

Aylesham Parish Council

Thursday 10th September 2020 at 19:00

Meeting held via zoom due to 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, C. Woodgate (DDC) Assistant Clerk D. Jenkins,

2. Apologies

K. Razzell (Clerk), S. Mac Callum, L. Keen (DDC)

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 M. Townsend and K. Sutcliffe Aylesham 4 Aylesham.

3.2 M. Townsend Aylesham & Snowdown Social Welfare Scheme,

3.3 V. Thomas, I. Thomas B. Oliver Aylesham Hub Ltd

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

August 2020

4.1 S. Bott proposed the minutes to be true and accurate, K. Sutcliffe seconded. All in favour.

Matters Arising

4.2 None

5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting

5.1 James Browning of West Faversham Community Association

Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre successfully reopened last week with the 3G pitches and food proving very popular, a Youth Club will take place on Sunday's from 6pm. WFCA chose to do a soft launch due to COVID-19 but they are looking forward to holding community events, and regular entertainment nights once things can return to normal.

5.2 Local Resident - Spinney Woods

Resident gave different options for the Parish Council regarding Spinney Woods and how to help Woodland Trust, Forestry Commission, Woodland Grant funding. Also suggested residents could sponsor a tree.

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Charles Woodgate (DDC)

6.1 Enquired as to whether the Parish Council had plans for Remembrance Day as he would like to attend. M. Townsend informed C. Woodgate that the Parish Council and other organisations usually arrange a service but nothing has been arranged due to Covid-19.

6.2 Station Field Phase 2b has gone in for planning to Dover District Council. C Woodgate asked the Parish Council if they have any ideas regarding landscaping the area. (K. Sutcliffe explained APC has objected to planning and very little open space is left. Plans was stated as deceiving regarding the amount of green space is left.) I. Thomas also stated plot of land on the station field allocated to the Hub was not on the plans.

7. West Faversham community Association update on welfare

7.1 Item discussed under Agenda Item 5 Public Representation.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Email from The Sports Consultancy, regarding the Feasibility Study for Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre.

Resolved: Meeting arranged by Clerk for Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 19.00pm.

8.2 Email from Local Resident overgrown and littered jitty between Burgess Road and Kings Road (*Clerk has reported this to Dover District Council*).

Resolved: Noted by Council

8.3 Email from GTA Civils & Transport who will be carrying out in early October a new traffic survey in relation to Condition 10 of planning permission 19/00821 - ATC surveys in Ratling Road, ATC surveys in Station Road, a turning count survey at Dorman Avenue North with Adisham Road (B2046), a turning count at the B2046/Station Road junction

Resolved: Noted by Council

8.4 Email from APS, Aylesham. They are a local business who would like to offer their services to help restore/repaint the village Pit Head Wheel in the Market Square. Their business has already helped with the painting of some plaques that are also located in the Market Square and they would like to help.

Resolved: *Clerk is in correspondence with company.*

8.5 Local Resident Email regarding Dover District Council Planning Application 20/00879. Please can the Parish Council answer the following questions:

- Would an objection have any serious chance of success?
- On what grounds do you think an objection would be most successful?
- Is the PC intending to campaign in anyway?
- Does the PC know of any other village organisation that may be planning some concerted effort to rustle up objections? A petition perhaps.

Clerk to respond to resident in detail Aylesham Parish Council has objected to the current planning application in planning meeting 03/09/2020. Outline planning was granted in 2008 APC did apply for a village green status this was rejected as well as other avenues to object to planning permission.

8.6 Local Resident Email regarding Pure Gym flyposting on lampposts on Dorman Avenue North with the junction of Cornwallis Avenue. (*Clerk reported to DDC & KCC*).

8.7 Local Resident Email enquiring about a dropped kerb. (*Clerk advised resident to contact DDC*).

8.8 Local Resident Email enquiring about the decision of the Working Group request from Aylesham HUB and Aylesham & Snowdown Welfare Social Scheme (*Clerk responded after consulting Chair & Councillors*).

8.9 Local Resident Email Complaint regarding August Meeting (Clerk has circulated complaint to all Councillors):

- **Planning Application, Primrose Gardens**
- **Garage Door Discussion**
- **Spinney Wood**

Discussed at closed section.

9. Planning Applications

9.1 Planning Committee Meeting held Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 19.00pm, J. Pout gave an update.

10. Grant Applications

10.1 None received.

11. Finance & Accounts (monthly reconciliations and accounts always available to view)

The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval

- *AJL Garden Services August 2020 Invoice £665.50*
- *Sequoia Tree Care invoice £600 + £1680 total: £2280.00*
- *Highways (website) £960.00*
- *Clerk postage £19.28*

S. Bott Proposed, B. Oliver seconded. All in favour

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

12.1 Clerk has been in correspondence with Angela at Bechange has advised to apply for a grant application for future funding for October's meeting.

13. Website and Social Media

12.1 Errors on new website as links are not working correctly.

Clerk to contact Highways to rectify problem. Old website is still currently running clerk to look into why this has not been taken down.

Social Media- Deferred until Octobers meeting.

13. Working group request (from Aylesham Hub Ltd & A&SSWS)

13.1 Discussed under closed section due to legal matters.

14. Spinney woods

14.1 L. Prescott (Wood warden) gave an update: *Dead/ Dangerous tree required to be removed by KCC highways, is to be removed next week. Sequoia Tree Care are awaiting on the KCC permit to close the road.*

Clerk to contact DDC to request who they use to carry out audits on woodlands they own.

M. Townsend said Aylesham 4 Aylesham may be interested in helping with project of blocking large entrances at Spinney woods to look into setting up a possible working group.

15. Aylesham Development

15.1 M. Townsend and I. Thomas to carry out a walk around/ inspection of development on Monday 14th at 16.30 in preparation for Aylesham update meeting with Linda Keen.

15.2 I. Thomas said entrance to the village via Dorman Avenue North is not being maintained properly and is very over grown.

15.3 Location of bins needs to be agreed by who?

16. Aylesham House.

16.1 Letter received from Aylesham Heritage Centre requesting when they can re-open to members. Resolved: *Clerk is in correspondence with KALC and insurance company and will respond once advice has been given.*

17. Committee and community group updates

Recreational & Facilities Committee:

17.1 Flower boxes awaiting confirmation of start date.

17.2 Replacement (from wood) metal railings in the Market Square start date is expected to be at the end of September date dependant on suppliers.

17.3 Picnic benches are to be ordered from Glasdon UK, Ovenden Allworks are to install the concrete bases for the benches.

17.4 Clerk to order new flags on her return

17.5 Manse Designs will apply for planning permission for the second access gate, whose quote was approved at £305.38.

17.6 Spinney Woods emergency tree work to be carried out, Sequoia Tree Care are awaiting the road closure permit from Kent County Council.

17.7 Cripps close play park to be taken out on 08/09/2020. Press release to inform the public.

17.8 *Park & Snowdown play park to remain closed.* Discussion held on why parks are still being closed. B. Oliver reported the skate park as having smashed glass in teen area.

M. Townsend to clear away broken glass. Legislations and guidelines to be sent to all councillors.

Play parks to be added to October's meeting as an agenda item. Clerk to arrange for closed signs to be put up in skate park and Snowdown.

17.9 Aylesham HUB Ltd no update.

17.10 Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust S. Bott met with D. Garrity, and has been given a copy of their annual accounts and constitution. Their next meeting is 22nd September 2020.

17.11 Aylesham Business network the meetings held are just of what people have previously / done and achieved.

18. Next Meeting Date

18.1 Thursday 8th October 2020 at 19.00

18.2 Items for Next Agenda: Play Parks.

19 AOB: For Information Only

None

Meeting Closed

Time 20.08