

Aylesham Parish Council January 2020

Thursday 9th January 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, Clerk K. Razzell, Assistant Clerk D. Jenkins, Cllr S. Manion (KCC), Cllr P. Walker (DDC), Cllr L. Keen (DDC). No Public.

2. Apologies

Cllr C. Price, K. Sutcliffe, Cllr C. Woodgate (DDC).

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

4.1 It was proposed by V. Thomas and seconded by L. Prescott and RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2019, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a true record.

5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting

No members of the public were in attendance.

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Linda Keen DDC:

6.1 31/01/2020 is the date for the next Aylesham Partnership Meeting held at Dover District Council.

6.2 Persimmon Homes will install street lights into each phase of building, and are awaiting permission to do this.

6.3 Local Plan has been delayed. Adrian Fox is leaving Dover District Council (DDC). DDC will be arranging with Parish Councils and Local Councillors appointments in February to discuss the Local Plan further.

6.4 The DDC Council house consultation has now finished, the Board of East Kent Housing has been dissolved, DDC are currently looking to take it in house, but have not yet decided. Matt Gough will be the new Senior Manager for house enquiries.

Peter Walker DDC:

6.5 The DDC Development programme – there was no consultation, P. Walker urges everyone to keep an eye out on what happens on Parish boundaries.

6.6 L. Prescott asked for an update on the new LED lighting, P. Walker confirmed that DDC are only responsible for their street lights. With regards to street lights being shot out on

Aylesham Road once previously, DDC will be watching carefully. Aylesham is second in line for the new LED lights, and this will hopefully start February. L. Prescott noted that Aylesham Road is currently pitch black at night, people rely on torches, there are branches sticking out along the pavements, if someone gets hurt the land owner is responsible.

6.7 16/01/2020 is the date for the next Aylesham Partners – The Way Forward meeting. There will be a chance for attendees to see the new CCTV cameras in action.

Steve Manion (KCC):

6.8 There is a Kent County Council Strategic 5 Year Plan Consultation is live and closes on 17/02/2020. The 5 Year Plan is the flagship strategy for Kent County Council. It unites the Council with clear outcomes and objectives that will help make Kent a great place to live. They are keen to hear your thoughts as they further develop this draft during formal consultation. The consultation will run from 6 th January to 17th February 2020. You can respond online via www.kent.gov.uk/5yearplan or request a paper copy of the draft Strategic Statement and/or questionnaire. To request paper copies and a prepaid return envelope please contact PSRPolicy@kent.gov.uk or call us on 03000 416788.

6.9 Cooting Road flooding has been resolved. M. Townsend noted to Cllr Manion that the soakaway is being surveyed.

6.10 Other surrounding villages have a KCC Community Warden, who liaises with the PCSO. Aylesham at present does not have one, this will now be looked into.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Letters from Alzheimer’s Society, Slide Away and Fight for Sight Charities, and Dale House giving thanks for donations made on behalf of the rugby bike ride to Japan by Aylesham residents Dale, Keith and Linford House.

Resolved: Councillors again noted the great success of the bike ride to Japan, and thanked everyone for their letters and emails.

7.2 Letter from Fantastic Fireworks advertising fireworks displays for the 75th VE day
Resolved: Noted

7.3 Email from Manager of Roses Tea room and Thrift shop CIC regarding the petition sent to the Parish Council in relation to the relocation of the fence.

Resolved: Receipt of the petition was acknowledged in previous minutes, the matter is now closed.

7.4 Email from the Pilgrims Hospice requesting to advertise a poster in Parish council notice board to attract new volunteers and raise awareness.

Resolved: Due to lack of space within the noticeboard once minutes and agendas are displayed, there is sadly no room for posters.

7.5 Email from local resident addressing issues at Spinney lane parking and road restrictions issues.

Resolved: Clerk has made contact with the resident, DDC have been informed of the dustcart leaving tyre marks on the grass, and Kent County Council Highways contact details were also given regarding the parking issues.

7.6 Email from local resident regarding dog waste bins in Aylesham development.

Resolved: Clerk has contacted the resident to inform them that developers are in discussions to provide litter bins within the new development (that can be used for dog waste also) with DDC.

7.7 Email from Emily Barnes of Dover District Council requesting the Parish Council to be involved in setting up the mechanism for distributing S106 money for the Shop Fronts within Aylesham.

Resolved: Clerk to seek clarification of the Parish Council's involvement in this, as there are concerns this is a DDC project.

8. Planning Applications

8.1 Kent County Council Planning Reference DO/19/1102/R3

Proposal details of an updated construction Management plan pursuant to condition 3 of planning permission DO/19/1102

Location: Land to the rear of The Crescent, Snowdown, Dover Kent CT15 4JP

Resolved: Support this application, proposed by I. Thomas, seconded by L. Prescott. All in favour.

9. Grant Applications

None received.

10. Finance & Accounts

The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval –

- Kent County Council - Office Supplies £60.84
- CC Kent Ltd - Completion of works at Aylesham House to flat roof - Facia and new guttering £648
- M. Townsend - Chairman's Allowance December 2019 £246.00
- Wayne Milton - WRM Paint and Decorator (Heritage Room) £600.00
- Macs Cars- December 2019 £30.00
- Dover District Council - Snowdown Play Park Litter Bin Weekly Collection £89.63 (no charge as from April 2020)

Resolution: To approve proposed by I. Thomas, seconded L. Prescott. All in favour.

11. 75th VE Day

11.1 Working group for this will be M. Townsend, I. Thomas and B. Oliver.

12. Precept 2020/2021

12.1 Discussions were held to increase the precept in line with inflation, however L. Prescott noted to Council that there are food banks within the village, and some people will not get discounts so he would not vote on this.

12.2 Proposed by L. Prescott for no increase, seconded I. Thomas.

B. Oliver proposed 2% increase to £110,961.93 (£1.39 increase for Band D Properties), S.

Bott seconded. V. Thomas abstained from voting.

Resolved: To increase the precept by 2%, 3 votes for, 2 against. Motion carried. Precept Demand Form was signed by both the Chairman and Clerk to this effect. Clerk to send to DDC.

13. Skate Park Lease

Closed session due to legal matters.

14. Roses Tea Room & Thrift Shop CIC

14.1 Discussions were held to increase Roses Tea Room & Thrift Shop CIC's annual rent from 1st April 2020 as per the 2015 lease. I. Thomas proposed to only increase the rent by 10% equivalent to £275, M. Townsend suggested this was not enough and to increase to £350. Councillors then asked Clerk K. Razzell her view in which she noted to Council that the ladies at Roses work very hard, are all volunteers, and they put a lot back into the community therefore she agreed with I. Thomas to increase the rent to either £275 or perhaps £300 but no more than that. It was noted that if increased to £300 that is equivalent to less than £1 per week.

Resolved: To increase the rent to £300, and for this to be reviewed annually. Proposed by V. Thomas, seconded by S. Bott. All in favour.

15. Transport Needs Consultation

15.1 Questionnaires are being edited to send out to residents, once delivered a public meeting will be organised.

16. Website

16.1 In light of Accessibility Regulation changes and removal of the free hosting service via KCC (Cantium) next year, it was agreed to explore alternative providers.

17. Aylesham Development

17.1 Email received from K. Sutcliffe was read to Councillors by the Chair:

"I was disappointed in the consultation evening hosted by Barratt Homes on Tuesday 3rd December. The layout display was difficult to view and some of the team had quite an unprofessional attitude and were obviously not familiar with the area on the site plan. One in particular found it difficult to explain or respond to some questions and we were 'advised' to look at other pictures that we might understand better with no explanation or response to the question asked. One response regarding concerns over the layout and land size of newly proposed dwellings (showing very limited privacy and garden space) was "well look at current dwellings – they are ridiculous!"

Considering that I have lived in this village all my life and in my current residence for over 45 years I found this a very demeaning response.

On viewing the current plan against the original design proposed to the community it appears that Barratts are looking to overdevelop the area and the proposed high density is not consistent with the current layout.

I feel that the following points need to be considered in an objection to the current proposal:

- **Unacceptably high density / over-development of the site, it involves loss of the open aspect of the neighbourhood**
- **Visual impact of the development**
- **Effect of the development on the character of the neighbourhood**
- **The proposed development is over-bearing, out-of-scale or out of character in terms of its appearance compared with existing development in the vicinity**
- **The loss of existing views from neighbouring properties would adversely affect the residential amenity of neighbouring owners**
- **There are also major traffic and parking concerns that will have an implication on the area**

It may be useful for Parish Councillors to visit the site to understand the concerns of the neighbourhood.”

Resolved: Councillors noted the email, once the planning application has been submitted and validated by DCC, this will be taken into consideration. B. Oliver agreed with K. Sutcliffe that there appears to be overdevelopment in comparison to original plans. I. Thomas was shocked by the size and number of houses they are proposing for the Station Field area.

18. Aylesham House

18.1 Aylesham Heritage Room floor is being laid 14th & 16th January. L Prescott noted to Council that he feels they should pay rent and asked for this to be an Agenda Item for February.

18.2 In relation to any meetings being held at Aylesham House, organisers are to call Caretaker K. James throughout the daytime not evenings or weekends. Rooms are to be left clean and tidy by all community groups after use. Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded by B. Oliver. All in favour.

9. Committee Updates

Recreational & Facilities Committee:

19.1 Three trees are broken and damaged in Spinney Woods, a quotation has been received this for remedial works for this at £495.

19.2 Bike racks to be placed in the Market Square by the Café.

19.3 More graffiti at the Skate Park.

19.4 CCTV at the Skate Park and Market Square now installed. Posters to be displayed on the noticeboard, skate park and website advising this.

19.5 A Hi Viz jacket is to be ordered for V. Thomas.

19.6 M. Townsend is no longer on the Recreational & Facilities Committee.

20. Next Meeting Date

20.1 Thursday 13th February 2020 at 19.00pm

20.2 Items for Next Agenda:

21. AOB: For Information Only

21.1 The Parish Council car park surface is getting worse, Clerk is awaiting dates for dates for a meeting from the Co-Op.

21.2 It was suggested for all Councillors to be on all committees within the Parish Council, that way Councillors are not stuck on one committee.

Meeting Closed

Time 21.28pm