Cllr Ms Dorrington referred to the increasing amount of overnight lorry parking at the Royal British Legion Village. Cllr Walker undertook to contact the RBLI to ascertain if there was a particular reason for this. **Walker**

12.2 – The Aylesford Village Community Centre will be holding their AGM on Tues 10 October. All Members are invited to attend.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.10pm.