

Aylesham Parish Council November 2019
Thursday 12th November 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), Cllrs B. Morgan (Vice), B. Oliver, K. Sutcliffe, S. Bott, L. Prescott, V. Thomas, I. Thomas, Clerk K. Razzell, Assistant Clerk D. Jenkins, Cllr S. Manion (KCC).

2. Apologies

Cllr C. Price, Cllr L. Keen (DDC), Cllr C. Woodgate (DDC), Cllr P. Walker (DDC).

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 K. Sutcliffe, M. Townsend Aylesham 4 Aylesham, I. Thomas, V. Thomas B. Oliver Aylesham Hub. B. Morgan Aylesham District Community Workshop Trust

3.2 B. Morgan noted that Trustees were appointed as a parish councillor representative have no personal interest. B. Morgan also said she will resign from Aylesham District Community Workshop Trust tomorrow.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

4.1 Cllr I. Thomas noted a matter arising that he wishes to discuss in a Closed Section of the meeting.

4.2 B. Morgan stated in previous minutes she informed resident that developers would probably write as they did for residents in Newman Road.

5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting

5.1 Local resident attended a Planning Committee Meeting regarding Cripps Close play area and enquired whether Dover District Council has requested to use a public purchase order to demolish garages currently in the car park. M. Townsend informed resident he would need to contact DDC as this is land owned by them not the Parish Council.

5.2 Local Resident enquired whether the amount of planned allotments can increase. B. Morgan noted that it is not the Parish Council who are overseeing them, the Parish Council do not have any land, and the land in question is Dover District Councils. The resident then asked how residents have been informed, it was noted that DDC's Press Officer Nick Evans has advertised a Waiting List (which the PC hold) on several occasions.

5.3 Thomas Johnstone Jnr gave an update on the Footpath to Aylesham Cemetery, he has had no reply from the landowner as yet, KCC have advised that this is not compulsory however advised him to contact them. He will therefore send a second open letter with proof of postage to be obtained. Tommy has a meeting with a local accountant in November to discuss options for a group.

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Steve Manion KCC:

6.1 Roger Gough has been named as the new Lease of Kent County Council.

6.2 Kent County Council's Public Budget Consultation closes on 21st November 2019. There are some big decisions ahead, and they welcome people's views before setting next year's budget.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Local Resident

Letter seeking permission to use their metal detector in Spinney Woods.

Resolution: Spinney Woods is owned by Dover District Council, Aylesham Parish Council only lease the land. However, permission is not granted. Proposed by K. Sutcliffe, seconded by V. Thomas. All in favour.

7.2 Local Resident

Email regarding overgrown trees outside 75 & 77 Burgess Road, overhanging the pavement, pedestrians have to walk around them onto the highway.

Clerk has contacted Kent County Council who have cleared the overhanging trees on our behalf, and are contacting the land owner.

7.3 Aylesham 4 Aylesham

Letter requesting to site storage shed on Aylesham House grounds.

Resolution: Deferred until item 13.

7.4 St Peter's Church

Invitation from the Churchwardens of St Peter's to attend the Welcome Service of Rev Nick Ratcliffe as Mission Priest. On Monday 25th November at 19.00pm, the Service will be led by the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Resolution: Noted by Councillors.

7.5 Emily Barnes of Dover District Council

Speed Awareness Week is 18th – 24th November, Emily has sent the Parish Council official literature for the PC to display literature or even a banner (permission dependant)

Resolution: Noted by Councillors.

7.6 Emily Barnes of Dover District Council

Email confirming Aylesham 4 Aylesham's Grant for Music for All has been submitted. This is a grant for Caribbean musical instrument to be purchased for both St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Aylesham Primary School to use.

Resolution: Noted by Councillors

7.7 Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust

AGM is to be held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 6pm, to be held in the Snowdown Room. All welcome.

Resolution: Noted by Councillors

7.8 District Councillor Linda Keen

Can Aylesham House be used as a polling station on Election Day Thursday 12th December? Early morning until late evening.

B. Morgan noted for the record that Aylesham House is not used as a Polling Station, but as a base for the Labour Party on the day of election.

Resolution: To grant permission. Proposed by B. Oliver, seconded by S. Bott. 7 voted in favour, 1 against.

7.9 Bike Rugby Japan

Dale, Keith and Linford House successfully completed their bike ride to Japan, raising money for Slide Away, Alzheimer's Society and Fight for Sight Charities. Their Welcome Home Party is Saturday 16th November, 19.30pm at the Ratling Social Club, all are welcome.

Resolution: Councillors noted that the team had done a fantastic job, and for such great causes. Fight for Sight, Alzheimer's Society and Slide Away to receive a donation of £1,000 each. Proposed by B.

Oliver, seconded by I. Thomas. 7 for, 1 against.

8. Planning Applications

8.1 Planning, Environment & Transport (including Aylesham Development) Committee meetings were held on 22nd October & 4th November – please see website for further details.

9. Grant Applications

9.1 St Peter's Church Hall, Aylesham

Grant request: £2,000

Grant Use: To cover the gas bills during the winter which will enable community groups to still use the building.

Resolution: Decline and Councillors to review application with applicant. Proposed by V. Thomas, seconded by K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

10. Finance & Accounts

The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval –

- E J Clough invoice 1501 Christmas Tree £372
- AJL Garden Services October & November invoices (£665.50 per invoice) totalling £1,331
- Affinity Water £TBC
- Surrey Hills Solicitors (Leases of Land) invoices
- CC Kent Limited invoice 1920 £8,400 – Main Heritage Room Works (due to damp)
- CC Kent Limited invoice 1921 £774.00 – Decoration of Main Heritage Room (where damp occurred)
- CC Kent Limited invoice 1922 £5,796 – Replacement of Flat Roof
- Kent County Council £984.21– Snowdown Village Signs

Resolution: To approve proposed by L. Prescott, seconded B. Morgan. All in favour.

11. Memorial Garden

11.1 Local Resident has requested to plant a tree in their Husband's memory, and also requested for his ashes to be placed with the tree. Councillors discussed various options, including a memorial flower box, however there is one cherry tree within the Market Square that needs replenishing.

Resolution: For the family to replenish the cherry tree within the Market Square in memory of their loved one, for ashes to be placed there also permission will need to be requested from Dover District Council. Proposed by B. Morgan, seconded by K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

12. Leases of Land

Closed section due to legal matters.

13. Storage Shed, Aylesham House

Closed section due to legal matters.

14. Transport Needs Consultation

14.1 Public Consultation to be provisionally held on 16/01/2020 (TBC).

14.2 Poster and questionnaire to be hand delivered to all residents in Aylesham and Snowdown. £214.87 by Dor 2 Dor. *Resolution: For Dor 2 Dor to deliver the poster and questionnaire in January 2020. Proposed by V. Thomas, seconded by B. Morgan. All in favour.*

15. Footpath to Aylesham Cemetery

15.1 Thomas Johnstone Jnr gave an update in item 5.3.

16. Speed Calming Measures

No update for November.

17. Aylesham Development

17.1 Public Right of Way EE461 - A resident complained regarding trees being planted by developers along Public Right of Way EE461, the trees being planted are dwarf sweet cherry trees around 6ft. The PROW is also not lit properly, residents are using their mobile phones to walk down it, Clerks to raise this with developers.

17.2 Street lights in Central Boulevard are being switched off between 20.30 – 21.00 evening, I. Thomas raised concerns about this.

17.3 In relation to street lighting within the new builds, it was queried by Councillors whether contractors to the developers are putting in conduits and not put in the actual lights.

17.4 Buckle Drive to be added to the Issues Log that is discussed at the Aylesham Update Meeting.

17.5 Flooding was noted at the end of Aylesham Road at Snowdown – Clerks to contact KCC.

18. Aylesham House

18.1 An Extra-Ordinary Meeting will be held to discuss works to the Heritage Room due to further quotations being required.

19. Committee Updates

Recreational & Facilities Committee:

19.1 Flower boxes to be placed round existing benches within the village.

19.2 Fly tipping in Snowdown and Cripps Close Play Park – DDC leaflets to be hand delivered to residents, new anti-fly tipping signs to also be erected.

19.3 Picnic benches have now been installed.

19.4 Clerk thanked K. James (Caretaker) for her excellent work covering the play park inspections whilst Aylesham House was closed. L. Prescott gave thanks to volunteer M. Morgan for his hard work around the village.

20. Next Meeting Date

20.1 Thursday 9th January 2020 at 19.00pm

20.2 Items for Next Agenda:

21. AOB: For Information Only

None

Meeting Closed

Time 21.30pm