

Aylesham Parish Council October 2019

Thursday 10th October, at 19:00pm
St Peter's Church Hall, Dorman Avenue North, Aylesham.

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT FULL PARSH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Those Present

M. Townsend (Chair), B. Morgan (Vice Chair), B. Oliver, K. Sutcliffe, S. Bott, L. Prescott, V. Thomas, I. Thomas, K. Razzell (Clerk), D. Jenkins (Assistant Clerk).
District Councillors L. Keen (DDC), C. Woodgate (DDC), P. Walker (DDC).

2. Apologies

Cllr C. Price, 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.

K. Sutcliffe, M. Townsend (Aylesham 4 Aylesham), V. Thomas (Secretary Aylesham 4 Aylesham), I. Thomas, V. Thomas, B. Oliver (Aylesham Hub).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

September 2019 - B. Oliver proposed minutes to be correct, L. Prescott seconded. All in favour

5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting

Local Resident

Burgess Road resident expressed concerns of rear access to her property as she had been informed that once development has been completed the will have no right of way. B. Morgan explained that developers are writing letters to residents, and that developers may grant rear access like they have with Newman Road.

Local Resident

Enquired if they are able to plant a memorial tree in memory of her late husband. The tree would allow other residents to scatter deceased family & friends ashes. K. Sutcliffe proposed for memorial to be added as agenda item at next meeting, S. Bott seconded. All in favour.

Emily Barnes DDC - Public Transport Consultation

Emily explained S106 to members of the public and the section to be used for public and transport. Emily explained that only 8% of residents took part in the consultation 90% of that 8% was from Aylesham and 10% from surrounding villages such as Snowdown and Nonington. Emily asked APC to consider to push the consultation on again to gain more of the public's views. S. Bott suggested a public meeting. (Clerk to arrange with St Peters Church to hold this.)

Rachel Collins DDC - Community Led Housing

Rachel explained what Community Led Housing is and that DDC have received funding for this. They have two dedicated officers for those who wish to help they can support with grant applications/ Training courses she said more information is available on the website B, Morgan questioned if DDC has allocated any land in Aylesham. Rachel said no land has been allocated as of yet.

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Linda Keen (DDC):

- Local plan has been delayed until spring and it is now not open to any public and expressed disappointment of this. Linda said she will try and peruse for this to be public knowledge.
- Informed APC that local groups can now apply for S106 money two have currently applied in Aylesham.
- Emails received from Newman Road/Vale View resident that environmental health had a look at waste that has built up over years. Linda passed this onto East Kent Housing and they are now going to tender for this to be removed.
- The new PCSO is going to be making more patrols around the Legion site. The owner has now secured the building again, but Linda has been informed that the building has now been broken into again. Linda would encourage local residents to contact Kent Police on 101 to report anti-social behaviour.

L. Prescott asked for an update on lighting along Aylesham Road - P. Walker informed Cllrs that the lighting is being looked at and is in hand. L. Prescott also mentioned that road had not been cleaned by a mechanical road sweeper since July, and now leaves and hedge cuttings have covered the public footpath, L. Keen said she would look into this.

Peter Walker (DDC):

- P. Walker informed APC that East Kent Housing is under large scrutiny and the public are invited to have their say. The problems East Kent Housing are having currently lay with management and budgets.
- Speeding Measures - P. Walker informed APC that he hasn't received any response from other Parish Councils as of yet. L. Prescott informed Kent Highways of speeding along Aylesham Road P. Walker has often reported speeding to police of speeding and speeding is a constant battle.

Charles Woodgate (DDC):

- Advised APC to contact Nonington Parish Council as they have further evidence of speeding and have carried out traffic reports.

7. Correspondence

Email from MS charity requesting advertisement of upcoming spiritual event on Saturday 26th October at The Kent MS Therapy Centre, CT4 7DZ

Resolved: K. Sutcliffe proposed advertisement B. Morgan Seconded. All in Favour.

Email from St Peters Church requesting use of Market Square for remembrance Sunday Service.

Resolved: To be discussed under agenda item 14

Email from KCC Highways, Transportation & Waste invitation to attend this year's Parish Seminar for Dover and Thanet. On Thursday 14th November at 9.50 -13.00

Resolved: B. Oliver to attend. Clerk to request more information.
Email from Your Leisure thanking APC for grant stating it was a great success for workshop carried out during summer holidays. Resolved: Noted by Councillors that it was successful.
Email from Aylesham Hub clarifying that Cllr I. Thomas was a Board Member. I. Thomas was asked not to be present whilst this matter was discussed, due to a Declaration of Interest as he is a Board Member, however I. Thomas left the meeting in its entirety. Resolved: Letter from Aylesham Hub was noted by Councillors. Clerks to contact KALC regarding I. Thomas position with Aylesham Hub.
Email from Local resident regarding trees, bushes and green spaces. Resident would like APC to plant more trees around the village, such as along the boulevard. He would also like to grow wild flowers along the grass verges in the village to be more environmentally friendly (D. Jenkins informed resident that this is DDC land.) S. Bott is in support and willing to help resident and get involved in a project. Clerk asked resident if he would like to join Recreational & Facilities Committee. Resolved: Clerk to check with KALC and send information to resident.
Email Received from Aylesham 4 Aylesham V. Thomas declared her new position as Secretary of Aylesham 4 Aylesham, and to request use of Aylesham Parish Council's Public Liability insurance for their Christmas Events. Resolved: B. Oliver proposed to give permission, S. Bott seconded. All in Favour. K. Sutcliffe, M. Townsend and V. Thomas left the room and did not vote.

8. Planning Applications

Location: 66 Millyard Road, Aylesham, CT3 3FP

Proposal: Installation of a garage door

Matter was discussed. B. Morgan made councillors aware that it is in planning conditions that no garage doors are added to car barns, as it will not be used a parking space but as additional storage causing further parking issues around the development.

Resolved: B. Morgan proposed APC to object on the above basis. B. Oliver seconded, five voted in favour, two against. Proposal carried.

9. Grant Applications

None received.

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

The outlined expenditure approval –

Proposed B. Oliver seconded K. Sutcliffe All in favour

The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval

- Window Cleaner – David Sharp £40.00
- Michael Fleet - Plumber for Aylesham House (Water Leak) £120.00
- External Auditors - PKF Littlejohn LLP £720.00
- Glasdon UK Limited - Picnic benches Market Square £1,2981.46
- Ovenden Allworks Ltd – Installation of picnic benches £1,050.00
- Karllee Construction Ltd – Water Mains Pipe repair, Aylesham House £1,682.70
- AJL Garden Services – September 2019 £665.50
- The Play Inspection Company – Annual inspections of three areas £234.00
- Kent County Council – Two Snowdown Village Signs £TBC
- Glasdon UK Limited – Bell Grove Memorial Bench - £1,057.60
- A Signs & Embroidery – APC Hi Vis, and Skate Park safety signs £102.00
- Clerk Expenses – Stamps £16.80

11. Aylesham Former Sports Club (The Legion)

- B. Morgan informed councillors that the former sports club is still up for sale, and has had a lot of anti-social behaviour recently. The current owner has a duty of care to keep the building safe, secure and to ensure that youths can't access building.
- B. Morgan gave update from CSU meeting regarding anti- social behaviour held on Thursday 12th September 2019. Meetings are to be held in the future to put together an action plan, next date is TBC
- Councillors urge residents to call Kent Police on 101 or report online via their website if they see any anti-social behaviour.

12. Transport Needs Consultation

S. Bott suggested to hold a Public Meeting at St Peter's Church Hall regarding the Consultation. Meeting to be held on 19th November 2019 at 7pm.

13. Footpath to Aylesham Cemetery

Clerk updated Councillors with an email from local resident Mr T. Johnstone. B. Oliver proposed APC to support in principle K. Sutcliffe seconded All in Favour.

14. Remembrance Sunday

S. Scott attended the Parish Meeting to give an update and timed schedule for Remembrance Sunday. S. Scott suggested a member of APC to lower flag at the Service that is to be held in the Market Square (like last year). S. Scott also requested use of Market Square, and use of APC Public Liability Insurance.

Resolved: B. Morgan proposed use of square and insurance, B. Oliver seconded. All in Favour.

75th VE Day in May 2020 was also discussed B. Oliver volunteered to be a Parish Council Rep to help organise the events.

15. Christmas in Aylesham

K. Sutcliffe gave update on Aylesham 4 Aylesham Christmas events to be held in November and December.

- Christmas Tree Lighting Event & Christmas Market to be held on Saturday 30th November 4pm – 8pm at St Peter’s Church Hall and 6pm at the Market Square
 - Carol Concert to be held on Saturday 21st December at St Peter’s Church Hall. Aylesham Fire brigade have been invited and Father Christmas.
- All residents are welcome to both events.

Aylesham 4 Aylesham members then left the room.

B. Morgan explained that APC voted in 2018 to sponsor the Christmas tree from 2019 for five years. A local provider of the trees E J Clough has informed APC that they may not be able to provide a 25ft Norwegian Spruce Tree (£310 + VAT) due to a protected beetle being found in a number of trees. These trees are going to be inspected shortly but if they are unable to be moved and sold Clerk explained that APC would need to vote on second option of a 25ft Nordman Fir (£500 +VAT). Resolved: B. Oliver proposed to go with either tree dependant on availability. L. Prescott Seconded. All in favour.

16. Speed Calming Measures

Clerk is waiting for Kent County Council to provide speed monitoring quotations.

17. Play Parks

B. Morgan gave an update regarding areas of land within the village, she noted that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes for the village. Developers and DDC have recently given an update back to APC on areas of land to include play parks, and allotments. Updated plans had been given to APC to further approve, however item had to be deferred to a separate Planning Committee meeting, as larger scale plans are required. M. Townsend to provide A3 copies.

18. Aylesham Development

Newman Road resident received a letter they believe stated that residents need to clear all fly tipping that has occurred. M. Townsend to receive a copy of the letter to raise at the DDC Aylesham Update meeting on Tuesday 15th October.

Parking bays to be marked with a V for Visitor R for Resident.

V. Thomas noted that buses only stop at the bottom end of the village – B. Morgan noted that not all roads are adopted.

19. Aylesham House

Clerk updated Councillors with ongoing works at Aylesham House. CC Kent Limited are expecting the works to take four to five weeks. The mains water pipe outside has been replaced by Karllee Construction. Clerk is also in correspondence with insurance company regarding all works.

ID Badges – Clerks still awaiting photos from S. Bott, M. Townsend, C. Price, L. Prescott and K. James.

20 Committee Updates

Recreational & Facilities Committee

- The Committee have discussed the projects they would like to implement for 2020/2021 and what they would like to have £12,000 set aside in the budget.
- Picnic benches in the Market Square are due to be installed on 16th and 17th October 2019
- Bell Grove Memorial Bench is proceeding
- A suggestion to paint the fence around the Christmas Tree has been made
- B. Oliver and M. Townsend to fix the panel of the Market Square gate that is loose.

It was noted by B. Morgan that trees in Spinney Woods alongside of the B2046 have been marked in yellow. Clerk to contact DDC.

21 Next Meeting Date

Thursday 14th November 2019 at 19.00pm

Items for Next Agenda:

19. AOB: For Information Only

M. Townsend gave thanks to Gary Rhodes and Amey for a fantastic job on the footpath to the Christmas tree area in the market square.

Meeting Closed

Time 21.24pm