

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES

TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2014

Commenced 8.00pm

MINUTES

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Present: Cllrs Gledhill (Chairman), Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Rillie, Smith, Tiller, Winnett, Wright

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

Apologies: Cllrs Ambrose, Balcombe, Base, Mrs Brooks, Fielder, Homewood

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1. Apologies

Cllrs: Ambrose (ill wife); Balcombe (TMBC meeting); Base (holiday); Mrs Brooks (caring for elderly relative); Fielder (ill); Homewood (KCC business)

Apologies and reasons were noted and accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Harris and Mrs Collier declared an interest in Item 11. Staffing - and took no part in the discussion/decision.

3. FASC Minutes 28 October 2014 – Attached at Appendix A

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy as a correct record of the meeting and agreement to the recommendations made. **AGREED**

Matters arising

Item 8. Financial Risk Assessment – Revised FRA **agreed** as attached at Appendix C to the bound copy of the FASC minutes of 28 October 2014.

4. Accounts for Payment – Payment list attached at Appendix B.

21 payments totalling £15055.35 were proposed for payment by Cllr Mrs Gadd, seconded Cllr Elvy and **agreed**.

5. Law and Order

Community Warden Consultation document – The Clerk detailed the document received seeking the Parish Council’s views on proposals to reduce the number of Wardens and for them to work on a ‘reactive’ basis working in areas identified according to need rather than delegated to and patrolling their own specific areas as at present.

Members noted that in recent years the service has been steadily declining with Wardens not being replaced as they left and remaining Wardens taking on larger areas, ie. Aylesford now shares a Warden with Ditton. They were disappointed at this decline and felt that if these proposals to downgrade the Warden scheme still further went ahead there would be little point in the scheme at all. They would prefer the existing arrangements to remain and be improved. It was felt that Warden co-operation with local PCSOs was beneficial to the local community. Clerk to respond on this basis. **Clerk**

6. New Eccles Car Park

6.1 - Clerk reported on the latest position and the four options open to the Council, detailed in the document attached at **Appendix C** to the bound copy of these minutes.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Winnett, seconded Cllr Gledhill, that the Council proceeds with Option 4 from the document - to build the car park using the existing single width access track accepting that there may be additional works ie. lighting and signage required in order to make this a safe and viable option. **Agreed.** Clerk to proceed on this basis. **Clerk**

6.2 – Clerk was asked to investigate costs of surfacing the Belgrave rear access road at the same time as surfacing works to the new car park and access are carried out. **Clerk**

7. Council Policy on Recreation Ground Use

The Hollow recreation ground sign received and awaiting installation.

Working on signs for Tunbury, Forstal Road, Eccles and Ferryfield

8. Rugby Club/Netball League – No report to this meeting.

9. Flood Defences - No report to this meeting.

10. Parish Council Website

Bctech are currently working on converting agreed design into a working website. Nearly completed. Training arranged for next week. Meanwhile they are updating site with minutes etc as requested by the office.

11. Staffing

Staffing committee meeting minutes of 28 October 2014 attached at **Appendix D**. These were proposed by Cllr Elvy, seconded Cllr Gledhill as a true record of the meeting. **AGREED**

It was proposed by Cllr Elvy, seconded Cllr Winnett, that the recommendations of the Staffing Committee meeting of 28 October 2014 be accepted and implemented. **AGREED**

12. Council Vacancies

1 Walderslade; 3 Aylesford South; 2 Eccles. Noted.

13. AVCC Lease

Final Lease completed. Noted.

14. TMBC Local Centres Fund Budget

Progress report on works planned for Aylesford village centre using this £7000 grant from TMBC. Orders have been placed for Christmas lighting. Details of signage required have been received by the Clerk from local businesses and he will now proceed with requesting planning permission for siting. Money from this grant will also be put towards the major refurbishment project for the village square as a whole which is also progressing.

15. Any Other Business/Correspondence

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.29pm.