

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2016
Commenced 7.50pm

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MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Ambrose, Balcombe, Base, Ms Dorrington, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Ms Neimer, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Winnett, Wright

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Homewood, Walker

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1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs Brooks (care of an elderly relative), Homewood (KCC meeting), Walker (TMBC meeting) – Noted and reasons accepted.

3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 15 December 2015. Attached at **Appendix A.** **Agreed** for accuracy and recommendations **accepted.**

4. Accounts for Payment

Payment list attached at **Appendix B.** Checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy. **Agreed.**

Late Payment – T.J. Gardening & Landscapes - £119 – Boundary Fence Clearance Bull Lane – Cllr Gledhill microgrant. Checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy. **Agreed.**

47 payments agreed totalling £83538.45.

5. Law and Order - No report to this meeting.

6. **Rugby Club/Netball League**

Aylesford Rugby Club – Racetrack. Gallaghers have requested agreement to lay a drain on the racetrack from their premises at Coldharbour down to Hall Road as their current Kent Highway drain is blocked and are considering Council suggestion re installing a path for walkers when reinstating the land. Response awaited.

7. **Flood Defences** – No report to this meeting.

8. **Council Vacancies**

8.1 - Current vacancies: 2 Aylesford South 1 Eccles

8.2 – Clerk to report to a future meeting of the Committee on a social inclusion policy

9. **TMBC Review of Holiday Activity Programmes**

TMBC have written seeking the Parish Council's views on their review of their Holiday Activity Programme (HAP) being undertaken as part of their work to find £1.4m of savings. The programme currently consists of 3 parts namely Activate, Y2 Crew and Playscheme. This Council currently contributes £500 to Y2 Crew and £2500 to operate a 3rd week of the playscheme in the summer. Playschemes are currently held in Aylesford and Tunbury. TMBC are reviewing the scheme to consider whether to withdraw from direct provision of the programme and to encourage other providers to deliver the service but continuing to give support to families unable to afford the full costs of the programme via TMBC's Leisure Pass scheme.

The Council has been asked for our views on this change and in particular if there was a different provider in place at our local centres whether the Council would continue to give financial support and also whether the Council itself would be willing to be a direct provider.

Following discussion Members considered three options:

1. Whether they wished to see the HAP continue in some form – It was **agreed** the HAP was a valuable community service.
2. Whether they wished to continue to support the HAP with a funding contribution of £3000 – It was **agreed** Members were happy to continue to provide this financial contribution for the provision of this service throughout the whole Parish.
3. Whether they wished to become a direct provider of the HAP – It was **agreed** that, at this moment and based on the information available, the Parish Council did not wish to become a direct provider.

Clerk will respond accordingly to TMBC in order to meet the consultation deadline of 26 January 2016.

Clerk

9. Budget and Precept 2016/17

The Clerk's report and budget detail proposals for 2016/17 were distributed to Members before the meeting and were considered in detail this evening. Report and budget summary attached at **Appendix C** to these minutes – budget detail attached to the bound copy of these minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Base that the precept for 2016/17 should be increased by £10651 (in one year) making a total of £177374 and that the budget as attached be **agreed** for 2016/17. **Agreed** unanimously.

The Clerk was thanked for his detailed work on this matter.

10. Any Other Business/Correspondence

10.1 – Cllr Rillie brought the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative to mark the Queen's 90th birthday, to the attention of Members. Clerk will research and this will become an agenda item for ESC on 26 January 2016 for Members to consider Parish Council involvement.

10.2 – Aylesford Rugby Club have sought agreement to use of Ferryfield for one pitch as part of the RFU U13 Girls School Tournament to be held on 2 March 2016. The Club's own pitches will also be used. There is no request for additional parking on Ferryfield. This was **agreed** subject to ground conditions being suitable. **Clerk**

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.45pm.