

Aylesham Parish Council June 2020

Thursday 11th June 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). Two members of the Public.

2. Apologies

No Apologies received. S. MacCallum – Absent.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

M. Townsend – Aylesham & Snowdown Social Welfare Scheme

I. Thomas, V. Thomas, B. Oliver – Aylesham HUB Limited

S. Bott – Aylesham Workshop Trust

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

May 2020

It was proposed by I. Thomas and seconded by B. Oliver and RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 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

5.1 Local Resident: Former Aylesham Sports Club “The Legion”, Burgess Road.

Resident has been in correspondence with the owner of the “The Legion” regarding site security. Prior to the fire and since the fire of the main legion building the site has been left unsecure, children of all ages including young have been seen entering the site. The owner has taken no steps to secure it, even after the resident reporting it. The resident is unhappy with the response received, the site is unsafe with rubble needs to be cleared. The owner of The Legion was also found to be defamatory against the Parish Council in her email responses.

Resolved: Clerk has made contact with DDC regarding the site, an update to be given to Councillors and resident next week. Clerk to check on previous correspondence with owner.

5.2 Bechange: Since F.A.B in a crisis started at the start of COVID-19 lockdown over 10,000 meals have now been given to local residents free of charge. Bechange have received lots of support, and have amazing volunteers. They are still delivering meals to the elderly, those at high risk, shielded and even those who are struggling with things such as finances affecting them now. When they first started they thought they would run until mid-June, but will for now carry on. They are not flying through the money given by the Parish Council for the

project. Money that others have donated supports Bechange, they are resourceful with donations from people, receive food from the Foodbank (who they work closely with), Deal Gleaners, Foodshare and give parcels to residents too. These consist of extra groceries, nappies, even baby clothes, baby baths etc. They have received other grant donations from Aylesham & District Workshop Trust, The Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Aylesham Parish Council, Dover District Council and others.

I.Thomas gave thanks to Bechange for their hard work.

Resolved: Parish Council to discuss funding again in July.

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Linda Keen DDC:

6.1 L. Keen offered her support regarding securing the site of the Legion.

6.2 Brambles along Dorman Avenue North: L. Keen was disappointed by Dover District Council's response, even though they cleared the brambles from the footpath at past Aylesham Developer meetings the whole of the brambles was offered by DDC to be cleared.

6.3 Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre – A feasibility study will be carried out by Dover District Council, each organisation in Aylesham will be contacted and involved in this.

6.4 L. Keen stressed how angry she was regarding Section 106 allocations, three organisations put in, but none of these were accepted. She could not understand how DDC can give Thanet & Sandwich Bay Special Protraction Area £8,948 and none to Sunshine Corner Nursery or Aylesham HUB. She has pushed for in the future there is to be full advertisements well in advance for S106 so all local projects are able to apply.

Steve Manion KCC:

6.5 S. Manion sends Clerk information as soon as he gets it.

6.6 Some schools have reopened, Kent County Council are taking cautious steps and working with them.

6.7 UK Government are giving extra support to Kent County Council in regards to the recent asylum seeking children in Kent.

6.8 Pot holes are still getting filled, please continue to report any to Kent County Council.

M. Townsend noted to S. Manion that parts of Boulevard Courrieres has been marked yellow, S. Manion to make enquiries on this.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Email from Local Resident – Children accessing the unsafe site of the former Legion (Aylesham Sports Club, Burgess Road). Resident has been in contact with the owner of the site, and now wishes to raise concerns with the Parish Council.

Resolved: Agenda Item 5.2

7.2 Local Resident Email – available land to use for small party to be held in July (music, games and singing).

Resolved: Clerk has informed local resident that neither DDC (landowners) or Aylesham Parish Council are supporting any events due to COVID-19, therefore they would not be allowed.

7.3 BT Phone Box Consultation, Cornwallis Avenue.

DDC queried whether the Parish Council would adopt the phone box for £1, however the Parish Council would be responsible for maintenance.

Resolved: Council wish for BT to repair and maintain the working phone box, and will not adopt it.

Proposed by B. Oliver, seconded J. Pout. All in favour.

7.4 Dover District Council

Local company wishes to have a pop up florist in the car park next to the health centre.

Resolved: For the car park to remain solely used as a car park.

Proposed by L. Prescott, seconded B. Oliver. 6 voted in favour, 1 voted against, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

7.5 Local Resident Email: Dead trees outside numerous houses along Central Boulevard.

Resolved: To keep an eye on the trees and ask the developers to check them and advise.

Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded B. Oliver. All in favour.

7.6 Local Resident Email: Land at Thirlmere Gardens – two strips of landscaping that divide parking spaces are overgrown. Resident would like clarification of who owns these and what support DDC will give. DDC delivered the houses with Fairclough Homes resident was of the understanding that this area was under DDC's maintenance programme.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Property at DDC to see if they are responsible for the area in question.

7.7 Aylesham & Snowdown Social Welfare Scheme: Statement received regarding the future of Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre.

Resolved: To be discussed under Agenda Item 16.

7.8 James Browning, Chief Executive West Faversham Community Association Statement:

Read out by Clerk: "West Faversham Community Association on June 1st began work to support Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre management committee. WFCA currently works in 2 other communities in East Kent and has provided services during lockdown to support individuals and families suffering disadvantage. It is our aim to provide support and assist in each community we work in, and to this end extend our offer of food services to the community. It is our belief that charities do not compete but when offering support in different ways, are able to provide choice to those in need suited to their varying needs. Our support being offered in the Aylesham is light touch, in which those wanting support are able to collect a parcel of food including fresh meat, dairy and veg, to cook their own meals, and is done in a way neighbors and friends would not know they have received a food parcel with it being collected and taken away in supermarket bags to avoid any stigma or perceived risk of embarrassment some may have regarding food bank deliveries. It is our intention to work with other local providers whom are clearly offering a valuable service in a different style, and have offered to make food supplies donations to these groups to help them provide their established service alongside this additional support. I look forward to updating you soon regarding our plans to offer our service in the community past lockdown."

Resolved: Noted by Council. Clerk informed Councillors that Mr Browning wishes to attend the next Full Parish Council Meeting.

8. Planning Applications

8.1 Dover District Council Planning Reference: 20/00462

Proposal: Approval of Reserved Matters for strategic infrastructure Phase 2D. 1 including details for conditions 88 and 89 pursuant to planning permission DOV/15/00068.

Location: Phase 2D.1 Land for Aylesham Village Expansion, Aylesham.

Clerk noted to Councillors that the Parish Council was not involved in a consultation on the plans proposed in this application. I. Thomas as the Parish Council Representative to Aylesham HUB reminded Councillors that the area had been earmarked for Aylesham HUB by DDC. Councillors felt that they should support the HUB.

Resolved: Aylesham Parish Council to submit to DDC that they are of the understanding that this area had been earmarked for Aylesham HUB and have not been consulted previously on it as noted in the planning application.

Proposed by J. Pout, seconded S. Bott. Six voted in favour, 2 Councillors unable to vote due to being members of Aylesham HUB.

8.2 Dover District Council Planning Reference: 20/00416

Proposal: Reserved matters application Phase 2c for 48 dwellings, associated infrastructure, access, landscaping, layout, scale and appearance, together with details for conditions 57, 63, 64, 72, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 93 pursuant to planning permission DOV/15/00068.

Location: Phase 2C, Aylesham Village Expansion, Aylesham.

Resolved: Proposed by J. Pout to concur with Kent County Council Highways comments and holding objection. Seconded by B. Oliver, all in favour.

9. Grant Applications

None received.

10. Finance & Accounts

The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval:

- AJL Garden Services May 2020 Invoice £665.50
- Clerk Expenses (Stamps, April, May, June Zoom Subscription) £54.35
- Chair Expenses (Padlock & Hardened Steel Chain for Skate Park, replacement) £21.28
- Sequoia Tree Care invoice (Spinney Woods dangerous overhanging branches, Sharpak) £456 & £576 (Spinney woods, dangerous overhanging limbs, dead wood overhanging into industrial estate)

Resolved: To Approve the above payments. Proposed by K. Sutcliffe, seconded S. Bott. All in favour.

- Dover District Council Market Square, Cripps Close, Hill Crescent (Clerk querying this) £226

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

Resolved in Agenda item 5.

12. Former Aylesham Sports Club (The Legion)

Resolved in Agenda Item 5.

13. Parish Representatives on Community Groups

13.1 Terms of Reference to be set for Councillors as Parish Representatives on Community Groups.

Resolved: Councillors can vote on Community Groups as individuals but if they are asked the view of Aylesham Parish Council they will bring it back to Full Council meetings to discuss and decide as a whole. Council to review Community Groups.

Proposed by B. Oliver, seconded K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

14. Aylesham Development

14.1 It has been reported that BDW Homes (Barratt Homes) are back to work on Monday 15th June 2020.

14.2 Clerk to check if DDC have adopted Central Boulevard Park from the developers yet.

14.3 Councillors would prefer two cycle racks in the Market Square, take two if offered.

15. Aylesham House

15.1 Underwriters for the insurance claim on Aylesham House (water leak) have informed Clerk a decision is imminent on the claim in around 7 days.

15.2 Staff Salaries:

Asst. Clerk D. Jenkins to be placed on New SCP Level 8 £10.37 per hour, plus 3% = £10.68 per hour. Clerk K. Razzell to be placed on New SCP Level 21 £13.41 per hour, plus 3% = £13.81 per hour.

Proposed by I. Thomas, Seconded by B. Oliver. I. Thomas withdrew proposal, S. Bott reinstated proposal, B. Oliver seconded. Four in favour.

Both clerks to be placed two levels higher, D. Jenkins New SCP Level 9 plus 3% per hour, K. Razzell New SCP Level 22 plus 3% per hour.

Proposed by V. Thomas, seconded K. Sutcliffe. Four in favour.

Resolved: Chair M. Townsend voted in favour of the proposal by S. Bott. Motion carried.

16. Committee Updates

Aylesham & Snowdown Social Welfare Scheme

16.1 Your Leisure left Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre at the end of May, West Faversham Community Association take over from 1st September 2020.

Recreational & Facilities Committee:

16.2 Four more picnic benches to be placed in the Market Square. Recreational & Facilities Committee to meet and decide on locations.

16.3 Committee has accepted the quote from The Vineyard Garden Centre for the flower boxes by benches to supply boxes, secure and fill with soil and flowers.

16.4 Second access gate in Market Square, Amey have offered to install this for free. Planning permission to be sought from DDC.

16.4 Car park at the rear of the Co-Op, Committee to review lease and have meeting with the Co-Operative Group.

M. Townsend noted that a Working Group had been agreed and minuted for this project, I. Thomas, L. Prescott and M. Townsend. M. Townsend has been making enquiries.

Aylesham HUB

16.5 Closed Section of the meeting.

Aylesham 4 Aylesham:

16.6 Banner to support the defibrillator Go Fund Me campaign has been produced, and so far over £3,800 has been donated.

Aylesham Business Network

16.7 I. Thomas and V. Thomas attended a meeting held virtually, they noted it was a nice group who collaborate and help each other. Further meetings to be attended to see how the Parish Council can help.

Aylesham HUB

Closed Section of the meeting.

15. Next Meeting Date

15.1 Thursday 9th July 2020 19.00pm

15.2 Items for Next Agenda: None

21. AOB: For Information Only

Meeting Closed

Time 21.30pm