

Aylesham Parish Council May 2020

Thursday 14th May 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. Clerk K. Razzell, Assistant Clerk D. Jenkins.

Cllr L. Keen (DDC), Cllr S. Manion (KCC). Three members of the Public.

2. Apologies

Cllr S. MacCallum (keyworker during Covid-19). All apologies that were received, accepted by Council.

3. Declarations of Interest

M. Townsend, K. Sutcliffe – Aylesham 4 Aylesham.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

April 2020

4.1 I. Thomas noted to Council and L. Keen that the brambles along Dorman Avenue North (by the school) have been cleared from the footpath, however that area requires further extensive work in order to clear and maintain the land up to the school boundary. I. Thomas to email Clerk, Clerk to chase DDC/KCC & copy L. Keen into correspondence.

It was proposed by B. Oliver and seconded by I. Thomas and RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2020, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a true record. All in favour.

5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting

None.

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Linda Keen DDC:

6.1 Checked with Council that they have been receiving the Dover District Council updates via email, to which the Clerk confirmed they have.

L. Keen attended the Teams Meeting at DDC held on 14/05/2020 where she asked the Leaders of DDC two questions:

6.2 What are the arrangements for (non- business rate) residents unable to pay council tax during the COVID-19 crisis? For Council tax payers who are also entitled to Council Tax Support the Government have funded additional credits of up to £150 against their Council tax. They have also added a £20 per week Universal Credit (UC) uplift. DDC have adjusted its council tax support system to disregard this £20 uplift in order to ensure that people in

receipt of UC retain this extra income. DDC recognises the challenges households face in the current circumstances. Approaches to the Council regarding council tax payments are considered on an individual basis, with the Council being as flexible as possible with payments plans. They are not currently employing bailiffs for debt recovery.

6.2 The second question asked by L. Keen to DDC Leaders was regarding the current situation with dental care as the Chief NHS Dental Officer advised dentists to close and work only from hubs. She was informed that these have been set up for urgent and emergency dental care, with seven hubs across Kent for both NHS and private patients during COVID-19.

6.3 L. Keen offered once again to support the Parish Council help with planning application responses. Clerk informed her that they had a planning meeting on 13.05.2020 with two applications to yet decide upon. Once these are decided, Clerk to correspond with L. Keen.

6.4 L. Keen gave thanks and praise to the Parish Council for still holding meetings (virtually), and working through the pandemic as they are currently the only Parish Council to do this.

6.5 M. Townsend noted to L. Keen that the Central Boulevard Park is still not fit for purpose, he has reservations about the design work and footpaths. Clerk to chase DDC and copy in L. Keen.

6.6 M. Townsend informed L. Keen that there are nine dead trees on the northern hedgerow (of the development), the PC has previously chased this but L. Keen is to also.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Email from Dover District Council – Consultation request regarding BT Telephone Box removal – Cornwallis Avenue.

Resolved: Councillors noted that the phone box is still in use, BT have a duty to refurb them all around the village. The Cornwallis Avenue phone box is an ideal place for a defibrillator to be placed. Clerk to contact DDC with these comments.

Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded L. Prescott. All in favour.

7.2 Manston Airport Design Option Review Stage 2 - request for the Parish Council's input to the development of Design Options as part of an Airspace Change Proposal for Manston Airport. Feedback deadline 22nd May 2020.

Resolved: To support the proposal.

Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded B. Oliver. 7 votes in favour, 1 abstained.

8. Planning Applications

Planning Applications discussed at Full Council meeting on 23rd April, and Planning Committee meeting held on 13th May 2020.

8.1 Demolition Notice received from Dover District Council for Stewards House, Aylesham Sports Club Site (formerly Royal British Legion), Burgess Road, Aylesham.

Parish Council to make any comments for this by Friday 15th May 2020.

Clerk contacted Planning at DDC, planning permission 18/00300 granted in 2018 gave permission for the Stewards House to be demolished. Even though the main building on the site "The Legion" sadly perished in a fire recently, the permission that was granted enables the house to be demolished. Any redevelopment of the site would require a new planning application to be submitted.

Resolved: No comments. Proposed by J. Pout, seconded B. Oliver. 6 voted in favour 2 abstained.

9. Grant Applications

None received.

10. Finance & Accounts

The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval:

- Eurovia Infrastructure Limited, CCTV installation at Skate Park £15,375.97
- Affinity for Business Water Bill 30/08/2019 – 25/02/2020 £311.64
- Business Stream (waste water) 30/08/2019 – 25/02/2020 £407.64
- Kent Association of Local Councils 2020/2021 Membership £1,454.50
- DM Payroll Services 2020/2021 £228.00

Resolved: To Approve. Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

Assistant Clerk D. Jenkins to obtain clarification on Safeplay PS Ltd invoice for the gate closer replacement (invoice 15912, £165.60)

Clerk K. Razzell to give another water meter reading to Affinity Water for their estimated bill (25.02.2020 – 31.03.2020)

11. F.A.B (Footprints at Bechange) in a crisis

11.1 Clerk noted to Council that since the project started on 3rd April 2020 over 2,500 meals have been prepared and delivered to residents within the community. A full update of the hard working project was given at the AGM/Annual Assembly (prior to this meeting).

11.2 M. Townsend informed Council that Sharpak Aylesham have donated a further 1,000 pots for the meals this week for the project.

12. Aylesham Development

No updates

13. Aylesham House

13.1 Clerk recently contacted the Grounds Maintenance Contractor to restart the upkeep of Aylesham House grounds, and leased areas within the village. The contractor stated they would need to make 3 extra visits at £250 each time or the equivalent of £665.50 (what they

would have been paid in April if lockdown had not occurred).

Resolved: AJL Garden Services are to do what they can in May, and to carry on with the contract as it is. Council are not prepared to pay the equivalent to April's work, or an extra visits.

Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded B. Oliver. 7 voted in favour. K. Sutcliffe absent from camera screen.

13.2 Clerk to chase insurance company regarding the burst water pipe/damage to Aylesham House last year.

13.3 Clerk noted to Council she had started to make enquiries regarding installation of the shed.

14. Committee Updates

Recreational & Facilities Committee:

No updates.

Aylesham 4 Aylesham:

14.1 Aylesham 4 Aylesham have started a Go Fund Me page to raise £11,000 for 8 more defibrillators, 5 to be placed around the village and 3 to be given to Community First Responders to carry, so that they do not have to share (they are looking to recruit new personnel for the village and surrounding areas). Update given by M. Townsend.

14.2 L. Prescott noted to M. Townsend that even though the stump of the Christmas tree has now been taken out of the ground within the Market Square, it still remains within the fenced areas. M. Townsend to remove.

15. Next Meeting Date

15.1 Thursday 11th June 2020 19.00pm

15.2 Items for Next Agenda: None

21. AOB: For Information Only

21.2 M. Townsend informed Council that Sharpak Aylesham have been requested to make 4 million face shields per week for the NHS.

Meeting Closed

Time 20.33pm