

# Aylesham Parish Council November 2020

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 19:00pm Meeting held via Zoom, due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## 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, J. Pout, K. Sutcliffe, Parish Clerk K. Razzell, Acting Assistant Clerk N. Purcell, Cllr L Keen (DDC)J. Flaig (Aylesham HUB Ltd), E. Barnes (DDC), one resident.

## 2. Apologies

S. MacCallum

## 3. Declarations of Interest

I. Thomas, V. Thomas, B. Oliver – Aylesham HUB Ltd
M. Townsend – Aylesham & Snowdown Social Welfare Scheme
M. Townsend, K. Sutcliffe, S. MacCallum – Aylesham 4 Aylesham
S. Bott – Aylesham & District Workshop Trust

#### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 2020

**4.1** I. Thomas noted anomalies: 6.5 typo, 6.8 newsletter has not been circulated, 16.1 two dangerous trees have been removed, not moved, 21.1 Aylesham & Snowdown Social Welfare Scheme received £800 in revenue, not profits.

4.2 Parish Clerk noted that L. Keen was in attendance, but it was not listed

It was proposed by I. Thomas and seconded by K. Sutcliffe and RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020, having been circulated, are APPROVED as a true record. 8 votes in favour. Motion carried.

#### **Matters Arising**

4.3 None

# 5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting

# E. Barnes (Community Development Officer, DDC)

**5.1** E. Barnes spoke about the Community Stars Project. Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust have supported the project with a grant of £300, both she and J. Flaig (Aylesham HUB Ltd) are hoping to encourage nominations for people who have done something good for the community and this will be a thank you to them. This project will raise the profile of all the community groups and all nominees to receive a certificate and

mug.

# 6. District & County Councillor Reports Steve Manion KCC:

**6.1** Kent County Council are looking at ways of supporting the most vulnerable people, including vouchers for free school meals.

**6.2** The budget is looking tricky for next year, KCC are urging people to take part in their consultation. Cllr Manion will keep the Parish Council up to date.

S. Bott asked Cllr Manion what the impact of the budget will be. Cllr Manion again urged for people to see the consultation and comment.

# Linda Keen DDC:

**6.3** The Aylesham Update Meeting took place in October, Stagecoach have confirmed that a hopper bus between Aylesham and Dover will go ahead. They have confirmed that it will be accessible, the smart system will gather data identifying when and where people are travelling.

6.4 The Feasibility Study for Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre is due in December.6.5 Cllr Keen met with KCC Highways regarding the flooding on Cooting Road, and is now awaiting a response.

**6.6** Time has been spent on the DDC New Local Plan, however it remains confidential at this time. There will be a consultation in mid-January for the public. Town and Parish Councils are eligible to receive a copy of this plan if they apply.

S. Bott thanked Cllr Keen for her efforts with the hopper bus. She asked how it will be publicised. Cllr Keen said this should be in January. Stagecoach would like the community to design the exterior of the bus.

# Charles Woodgate DDC:

**6.7** Cllr Woodgate attended the DDC New Local Plan meetings, and will too keep the Parish Council updated.

**6.8** White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership has recently been formed by Deal Town Council. They are working on ideas and plans, Aylesham Station needs upgrading, and there is no disabled access.

# 7. Correspondence

**7.1** Email/Letter from Community Development Officer DDC & J. Flaig of Aylesham HUB Lt, circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting as per item 5.1 Community Stars

**Resolved:** £300 to support this project, and match the funding that has already been given. Proposed by B. Oliver, seconded I. Thomas. All in favour, motion carried.

7.2 Email from local resident, circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

The resident has experienced lime blow in the bricks all around their home. Persimmon Homes will not accept it is a problem or that they are responsible. The NHBC has been involved and now they

are at a stalemate with Persimmon Homes and would like to know if Aylesham Parish Council can advise or assist with this?

**Resolved:** Parish Clerk has sent to all attendees of the monthly Aylesham Update meeting, a response is now awaited from Persimmon Homes.

## 8. Planning Applications

Planning, Environment & Transport Committee held on Thursday 22nd October 2020. The following applications were discussed:

## 8.1 Dover Planning Application 20/00991

Resolved: No comments

8.2 Naming of New Street – Oakdale Way

Resolved: Accepted

## 8.3 Dover Planning Application 20/00879

**Resolved:** Questions raised to the Planning Officer:

1. The drainage plan refers to the connection being subject to Section 106, does this mean Section 106 monies would be used to fund additional drainage/sewerage in this area?

2. On the amended plan it shows a fully equipped play park. Please can we ask where this has come from? If this application is approved would it be the developers putting the park in?

## 9. Grant Applications

## St Peters Church, Aylesham

**9.1** Outline: Funding to support the youth club for resources, and Christmas presents for the children who attend.

Amount requested: £650

**Resolved:** To approve a grant of £1,000. Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded B. Oliver. All in favour. Motion carried.

# **Aylesham Baptist Church**

**9.2** Outline: Hire of equipment required for a drive thru Christmas Carol Concert to be held at Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust in December. The Community Workshop Trust are funding the event so far with £300.

Amount requested: £306

Proposal one: To approve a grant of £1,000, proposed by I. Thomas, seconded B. Oliver. Discussion held, proposal withdrawn.

Proposal two: To approve a grant of £306. Proposed by L. Prescott, seconded B. Oliver. **Resolved:** Proposal two £306. 8 votes for, one abstained. Motion carried.

#### Aylesham 4 Aylesham

**9.3** Outline: Aylesham4Aylesham have started a GoFundMe account to raise £11,000 for defibrillators to be installed around Aylesham and give better coverage and help to save lives. Amount: £800

M. Townsend and K. Sutcliffe were placed into the waiting room whilst discussions took place. Proposal one: £800 proposed by L. Prescott, no seconder.

Proposal two: To pay the deficit of £3,474 for the target to be reached. Proposed by J. Pout, seconded B. Oliver.

**Resolved:** Proposal two, £3,474. 3 votes in favour, one against, two abstained. Motion carried.

## 10. Finance & Accounts

#### 10.1 The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval:

- AJL Garden Services October 2020 Invoice £665.50
- Manse Designs Planning Application for Market Square Access Gates INV-01 £191.38
- Sequoia Tree Care Spinney Lane Full Road Closure £300.00 & Channel Commercials Overgrown Trees £990
- Royal British Legion donation for Remembrance Wreaths £40
- Brake, Road Safety Banners £1,980
- A Signs & Embroidery, skate ramps closed signs £15
- I. Thomas expenses, cable ties for Road Safety Week banners £28.49

**Resolved:** To Approve the above payments. Proposed S. Bott, seconded L. Prescott. All in favour, motion carried.

## 11. COVID-19 Lockdown

**11.1** Report received from Bechange prior to the meeting and circulated to all Councillors. Bechange confirmed that they have started further meal delivery services during this lockdown. They have requested £500 from the Parish Council who helped fund the first lockdown meal delivery service to residents in need.

**Resolved:** Donate £1,000 (from S137). Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded B. Oliver. All favour, motion carried.

# 12. Website & Social Media

# Website

#### 12.1 New Parish Council website

**Resolved:** To be kept on the Agenda, with a three monthly review. Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded B. Oliver. All in favour, motion carried.

# **Facebook and Social Media Policy**

**12.2** Parish Clerk and J. Pout have drafted the Facebook Page. Once the Social Media Policy is approved it can go live. Calendar of events was discussed, a list of events can be made on Facebook.

**Resolved:** To approve the Social Media Policy, proposed by K. Sutcliffe, seconded by J. Pout. All in favour, motion carried.

For J. Pout to oversee the Facebook in line with Social Media Policy. Proposed by K. Sutcliffe, seconded B. Oliver. All in favour, motion carried.

As Policy resolution has been approved, Facebook to go live as soon as possible. Proposed by J. Pout, seconded K. Sutcliffe. All in favour, motion carried.

# 13. Working Group (Aylesham HUB Ltd & A&SSWSS)

**13.1** Approved minutes from meetings have been circulated to all Councillors. These minutes included the agreed Working Group Statement.

**Resolved:** To approve the Working Group Statement, proposed by J. Pout seconded S. Bott. All in favour, motion carried.

**13.2** Clerk to look at the results of the public consultation that the Parish Council did a few years ago. No resolution made on this item.

## 14. Terms of Reference Working Group

Deferred until January 2021 meeting.

## 15. Spinney Woods

15.1 Members of the Committee, Full Council and Clerks to meet (under Covid-19 rules) with White Cliffs Countryside Partnership to discuss them managing the woods.
Resolved: Clerk to organise meeting with WCCP. Proposed by S. Bott, seconded J. Pout. 5 votes in favour, 3 against. Motion carried. I. Thomas will not be available for the meeting.

## 16. Policies

Deferred until a later date.

#### **17. Invicta Community & Leisure (West Faversham Community Association)** Item withdrawn.

**18. Aylesham Development** 

**18.1** I. Thomas report regarding the Aylesham Update Meeting circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

**18.2** Clerk gave an update on the seven litter bins. Persimmon Homes are happy for the bins to be put in the proposed places, but wish for the home owners to be notified in writing. Clerk felt APC should not do this, it could be perhaps DDC or Persimmon Homes.

**Resolved:** To respond that the Parish Council will not be writing letter to residents.

Proposed by V. Thomas, seconded B. Oliver. All in favour, motion carried.

**18.3** Dorman Avenue North flooding, developers say it is historical. I. Thomas said BDW Homes have paid for clearance, this will be discussed again at the next meeting.

# 19. Aylesham House

**19.1**. Memorial tree for Eric Buckle was approved a while ago. His family have been contacted, his favourite trees were acer Japanese maple or conifer. A suggestion was made to plant it in a few months when a ceremony could hopefully take place that included his family. No resolution made on this item.

**19.2** Mobile phones for Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk with Three Network £19 upfront, then £20 per month per phone.

**Resolved:** To proceed with the two Three Network contracts. Proposed by J. Pout, seconded V. Thomas. All in favour, motion carried.

# 20. Committee Updates

# KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils) Area Committee Meeting

**20.1** Each Parish Council spoke about what they were doing for the community.

**20.2** Concerns from others about some of the traveller sites.

**20.3** All meetings will continue on Zoom.

**20.4** Discussion on the state the roads, signs and bollards are required for some of them.

**20.5** A consultation on buses had taken place.

#### Aylesham & Snowdown Social Welfare Scheme

**20.6** Revenue has increased.

20.7 Gym memberships up

#### Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust

**20.8** AGM to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**20.9** Sunshine Café have given notice.

**20.10** A&DCWT will be looking at how they can support unemployed people in the New Year.

No further updates took place, and items 21 & 22 were not discussed due to being out of time as per Standing Orders.

#### Meeting Closed 21.31