

Aylesham Parish Council July 2019

Thursday 11th July 2019, at 19:00pm
Aylesham House, Dorman Avenue South, Aylesham.

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT FULL PARSH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Those Present

M. Townsend (Chair), B. Morgan (Vice Chair), Cllrs L. Prescott, B. Oliver, K. Sutcliffe, C. Price, I. Thomas. Parish Clerk K. Razzell, D. Jenkins (Assistant Clerk) Cllr L. Keen (DDC), Cllr C. Woodgate (DDC)

2. Apologies

Cllr P. Walker (DDC), Cllr S. Manion (KCC)

3. General Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary and Other Significant and Voluntary interests, where applicable, will be made and recorded against each relevant agenda item. Each member will declare their interest and act in accordance with Standing Orders when a relevant item on the Agenda is discussed.

L. Prescott – Roses Tea Room & Thrift Shop CIC. K. Sutcliffe – Aylesham Heritage

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising:

June 2019 – Correct. Proposed by B. Oliver, seconded by K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting:

Local Resident –

Aylesham Cemetery

Family member's headstone was damaged last year she believed by maintenance workers, their grave is also in a sunken state. The cemetery is overgrown in places with thistles and dandelions are encroaching onto graves. The resident has previously made contact with KCC Cllr Steve Manion and DDC, but has not heard further from DDC.

Resolved: Clerks to write to DDC, and arrange a site visit if necessary after.

Outdoor Gym Equipment

Resident could not seem to get the cross trainer to work.

Resolved: Councillors to look at/check equipment.

Local Resident –

Concerned about the following matters:

Developers taking green space. Chair advised the green space being taken by the Developers is owned by Dover District Council.

The new roundabout will not have enough grit on it for the winter and will be a hazard.

Cooting Road needs to be resurfaced the last time in 1969. Chair advised the PC have been pushing to get this done for 3 years now, however lobbying with local businesses needs to take place to try and escalate the matter with KCC.

Still has concerns about the sewerage system, Council advised that the PC scrutinise every planning application, and have objected on sewerage in the past, a report is submitted within the application by Southern Water who at this time say it is adequate.

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Outline

Linda Keen & Charles Woodgate (DDC)

- Local Plan Advisory Group – Linda will send around the information on this
- B. Morgan attended the DDC Scrutiny meeting as a resident and Parish Councillor, in which she noted to DDC the Fire Barrier situation with Persimmon Homes, it was passed unanimously by the Board to postpone passing the 150 new houses/purchasing further land until the barrier checks/repairs were completed. B. Morgan noted she had received a one to one meeting request from Persimmon Homes Director however she declined unless it was an official meeting with the Parish Council. M. Townsend gave thanks to B. Morgan for her efforts.
- Cllr Keen noted to Council she had spoken to Roses Tea Room & Thrift Shop CIC regarding the fence, however she cannot intervene as the boundary is a legal matter.
- East Kent Housing missed gas safety checks, Cabinet are investigating.

Steve Manion (KCC)

Was not present at the meeting, but sent an email to the Clerk which stated the following:

- There is additional effort being given to tackle fly tipping, which is mostly done by people with links to organised crime as it has become very lucrative for them. Kent County Council encourage anyone who engages with a waste removal contractor to see their license to ensure that they are not inadvertently contributing to this problem.
- Vaccinations – Five cases of measles were confirmed in the Canterbury area. Kent County Council's Public Health staff advise that if you are unsure whether you or your children have had two MMRs, first check your child's Red book or contact your GP surgery. You do not need additional MMR vaccines if you and your children have all had two MMR vaccines. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness and symptoms include high fever, sore, red watery eyes, coughing, aching and feeling generally unwell. A blotchy red brown rash usually appears 2-4 days after the initial symptoms. If you think you have measles contact your GP and stay away from places where you could be in contact with lots of people until at least four days after the rash appears.

7. Correspondence

Email from local resident asking the following questions:

1. Will a post box installed in the new builds?
2. Will Dorman Avenue North be included on the 89 bus route?
3. Will Ratling Road have a pavement by the Ratling Club end of the road?

Resolved:

1. Council noted that Royal Mail will assess the need for further post boxes once the development is completed.

<p>2. Council believe Stagecoach will not reroute the current bus to include the new development. The Parish Council and DDC have a Transport Needs Consultation (due to close in September), questionnaires for this can be collected from the Health Centre, CO-OP, or Aylesham house, or completed online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KC9KDTB</p> <p>3. Council noted that if land adjacent to this is developed, then footpaths and lighting will have to be placed here but this is a matter is for Kent County Council Highways.</p>
<p>Email from local resident Informing the Parish Council of anti-social behaviour at the skate park. Resolved: Council hoped this incident had been reported to Kent Police.</p>
<p>Email from Kent Police PCSO to attend Parish Council meetings quarterly to keep up to date with concerns. PCSO Luke Sanderson had also written to arrange regular PCSO Surgeries to be held at Aylesham House once a month on a Tuesday. The August Surgery with Luke will take place on Tuesday 20th August 11.00am – 13.00pm. All residents welcome and all matters treated in the strictest confidence. Resolved: Council concluded that they would like to meet Luke, and regular PCSO Surgeries would be beneficial to the village.</p>
<p>Email from Aylesham Hub Aylesham has requested a meeting with the Parish Council to present their first stage report. Resolved: Meeting arranged for Monday 15th July 2019 at 5.30pm.</p>
<p>Email from Aylesham Scouts Aylesham Scouts have been asked to host an annual scout competition that involves approximately 12 Dover district scout groups participating in Operation St. George on 28.9.19 starting at 6.00 pm (setting up will be prior to this). The competition involves teams of 4/6 scouts trying to locate approximately 12 Interactive ‘bases’ located around the village. This will be organised by scouts. To enable this to run smoothly the Scouts have requested an up to date map of the village, and any support the Parish Council can give. Resolved: Clerks to advise OS Maps are available online, but these may not be up to date. Unfortunately the Parish Council do not have any up to date maps, however DDC may.</p>
<p>Snowdown Village Signs Kent County Council have asked to relocate one of the village signs as they cannot contact the land owners for one to be placed before Snowdown Colliery. They have asked for a possible location to be by the railway station. Resolved: Council felt the only suitable place would be before Snowdown Colliery, otherwise the sign is almost past Snowdown. Clerks to clarify costs of the project, the matter is to be discussed again at the August meeting.</p>
<p>Roses Tea Room & Thrift Shop CIC Petition sent to the Parish Council in regards to the relocation of the fence. Resolved: Chair acknowledged the petition from Roses Tea Room & Thrift Shop CIC, however the relocation of the fence was a legal matter to do with their lease, which has now been resolved.</p>

8. Planning Applications:

Location: 68A Cornwallis Avenue Aylesham, CT3 3HQ

Proposal Replace existing windows and doors with UPVC

Resolved: No comments, DDC Planning Officer to determine.

Location: 15 Clarendon Road, Aylesham, CT3 3AQ

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension (existing conservatory to be demolished)

Resolved: No comments, DDC Planning Officer to determine.

9. Grant Applications:

Aylesham Heritage Centre

Summary: Grant funds will go toward the cost of insurance 2019/ 2020

Amount requested: £253.68

Resolved: £253.68 Proposed by C. Price, seconded by B. Oliver. 5 voted in favour, 1 against. K. Sutcliffe left the room before any discussion and vote took place.

Your Leisure

Summary: Summer activities for children, to be held at Bechange.

Amount requested: £ 1,000

Resolved: £1,000 Proposed by I. Thomas, C. Price seconded. 5 voted in favour, 2 against.

Aylesham Ladies Choir

Summary: TBC

Amount Requested: TBC

Resolved: Application to be submitted in time for the September meeting.

Council noted that due to receiving one application late, Council will now review Grant Applications in full at the next PC meeting.

Resolved: Proposed by B. Morgan, seconded by K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

10. FINANCE & ACCOUNTS (monthly reconciliations and accounts always available to view)

The outlined expenditure approval –

Resolved: Proposed by B. Morgan Seconded by I. Thomas. All in favour.

- AJL Garden Services- £2662.00 Invoices for April – July 2019
- Austin Taylor Limited £2,244.00
- Kent County Council £124.84
- ASTRA UK £90.00

11. Parish Council Monthly Meetings

It was discussed to have a full council meeting in August, and have no December meeting.

Resolved: August meetings will now take place, and Council will break in December.

Proposed by C. Price, seconded by K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

12. Snowdown Village Green Application

Application to Register Land at The Park/Playing Field/Rec/at Snowdown as a Village Green, Kent County Council Application reference VGA680

An application to KCC has been made to KCC by residents in Snowdown to make the area a Village Green.

Resolved: Aylesham Parish Council to support the residents/application in order to keep the local amenity for children in the future.

Proposed by M. Townsend, seconded by C. Price. All in favour. Clerk to submit response to KCC.

13. Website

Look to update the Parish Council website, by either another website provider or refresh the current site.

Resolved: Deferred, Clerks to work more on this matter and will bring back to Council in the near future.

Proposed by M. Townsend, seconded by B. Oliver. All in favour.

14. Speed Calming Measures in the Village

Chair M. Townsend noted that District Councillor P. Walker discussed a 20 is Plenty campaign with him for Aylesham and other villages. Clerks contacting Kent County Council, Dover District Council said they had no provisions budget wise for something like this. It was noted Elvington have a 20mph limit Clerks will contact their Clerk to see how they achieved it. Council discussed a Road Safety Campaign in the new school year and to have this as a major project of the Council.

Resolved: Proposed by M. Townsend, seconded K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

15. Footpath from Ratling Road to Station Field (PROW Application)

To accommodate the Reptile Translocation area still on Station Field, and keep the footpath, Council met with KCC, the developers and District Councillors. The developers put forward a suggestion to remove the fencing blocking off the footpath from Ratling Road to Station Field, which would enable the path to reopen again so that the PC can submit an application to KCC to have the footpath made a Public Right of Way. Developers will double fence the translocation area adding a walk way through with gravity self-closing gates.

Resolved: To accept the proposal as noted above. Councillors to take copies of the questionnaire to be completed by residents for the KCC PROW Application, and return to the Clerk on Tuesday 23rd July. Proposed by M. Townsend, seconded by B. Oliver. All in favour.

16. 75th VE Day Celebrations 8th – 10th May 2020

Clerks to arrange a meeting with village groups to start planning for this important event.

Resolved: Arrange meeting, and discuss again at the August meeting.

Propose by C. Price, seconded by L. Prescott. All in favour.

17. Aylesham Development

M. Townsend and B. Morgan attended the meeting at DDC:

- The quote for the CCTV at the Skate Park from DDC Contractors is imminent.
- Welcome Pack for new residents – ongoing
- A2 roundabout is a huge success, and has now been signed off. Chair M. Townsend gave thanks to C. Price for all his hard work towards this.
- Transport Consultation has been launched

- Issues Log (snagging within the new development/around the village) – format is restrictive, issues seem to be slow at being resolved.

Dover District Council proposed new street names:

- Roe Drive
- Sika Road
- Elsecar Street
- Mexborough Way

Clerk noted to Council that Mexborough & Elsecar were suggestions made previously by Aylesham Heritage Centre as they were areas mining families originated from.

Resolved: Council support Roe Drive, Elsecar Street, Mexborough Way but do not understand the relevance of Sika Road. Proposed by M. Townsend, seconded by C. Price. All in favour.

17. Aylesham House

Heritage Room Flooring

Awaiting asbestos report from Astra UK. Deferred to August meeting.

18. Committees Update

Recreational & Facilities Committee Update:

- Cutting of overgrown hedge in Market Square – Clerks looking into.
- Two picnic benches in the Market Square – Costs and permission from DDC being looked into.
- Bell Grove Memorial Bench – to be discussed further at the next meeting.

18. Next Meeting

Thursday 8th August 2019 at 19.00pm

Items For Next Agenda

19. AOB: For Information Only

None

Meeting Closed

Time 21.30