

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2017
Commenced 7.45pm
MINUTES

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Present: Cllrs Balcombe (Chairman), Ms Dorrington, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Jones, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Walker, Winnett, Wright

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

Apologies: Cllrs Gledhill, Mrs Phibbs

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

2. Apologies - Noted and reasons accepted as follows:

Cllr Gledhill (hospital appointment), Cllr Mrs Phibbs (unwell)

3. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 28 February 2017 – Attached at **Appendix A**. Proposed by Cllr Shelley, seconded Cllr Mrs Gadd as accurate and recommendations **agreed**.

Matters Arising - Item 9. Statement of Internal Control and Item 10. Appointment of Internal Auditor. Both items recommended to Council on 21 March 2017.

4. Accounts for Payment

Payment list attached at **Appendix B**. 44 payments totalling £23811.45 were checked and proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, checked and seconded by Cllr Elvy and **agreed**.

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

6. Rugby Club/Netball League

See 11.3 below – Charity Rugby Tournament event

7. Flood Defences – No report to this meeting.

8. Council Vacancies - 3 Aylesford South.

9. Parish Office

Office Lighting Upgrade – Work completed. Decorating being undertaken in house.

10. Scout Hut - Clerk reported on his recent meeting with the Scout Group representatives. Cllr Balcombe was also in attendance. Estimated costings for the hut are in the region of £300,000. Their next step is to apply for planning permission.

The Group are being assisted in their fund raising activities by the Scout Association Fund Raising representative. Plans are progressing for the Fun Day on 16 July on Forstal Road recreation ground.

The Group have undertaken to keep the Council up to date with their efforts and Members confirmed their continued support for this venture.

11. Any Other Business/Correspondence

11.1 – Walderslade Baptist Church – Request made for an interest free loan of £3000 to be repaid within 12 months in order to resurface the drive to the Minister's home. This was **agreed.** **Clerk**

11.2 – RBLV Base Camp – The Base Camp organisers have now agreed their preferred play equipment design with the first phase costing approximately £50,000. They have now requested payment of the Parish Council's agreed in principle donation of £10,000 towards the project. Members liked the details of the project presented and it was proposed by Cllr Balcombe, seconded Cllr Walker that this donation be made. The project will provide an excellent additional play facility in the Parish. **Agreed**

11.3 - Charity Rugby Tournament – 3 to 5 May 2017. Clerk reported on his meeting with the organisers of this event. He has clarified that all profits from the event will go to 4 named charities. The organisers are happy to move the camping site on to the Rugby club side, retaining parking and one or two playing pitches on the Ferryfield side. The Clerk was assured with the credentials of the organisers and aims of the event. A substantial deposit of between £1000 and £2000 will be agreed in order to seek reinstate any damage to the grounds immediately after the event so it is in a satisfactory condition for the Dog Show the following weekend. General public access will be maintained and the public will encouraged to visit the event.

On this basis, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Winnett that the event should be offered the use of Ferryfield free of charge in order to maximum the charity donations.

Agreed Clerk

11.4 – River Towpath Visit – This is still planned for 13 March at present. Clerk to clarify at the end of this week whether Cllrs Mrs Gadd, Cllr Rillie or the Clerk will attend. **Clerk**

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.15pm.