

Aylesham Parish Council April 2020

Thursday 23rd April 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. Cllr L. Keen (DDC), Cllr C. Woodgate (DDC), one member of the Public.

2. Apologies

Cllr S. MacCallum, Cllr S. Manion (KCC), Assistant Clerk D. Jenkins. All apologies that were received, accepted by Council.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

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

M. Townsend – Aylesham and Snowdown Welfare Scheme

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

4.1 March 2020 Minutes item 14 Parish Council Car Park, two pot holes have since been filled.

M. Townsend informed Councillors that he was contacted by KCC Contractors Amey who offered this service for free.

4.2 I. Thomas would like a Flag Policy in place, to be discussed further at a later date/separate meeting.

It was proposed by B. Oliver and seconded by I. Thomas and RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2020, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a true record. K. Sutcliffe abstained from voting due to being absent.

5. Public Representation Notified to Clerk in Advance of Meeting

None.

6. District & County Councillor Reports

Linda Keen DDC:

6.1 Noted one or two cases of people congregating in areas when they should not be, she received guidance from CSU.

6.2 Dover District Council give and send weekly updates from the Chief Executive, virtual meetings are being held.

6.2 Cllr Keen will support the Parish Council as usual with any planning applications, she is happy to help with arranging Zoom meetings with the Planning Officers.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Email from local resident with asking whether the Parish Council will demand a full investigation into the fire of “The Legion”. They have suggested that the owners be reported to HSE for not securing the site adequately. **Discussed in Agenda Item 11.**

8. Planning Applications

8.1 Dover District Council planning reference: 20/00392

Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling with associated parking

Location: 38 Hill Crescent, Aylesham CT3 3DF

Resolved: No objections. Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded J. Pout, all in favour.

8.2 Dover District Council planning reference: 20/00364

Proposal: Approval of the reserved matters relating to access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for the Strategic Infrastructure Phase 2C.1 (Milner Neighbourhood Park), including details for conditions 57, 87, 88, 89, 98 and 100 pursuant to permission DOV/15/00068.

Location: Phase 2C.1, Aylesham Village Expansion, Aylesham

Resolved: CCTV and lighting to need to be installed, something which DDC & the developers agreed to at prior consultations with the Parish Council last year. Proposed by I. Thomas, seconded by B. Oliver, all in favour.

8.3 Dover District Council Planning Reference: 20/00384

Proposal: Reserved matters application (Phase 2B) pursuant to planning permission DOV/15/00068 for 50 dwellings, associated infrastructure, access, landscaping, layout, scale and appearance, together with details for conditions 57, 63, 64, 72, 81, 87, 90 and 93.

Location: Phase 2B, Land for Aylesham Village Expansion North of, Dorman Avenue North, Aylesham

Councillors noted the location of parking is away from a number of the houses. Traffic counts are outdated, and have not taken into account the recent traffic in the area. Street lighting is a concern. Transport for the village – not enough buses or infrastructure.

Resolved: Clerk to arrange meeting with Planning Officer for this application.

9. Grant Applications

None received.

10. Finance & Accounts

The outlined expenditure requiring Parish Council approval –

- **AJL Garden Services – March 2020 Invoice £665.50**
- **Zoom Subscription £14.53 per month until further notice – Clerk to claim expenses in the future for this.**

Resolved: Approve. Proposed by L. Prescott, seconded K. Sutcliffe. All in favour.

It was noted by I. Thomas to discuss Clerks salary shortly – and noted that it can be backdated.

11. Coronavirus (COVID-19)

11.1 Clerk noted to Council that F.A.B (Footprints at Bechange) in a crisis, was working well. Aylesham Parish Council donated £6,000 to support this project, ready prepared meals are delivered for each member of households that have been referred to Bechange twice a week. This ensures that people have a meal every day, and a box of necessities for the week during this pandemic/crisis. Aylesham HUB Ltd are helping are providing an information leaflet once a week for residents to be included with the meal service, that contains contact details, updates etc. It also provides a bit of fun, for example the first week included a section to colour in for children. Aylesham HUB Ltd did ask the Parish Council what information if any they wish to be included, it was noted for contact details to be.

11.2 Clerk informed Council that she and Assistant Clerk D. Jenkins had been attending a telephone Town and Parishes Conference Call with the Leader, and Deputy Leader of DDC.

11.3 M. Townsend informed Council that Sharpak Aylesham will be producing face shields. Around 50,000 per week are to be produced for social carers, NHS, Co-Op (Aylesham) and Boots Chemist (Aylesham). He noted that anyone locally will receive them.

11.4 Clerk noted to Council that residents had contacted her regarding nuisance and persistent bonfires. These have been reported to Dover District Council Environmental Health who are contacting Occupiers/Owners accordingly, noting action can and will be taken should they continue.

12. Website

12.1 Three quotes had been obtained by the Clerk for the new website after Kent County Council announced at the end of 2019 that they will no longer be hosting the current one from August 2020.

Resolved: Clerk recommended to Council Highway Business Services based in Sandwich.
Proposed to approve by K Sutcliffe, seconded J. Pout. All in favour.

13. Former Aylesham Sports Club (The Legion)

13.1 K. Sutcliffe noted to Council that at the time of the recent fire at The Legion, it was horrendous, worrying and very distressing for her and local residents. The building had to sadly be demolished straight away (which the owner would pay for), so that forensics and the Fire Brigade could investigate the cause of the fire. A stone in the wall when it was built was recovered and will be given to Aylesham Heritage. Sadly the site is now thought to be Brownfield, which could be open to fresh planning applications.

13.2 With regards to the email received from a local resident noted in Agenda Item 7.1, Council noted that HSE was a concern at the site for a long time, it was discussed the owner was warned that a fire may happen at the site. Councillors were unsure if the investigation report of the fire would be made public.

17. Aylesham Development

17.1 Builders rubbish has been left around various places of the development. Clerk to chase when the time is right.

18. Aylesham House

No update

9. Committee Updates

Recreational & Facilities Committee:

19.1 Snowdown Recreation Ground – Fly tipping is occurring again (garden waste).

19.2 Planters next to the benches around the village were discussed, with the weight being important so they cannot be stolen. Committee to look at fibre glass. Committee to discuss further at next meeting.

Aylesham and Snowdown Welfare Scheme:

19.3 M. Townsend informed Council that the Committee had recently voted for West Faversham Community Centre to take over the contract running of the “Welfare” from Your Leisure who are due to leave at the end of July. West Faversham Community Centre are to start on 01/08/2020, however are keen to get in soon. Contracts are being checked by Solicitors but all seems well. Your Leisure have announced that they will be leaving early at the end of April due to financial difficulty with all their sites closed, so West Faversham Community Centre are to start on 01/05/2020 Aylesham and Snowdown Welfare Scheme will be responsible for the utility bills (as part of the contract) so they may come to the Parish Council for a grant as they are not getting income from their income streams whilst closed. I. Thomas noted to M. Townsend that the UK Government closed leisure centres until further notice so the building should remain closed due to Coronavirus.

20. Next Meeting Date

20.1 Annual Assembly & AGM Thursday 14th May 2020 19.00pm, Full Parish Council Meeting 19.30pm

20.2 Items for Next Agenda:

21. AOB: For Information Only

None.

Meeting Closed

Time 20.33pm