

## **REPORT TO AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward  
Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

**Aylesford South and Ditton Ward  
Councillors Rob Cannon, Steve Hammond and Colin Williams**

**Walderslade Ward  
Councillor Des Keers**

### **ALL WARDS ITEMS**

1. We will not be able to join you at your meeting because it clashes with the TMBC Annual Council.

### **FREEMAN CEREMONY**

2. Prior to our Annual Council on 13<sup>th</sup> May, TMBC will confer on Royal British Legion Industries the Freedom of the Borough. A most worthy recipient of the honour who provide a unique service to armed forces veterans across the whole of the UK.

### **LOCAL PLAN – UPDATE**

3. There have been no further updates since our last report.

### **DEVOLUTION**

4. There has been no further update on devolution since last time.

## **AYLESFORD NORTH & NORTH DOWNS ISSUES**

### **LAND AROUND ECCLES – PUBLIC MEETINGS**

5. The two meetings we reported on at your last meeting, took place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 18:00 to 20:00 and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 11:00 to 13:00. They were successful with about 50 residents attending each meeting.

6. We now have a list of concerns during construction and some requests for facilities as part of the development.

7. We will now further explore these issues in a forth coming survey to every house and then prepare a report for TMBC planners and you.

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN PROGRESS**

### **Nursery Rochester Road Aylesford (25/00039)**

8. You will recall that enforcement action was about to restart after the applicant lost an appeal against that enforcement. Almost immediately the owner submitted another application. This will delay enforcement action. Dave Davis and Roger Dalton had a meeting with both the case officer and the enforcement officer who are now working together on this issue. As of now this is still under consideration by the case officer and when decided will pass to the enforcement officer.

### **Land Rear of Mackenders Lane Eccles Aylesford Kent**

9. There is no change on this application.

10. There is a farm building that has been largely built. It is a building for farm use such as storing farm machinery. This building is permitted development.

11. There is also a caravan on site that is been occupied during the period of construction of the permanent building above which is permitted during that construction. A meeting has been held with the owner and TMBC Enforcement Officers and there is still work going on the approved building. As such continued use of the caravan is lawful until that work stops.

### **Land On Former Scout Camp Warren Road**

12. There is no change on this which is in the hands of the over stretched court system awaiting further prosecution.

### **Land North of Lower Warren Road and East of Warren Road**

13. The closure of this enforcement action was reported to you earlier. Since then, a new application 24/02027/PL has now been submitted for a mobile home on the site. This application is now at an advanced stage and we hope that there will be a decision before your next meeting.

### **Common Road Blue Bell Hill**

14. There has been activity where landowners are trying to sell land in this field. In itself, that is not a planning issue.

15. To date there has been no construction that requires enforcement action however this is still an active enforcement case.

## **AYLESFORD SOUTH AND DITTON**

16. It is anticipated that the application, in respect of the major development of 435 houses at Bunyards Farm 22/00409 will come to Area 3 Planning on 5th June and if that does not happen then it should come before the committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## **WALDESLADE WARD**

17. The coppicing work at Taddington Valley has been completed for this term however more may be undertaken in the Autumn. There have been new trees planted and 3 new bench seats installed along the main pathway, which local residents are enjoying. .