

Aylesham Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Recreation and Facilities Committee

Tuesday 4th August 2020 via Zoom due to Covid-19

1. Those Present

L. Prescott (Chair), I. Thomas, V. Thomas, B. Oliver, D. Jenkins (Assistant Clerk) K. Razzell (Clerk)

2. Apologies

S. McCallum absent

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.

None

4. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

June 2020- V. Thomas, proposed the minutes are true and correct I. Thomas Seconded. All in Favour. Matters arising Flag policy was not adopted at full council.

5. Public representation

None.

6. Spinney Woods

K. Razzell obtained map to show the location of the boundary from the land that APC lease at Spinney woods. Three trees identified as dangerous are not in the land owned by APC. Clerk is waiting for confirmation from tree surgeon as to when works can be carried out. I. Thomas proposed for clerk to cancel and hold off on obtaining signs for spinney woods. B. Oliver Seconded. All in favour. Discussion held on possibility of trying to terminate the lease at Spinney woods. B. Oliver felt that if APC done this DDC would then use land to further develop the industrial estate. I. Thomas read part of lease that stated that DDC have to only give 6 months' notice at any time to take land for development. I. Thomas proposed to take to full council to discuss termination of lease. V. Thomas Seconded. Three in favour one obtained from voting.

7. Projects updates (Benches: memorial & Picnic, flower boxes, railings and new access gate in market square)

Memorial bench: Meeting to be held at bell grove at 3pm to discuss location of where the bench has been installed.

Picnic bench: Clerk is awaiting quotes to be received. DDC planning have advised that planning is required for installation of the benches. Councillors to meet with new architect on Thursday at 10am, Clerk to confirm meeting. I. Thomas voted to go ahead and buy 4 benches at a cost of £XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Flower Boxes Clerk has received email from the Fifth trust they are now back at work and are going to order the materials to start works. Once all materials have been received, they will inform clerks of a two week start date.

Gate: Councillors to meet with architect to discuss on Thursday at 10am.

Market Square

Railings: Clerk presented three quotes from Fine view, Ovendens and C. Punyer councillors voted to go ahead with Fineview. Ian and Lee to meet with Emma at site to discuss. Clerk to arrange meeting. Clerk suggested to ask full council for extension on Recreational budget as works to be carried out for projects will exceed this years budget.

Little kickers use of market square is due for 4-week review. V. Thomas proposed can no longer use market square. I. Thomas seconded 3 voted in favour 1 abstained from voting.

Flags: Clerk obtained quotes for new flags councilloors felt prices for flags was to expensive. L. Prescott to email clerk with alternative company. Flags to be obtained:

9. Play Areas

Cripps Close Clerk presented three quotes for the removal of cripps close play area ready for developers to install new equipotent. B. Oliver proposed for CC Kent to carry out the works. I. Thomas Seconded. All in favour.

Councillors discussion held on possibility of opening Skate park councillors felt to open play areas with government rules is a liability to the council and felt new rules for reopening of playground is a huge responsibility for volunteers and cannot adhere to deep cleaning of all equipment every day.

Snowdown:

Carpet has been reported as fly tipped by DDC clerk to arrange quote for it to be removed.

10. Shed

Clerk received email from company due to install the shed they are now back at work from Covid-19 but cant carry out planned works until 4th January 2021. I. Thomas proposed wait till they can undertake the works. B. Oliver seconded. All in favour

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None

Date of next meeting and items for next agenda

Outline

Next meeting arranged for Tuesday 1st September 2020 at 1pm via zoom meeting