



AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of **AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Thursday 10th March 2022 at 19.00pm** at Aylesham House

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

1. Those Present

M. Townsend (chair); B. Oliver; S. Bott; K. Sutcliffe; J. Pout L. Prescott; D. Jenkins (Assistant Clerk) C. Woodgate (DDC Cllr)

2. Apologies For Absence

I. Thomas- Personal reasons

V. Thomas- Health reasons

L. Keen – report sent via e-mail

S. Mannion- report sent via email

3. Declaration of Interest

S. Bott- Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust

B. Oliver- The Hub

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: B. Oliver proposed that the minutes from the previous held on Thursday 10th February 2021 was a true and accurate account. L. Prescott seconded

Outcome: All in favour. motion carried.

5. Matters Arising (from the previous minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda).

None

6. Public Representation (Notified to Clerk in advance of the meeting, agenda items only)

None

7. External Reports

1. County Councillor report – Appendix 1
2. District Councillors report -

Cllr Woodgate- Update from Development update meeting

Stagecoach have not started to run the hopper bus between Aylesham and Whitfield. Cllr Woodgate has a meeting with DDC officers on Friday. Cllr Woodgate stated that he would like to see an improved service for Aylesham and will question why the new bus service is not running and why Stagecoach might not be running this service at all. Cllr S. Bott questioned why bus route is still not included in the new development.

Cllr Woodgate has a meeting with Marvin and DDC Officers on Friday 11th March will state that Marvin should be used for Aylesham only projects.

Emma Jane Allan is in contact with Invictus regarding S106 monies for the teenage gym equipment.

Appendix 2 – Cllr L Keen Report.

3. Police report- None received.

Resolved: It was proposed by J. Pout and seconded by K. Sutcliffe for the Clerk to write to the PCSO and request for reports to be sent through monthly.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried

8. Parish Clerk Report (Correspondence)

Agenda Item 8. Parish Clerk Report

8.1 Parish Clerk made an online application to Kent County Council for grant funding under the Covid-19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund for costs incurred between 1 November 2020 and 31 March 2022 in preventing and containing the spread of Covid-19 and/or helping those that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Aylesham Parish Council were successful and received the maximum amount of £4,272 in grant funding.

Resolved: Assistant Clerk advised that this would go into reserves as budget can't be changed once set. S. Bott proposed for Assistant clerk to seek clarification if grant funding received is going into the budget. Seconded by B. Oliver.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion Carried.

8.2 Email received from Kent County Council Restorative Justice regarding several young people (aged 18 years and under) open to Youth Justice who are required to “give back” to the community in terms of reparation and wondered if there were any projects linked to our Parish that they can be involved with. Email circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved: Proposed by J. Pout for the Clerk to reply to email: to give thanks for involving the Parish Council and invite group to de-weed the Market Square, tidy up and maintain area and to litter pick at skate park.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

8.3 Email from a group of residents wishing to hold an Easter Egg hunt in the Market Square. Parish Clerk has sent them the Land Hire Agreement, and other advice. – Awaiting more information from them to progress this.

Resolved: It was proposed by K. Sutcliffe for clerk to put residents in contact with Marvin and Beechange. Seconded by B. Oliver.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

9. Section 101 Delegated Authority

Agenda Item 9. S101 Delegated Authority

Full Council

9.1 Storm damaged tree in Market Square, permission from Dover District Council given to remove and replant if the Parish Council wishes to. Quotation from Envisage Groundcare Ltd approved in the sum of £345 plus VAT,

Resolved: It was proposed by L. Prescott for clerk to clarify if the stump is also being removed Seconded by B. Oliver

Outcome: All in favour. Motion Carried.

9.2 Two storm damaged trees in Snowdown Recreational Field, permission sought from the Coal Board to remove the cracked tree and to make safe the removed tree stump (which someone removed without permission), quotation from Envisage Groundcare Ltd approved in the sum of £330 plus VAT.

9.3 Skate Park lights reported as not working, upon inspection:

“The two flood lights on their own poles down the skate park do operate, however the time clock controlling them is faulty so this is the reason why they do not come on.

The flood light on the CCTV pole is operational by a PIR sensor and this appears to be working correctly now (it has to be reset after being permanently on).

Although the 2 flood lights are operational, the fronts of them have been smashed to bits (two lower ones, not the one on the CCTV pole).”

Replace faulty clock: £110 plus VAT

Replace two damaged flood lights £230 plus VAT

Install cage over two flood lights £280 plus VAT.

Quote approved from One Call Electrical Services for these repairs.

Resolved: J. Pout proposed for clerk to contact DDC and request the why the vandalism at the Skate park has not been picked up in monitoring office. Clerk to complain to DDC lack of monitoring and reports sent to APC. Clerk to investigate monitoring in house. Seconded by K. Sutcliffe.

Outcome: All in Favour. Motion Carried.

Resolved: It was proposed by K. Sutcliffe for clerk to write statement on social media and Aylesham in touch stating what vandalism has been done and what the cost to the PC and community has been. Seconded by J. Pout.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion Carried

10. Finance, Audit & Personnel Committee & Payments Approval

March 2022 Payment Schedule

Payee	Expenditure	Invoice Number	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk Expenses	March 2022 Zoom Subscription	N/A	£14.39	N/A	£14.39
David J Buckett	Internal Audit for 2020/2021	1296	£539.60	N/A	£539.60
Safeplay Playground Services	Skate Park & Snowdown Play Park Repairs	20396	£6,292.75	£1,258.55	£7,551.30
Envisage Groundcare Ltd	Storm damaged trees in Market Square & Snowdown Recreational Field	200	£675	£135	£810

Resolved: It was proposed by S. Bott to accept payment schedule and Seconded by B. Oliver.

Outcome: all in favour, motion carried

11. Planning Committee

Minutes sent to Cllrs and available on website.

12. Recreational & Facilities Committee.

12.1 Market Square- Feeder Pillars & memorial Garden- Update in April

12.2 Aylesham House survey- Information gathering ongoing.

Resolved: It was proposed by S. Bott for the Clerk to look into selling, as building is currently not fit for purpose. Meeting to be held on 31st March 2022 to decide if APC should use Aylesham House to carry out future meetings. Seconded by J. Pout.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

13. Skate Park

13.1 Basketball Hoop- Work beginning week commencing 4th April 2022

13.2 Fences- Awaiting date of installation

14. Aylesham Development. - Meeting notes circulated to Cllrs

Stagecoach Hopper bus service-

Resolved; J. Pout proposed for the clerk to write to DDC and question the following:

- Why DDC are not putting pressure on Stagecoach to ask why they are not carrying out their legal contact.
- Question why this is now not likely to be carried out and ask if any money has been forward funded.
- What reasons do Stagecoach have for pulling out of contact to be put in writing.
- Will Aylesham be receiving compensation.
- Is all S106 money available to Aylesham or has it been diluted across Kent
- What DDC will be offering APC in support.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion Carried.

Bins-

Resolved: It was proposed by J. Pout for the clerk to contact Barretts and ask if they would suggestions where to install new bins. Seconded by L. Prescott.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion Carried.

Street Lighting-

Resolved: proposed by J. Pout Clerk to contact Persimmons and request the following:

1. Specify what lighting will be used as diagram does not state this. Diagram sent is inadequate to be sent to residents
2. Persimmons need to circulate information to residents not APC and state a timescale.
3. Why is lighting as shown on diagram still going into residents gardens.
4. Is the option of LED sensor lighting still available.

Seconded by L. Prescott.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

Cycle Racks

Resolved: Proposed by B. Oliver and seconded by K. Sutcliffe for clerk to contact DDC and ask why racks have not yet been installed.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

15. Working Group / Community Group Updates

Resolved: S. Bott proposed to remove section from future meetings as no Cllr is a representative of APC. Seconded by K. Sutcliffe

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

16. Highways improvement plan

Resolved: J. Pout proposed to use report circulated to Cllrs as priority order. Seconded by B. Oliver.

Outcome: 4 in favour. 1 abstained. motion carried.

Resolved: L. Prescott proposed to gather more evidence of speeding along the Aylesham Road. Clerk to contact Nonnington PC for use of speeding sign device. Seconded by B. Oliver.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

17. Insurance renewal 2022/2023

Resolved: J. Pout proposed to accept insurance renewal quote. Seconded by S. Bott.

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

18. Spinney Wood

Resolved: It was proposed by K. Sutcliffe and seconded by B. Oliver for clerk to remind WhiteCliff's to send reports for monthly meetings

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

19. Meeting with community groups

Resolved: S. Bott proposed to postpone till April meeting. Seconded J. Pout

Outcome: All in favour. Motion carried.

20. Next Meeting: Thursday 14th March 2022

21. Items for next Agenda: None

Meeting closed at 20.41

Appendix 1-

Reconciling an £84million rise in the cost of services with the need to make a £38million saving over the next financial year, the 2022/23 Kent County Council budget includes:

- **£484million** – for providing adult social care and health services
- **£52million** – for maintaining roads, improving communities and digital connectivity
- **£270million** – for helping young people, and
- **£5million** – for protecting and improving the environment and tackling climate change

Full Council voted through a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, equal to an additional 82p for a typical band D household per week, to help cover costs that cannot be met by annual central government funding alone. 1% of the rise will be ring-fenced to meet an increase in spending on adult social care.

Alongside the revenue budget, a £1.7billion programme of capital works for the next decade was also approved. Projects include:

- **£92million for highways and other transport improvements** – including the Dover Bus Rapid Transit project, Fastrack Bean Road Tunnels, Green Corridors, Herne Relief Road and Swale Infrastructure Projects, for 2022-23 alone, plus
- **£85million to provide additional school places** – in 2022-23.

Appendix 2-

Little to report. No firm date as yet for the second local plan consultation.

Chaired the Aylesham development meeting on Tuesday. Basically, work still ongoing on the flooding issue at dormant ave north - developers have booked the contractor to redo allegedly inadequate work which does not meet stipulated criteria. Works continuing on security lighting at rear of PROW, and there are plans for the APCllrs to meet with DDC officers about the many trees and northern hedgerow and other problems once the already done tree audit has been rechecked. Representative from persimmons attended which is welcome indication that they are taking more seriously their responsibilities to local community. West Faversham have asked for some 106 money to be awarded to them for doing youth work at the Welfare, and will be discussed by DDC Cllrs and officers soon.

Bus service - it looks increasingly as though stagecoach may not provide the community bus they originated planned. We may have to start again. DDC officers are going to talk to Kcc

and stagecoach soon to clarify matters. Possibility if necessary for new initiative for similar- maybe run with Kcc agreement by local group - maybe APC, partnership with workshop trust etc.?