

Aylesford Parish Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 in the Aylesford Parish Council Offices, Aylesford

Present: Councillor Mrs Gadd (Chair) and Councillors, Miss Anderson, Mrs Eves, Gledhill, Netzel, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Smith and Sullivan.

Melanie Randall (Clerk of the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Balcombe and Mrs Waters were received, and the reasons for absence agreed.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 3 March 2026

It was noted that the meeting date had been incorrectly recorded as 3 March 2026 and should read 3 February 2026.

Subject to this amendment the minutes from the meeting held on 3 February 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Any Matters Arising from the last Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Accounts for Payment

The Council considered the Payment Schedule attached to the Agenda and Councillor Shelley proposed and Councillor Miss Anderson seconded and it was **Resolved** that 11 payments totalling £5,162.43 be made.

An extra payments run was made on 31 March 2026 to process invoices in the 2025/26 financial year. All invoices were scanned to Councillor Sullivan for checking before the payments were authorised on the bank. 17 payments totalling £12,872.76 were made.

6. Finance Advisory Sub Committee

It was **Agreed** to note the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2026.

7. KALC and TMBC Parish Partnership Panel Meetings

Nothing to report as no meetings held since the last meeting of this committee.

8. Council Vacancies

The current vacancies where the Parish Council can co-opt are
Aylesford South – 2

Noted

It was suggested that the Council obtain a quote to do a mail shot to households in Preston Hall, the new Poppies Estate and the British Legion to try and fill the vacancies. The Clerk will produce a poster and email round, once agreed it will be put on Facebook, the website and the noticeboards.

She will report back with the cost for the printed posters for the mail shot.

9. To consider a Professionally Monitored Security System for the Parish Office

It was **Agreed** the Clerk can obtain costs and report back when she has them.

Ongoing

10. Any Other Correspondence

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Aylesford Big Lunch will not take place this summer in Old Bridge Gardens due to the works that have been carried out by Southern Water. The organiser expressed concerns about high footfall on areas of ground that will likely still be recovering, noting that the grass may not have fully regrown in time.

11. Duration of Meeting

7:45pm to 7:55pm