

Aylesham Parish Council March 2020

Thursday 12th March 2020 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 I. Thomas (Vice), B. Oliver, S. Bott, L. Prescott, V. Thomas, S. MacCallum, J. Pout, Assistant Clerk D. Jenkins, Cllr L. Keen (DDC) S. Manion (KCC)

2. Apologies

K. Razzell (Clerk) K. Sutcliffe, Cllr C. Woodgate (DDC), Cllr P. Walker (DDC),

3. Declarations of Interest

M. Townsend and S. MacCallum - Aylesham 4 Aylesham.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

4.1 Skate park remedial works was discussed and approved spending of £463.20 from committee updated at the recreation and facilities meeting. 17.3 Councillor surgeries discussed at meeting held on 12th February one councillor abstained from voting. Minutes approved by I. Thomas seconded by J. Pout, all in favour Minutes approved and signed as a true record.

5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting

5.1 None

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Steve Manion

6.1 Reports of flooding at Cooting road are still ongoing Cllr Manion is in communications to train and obtain information as to where the water is coming from. Extra money has been allocated for pothole repair works hopeful to see improvements around the village.

Resilience planning for Covid -19 Government statements will be fed through to clerk for action and steps to be taken.

No use scheme is back running in Kent, thousands of empty properties are now being occupied again.

Street lighting upgrade to LED lights have been purchased on a 0% interest loan.

M. Townsend raised issues regarding the water not draining away at Dorman Avenue North and Cooting Road, stated current drainage is not fit for purpose.

Cooting Road pothole infills have been broken away already. M. Townsend to take photos for clerk to pass on.

V. Thomas reported overgrown weeds and shrubs at Dorman Avenue North on KCC land has still not been seen too.

6.2 Linda Keen

Following recent advice all meetings at DDC will be held in council chamber to maintain distance.

East Kent housing will no longer look after council housing will all be in house at DDC

Linda gave thanks to PC for comments on planning applications. Supports the primary need for open green space in the area and not to over develop the area.

Meetings held with Bechange and DDC Linda has asked to be present.

M. Townsend requested assistance regarding lease rent of the skatepark. L. Keen is in full support of PC.

7. Correspondence

7.1 National Savings & Investments – letter received to notifying of a reduction in interest rate from 1st May 2020. Current rate us 0.80 gross/AER, new rate from May will be 0.60 gross/AER. *To be discussed at next budget meeting I. Thomas proposed, B. Oliver seconded 8 in favour 1 abstained. Carried.*

7.2 Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust – letter received asking for a donation of £250, or any amount the Parish Council are able to give in order for them to help reach the £14 million required to continue providing their vital pre-hospital care to patients across Kent each year. £250 would fund two units of blood for use by their medical crews whilst treating patients with life-threatening injuries. They are an independent charity and 89% of their income comes from donations and funds raised by people of Kent, Surrey & Sussex. *S. MacCallum proposed donation of £1000.00 B. Oliver seconded 3 in favour V. Thomas proposed £500.00 donation to Kent air ambulance J. Pout seconded 4 In favour. Motion Carried.*

Letter received from local minister of Aylesham Baptist Church and St Peters for use of the market square for Healing on the streets. *B. Oliver proposed trial run for six months V. Thomas seconded. S. Bott proposed no use of Market Square as be anti-disabled I. Thomas Seconded 4 in favour, Motion carried.*

8. Planning Applications

Planning Committee meeting was held on Monday 24th February 2020.

9. Grant Applications

9.1 Bechange, Aylesham.

Amount Requested: £5,425.

Outline of Grant: To be used for staff costs to run two three hour drop-in per week £4600
IT and telephone costs £420, Office (includes utilities, insurance) £235, Resources (paper, photocopying etc) £170.

Discussions held council felt work carried out at Bechange give a great service to the village.

V. Thomas proposed grant of £6000.00 to ensure the drop-in centre continues. L. Prescott Seconded, all in favour, carried. I. Thomas proposed for drop-in centre to be included at next budget meeting V. Thomas seconded. All in Favour.

10. Finance & Accounts

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The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval

- Fire Security – Annual Fire Extinguisher Service, Aylesham House £78
- David Sharp – Window cleaning, Aylesham House £40
- Affinity Water (clean water) £311.64
- Surrey Hills Solicitors – Skate Park Lease (ongoing advice) £240
- Safeplay PS Ltd – Skate Park repairs £463.20

I. Thomas proposed L. Prescott seconded. All in favour

11. 75th VE Day

11.1 Discussions held on events through out the village to celebrate VE day.

Event held on Aylesham welfare grounds

- S. Bott proposed purchase of flag at £33.50 B. Oliver Seconded, all in favour
- B. Oliver proposed purchase of mug to be given to schools/ nurseries in Aylesham at a cost of £1658.50 (650 mugs at a cost of £2.50 each)
- I. Thomas proposed purchase of medals at a cost of £792.00 (800 medals at a cost of 99p each)

Event held at Aylesham and District Social Club.

- J. Pout proposed £60 for Taxi V. Thomas seconded 3 for 4 against motion not carried
- I. Thomas proposed £1000.00 toward event B. Oliver seconded 2 in favour 4 against motion not carried.
- J. Pout proposed £160.00 S. Bott seconded 3 in favour 4 against motion not carried.
- S. Bott proposed £500.00 I. Thomas seconded 4 in favour 3 against. Motion carried

12. Transport needs consultation

12.1 S. Bott proposed wait until we have further updates from government regarding Covid-19 S. Mac Callum seconded, all in favour.

S. Bott requested for consultation, once carried out to be passed onto south eastern trains.

13. Insurance renewal

13.1 I. Thomas proposed 3-year renewal with Hiscox through Broker Came & Company. B. Oliver seconded. All in favour.

14. Parish Council Car Park

14.1 L. Prescott proposed to proceed with Ovende Allworks quote to carry out works at the parish council car park (at the rear of the Co-Op). I. Thomas seconded. All in favour.

15. Aylesham Development

15.1 Discussions held on location of bins councillors agreed the following number of bins and locations clerk to contact K. A. Bland for maps of bins.

- Dorman Avenue North 2x Bins
- Drift Road 1x Bin
- Play park area x2
- Derwent way x1
- Central boulevard x1

15.2 I. Thomas informed clerk he was advised by B. Hill at DDC update meeting held on 19th February to order and arrange for bike racks to be installed and invoice DDC direct for works. Clerk to confirm in writing with B. Hill

15.3 I. Thomas emailed A. Mason as resident regarding bollards along central boulevard.

15.4 M. Townsend emailed K. A. Bland as a resident regarding light installed in persimmons home roads as not fit for purpose.

16. Aylesham House

16.1 Shed start date is 4th April 2020

16.2 I. Thomas proposed for CC Kent to install kitchen downstairs, B. Oliver seconded, all in favour.

16.2 Clerk will re issue Good Councillors Guide 2018 to all Councillors. Clerk to draw up declaration to ensure all councillors have read and understood guides.

18. Committee Updates

Recreational & Facilities Committee:

19.1 Flower boxes is ongoing clerk obtaining third quote.

19.2 Spinney wood fence to go ahead works to be carried out by Chris Punyer.

19.3 Skate Park clerk to contact N. Evans at DDC to have article in newsletter regarding damage and graffiti at skatepark.

19.4 M. Townsend asked why Hammocks have been voted on not to be installed. I. Thomas said not to be installed at this time.

20. Next Meeting Date

20.1 Thursday 9th March 2020 at 19.00

20.2 Items for Next Agenda:

21. AOB: For Information Only

L. Prescott spoke regarding flying of Irish Flag on St. Patricks day and said the correct flag to be flown is Cross of St Patrick. M. Townsend informed L. Prescott council have voted on Tri colour flag to be flown at previous meeting and flag will be flown on 17th March 2020.

Meeting Closed

Time 21.30pm