

Aylesford Parish Council

Policy and Resources Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 2020

Present: Councillor Balcombe (Chairman) and Councillors Beadle, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Shelley, Smith, Walker, Winnett and Wright.

In Attendance: Neil Harris (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi, Ms Papagno, Rillie, and Sullivan.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Ludlow (work commitment) Ms Oyewusi (holiday), Ms Papagno (personal commitment), Rillie (unwell) and Sullivan (personal commitment) were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2020

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Accounts for Payment

The Council considered the Payment Schedule attached to the Agenda and Councillor Shelley proposed and Councillor Mrs Gadd seconded and it was **Agreed** that 32 payments totalling £15069.81 be made.

5. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

The Committee received the minutes of the Finance Advisory Sub Committee held on 28 January 2020. It was **Agreed** to note the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2020.

6. **Financial Matters**

The Clerk had nothing to report to the committee.

7. **Law and Order**

The Committee considered the monthly Community Newsletter for January from the Tonbridge and Malling Police Community Safety Team, a copy of which was attached to the Agenda.

The Clerk reported that he had received a response from Sergeant Alvey to his letter sent to Chief Inspector Steenhuis, the Area Commander, regarding policing in Aylesford Village. She indicated that the Police were taking a number of steps including making Aylesford a red route, the Police Licensing Officer visiting the shop to offer advice, sending the new Crime Prevention PCSO in to formulate a plan for the area and the Council had also received a specific visit from its own PCSO. The Committee noted the response.

8. **KALC**

The Clerk had nothing to report to the committee.

9. **TMBC Parish Partnership Panel**

Councillor Shelley indicated that the next meeting was this Thursday.

10. **Council Vacancies**

It was **Noted** that the current vacancies on the Council were as follows: -

Aylesford South - 1.

11. **Public Convenience Review – Aylesford Toilets**

The Clerk reported that the Chairman, Councillor Sullivan and he had met with the TMBC Officers which had been very useful and the idea of the Council entering into a Community Use Agreement was being investigated.

12. **Aylesford Rugby Club – Request for Hardstanding's on road leading to Rugby Club Car Park**

It was reported that a meeting had taken place with the Rugby Club, at which the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Gadd and Officers were present. At that meeting the Club had outlined their proposal to place hardstanding's on both sides of the road leading to the

Rugby Club Car Park to be funded by themselves. The hardstanding's nearest to the cemetery would run parallel to the road whilst those on the other side would allow vehicles to park at 90 degrees to the kerb. The Rugby Club also indicated that they would be happy to cut the grass in this area if a scheme was to go ahead. They intended to hold a number of discussions with potential supporters as a means of taking this forward if they received the support of the Council. It was **Agreed** to support this scheme subject to receiving more detailed plans from the Rugby Club setting out the detail of project for the introduction of hardstanding's on the access road.

13. Music Event at Aylesford Rugby Club on 14/15/16 August 2020

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by the Rugby Club regarding the use of the Ferryfield for car parking and as an access point for a music event to be held on the Rugby Club grounds on the weekend of 14/15/16 August 2020. The Rugby Club indicated that they were looking for the same levels of parking as at the larger Rugby Club festivals held at the Club. The Clerk reported to the Committee the limited information he had received regarding the overall event. It was **Agreed** that before the Council could make a decision about allowing the Ferryfield to be used for car parking and as a means of access to this event it would require further information regarding the event which should include details of its operation, general access arrangements, views of TMBC Licensing and information re charging particularly as it relates to parking.

14. Duration of Meeting

7.54pm to 8.25pm