

Aylesford Parish Council

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026, in the Aylesford Parish Council Offices, Aylesford

Present: Councillors Shelley (Chair), Miss Anderson, Balcombe, Chapman, Mrs Eves, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Netzel, Sharp, Shelley Smith and Mrs Waters.

Melanie Randall (Clerk of the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Fuller, Ms Oyewusi, Rille and Sullivan were received and the reason for absence agreed.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

3. To Agree the Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 April 2026

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Any Matters Arising from the last minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. To consider renewing the Play Equipment at The Hollow, Aylesford

The Clerk reported that she has been working on the grant application and has made contact with the Primary School office directly and they would love to be involved in the consultation process. The deadline for the FCC Communities Foundation grant is 20th May 2026, so time is quite tight. **Ongoing**

6. Renewal of the Play Equipment at Tunbury Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that there is S106 money available totalling £13,903.23 and she has confirmed to TMBC the council would like the money ringfenced towards this project. She will continue to research grants but stressed that The Hollow takes priority at the moment so there may not be a further update for a while. **Ongoing**

7. Tunbury Car Park

The Clerk reported she had met with the CCTV contractor, who has suggested an ANPR camera at the entrance so it will capture and store all registration numbers for all vehicles entering and exiting the car park. The camera includes a built-in interface, allowing authorised users to review recorded data along with corresponding timestamps.

Signage will be required informing users of the car park that vehicle movements and number plates are being recorded, particularly where this data may be used for enforcement purposes.

The camera and signs will be installed on the same day.

The cost of the camera is £995.00 + vat.

It was **Resolved** to proceed

There was an option for an additional camera to be placed next to one of the existing ones at the rear of the hall, which has a better image quality and a wider field of view at an additional cost of £890.00 + vat.

It was **Resolved** not to proceed with this option at the present time due to the cost. The situation will be monitored and may be revisited in six months should issues persist.

Ongoing

8. Any Other Correspondence

Ragstone Wall - St Peter and St Paul's Church, Aylesford

The Clerk reported that the office had been contacted by St Peter and St Paul's Church, Aylesford, regarding cracks in the ragstone wall surrounding the churchyard. A specialist contractor was instructed to inspect the wall and confirmed that, despite its appearance, it remained structurally sound.

The contractor provided a quotation of £1,288.00 to undertake repairs, which the Clerk accepted in accordance with delegated authority. The works were completed within two weeks of the issue being reported.

Eccles Village Sign

A Councillor asked about the Eccles Village Sign as she is aware there have been talks between the office and a resident regarding refurbishing it.

The Clerk confirmed a resident had made contact and she was in the process of trying to find a company who could help. County Councillor Kennedy is happy to make a contribution from his members allowance, and he had a contact who recently refurbished the Wouldham

Village sign. The Clerk said she is waiting for Councillor Kennedy to contact her so this project can move forward.

Water Quality

A Councillor raised concerns regarding water quality in the local area and advised that there is an opportunity for local water monitoring to be undertaken by Councillors, with testing kits available free of charge.

Councillors Shelley and Ludlow agreed to obtain kits and carry out water quality monitoring as appropriate.

9. Duration of Meeting

7:56pm to 8:22pm