

Aylesford Parish Council

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at Aylesford Parish Office, Aylesford

Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Chapman, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Mrs Ogun, Rillie, Sharp, Shelly, Sullivan.

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Ms Oyewusi and Walker.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Ms Oyewusi and Walker 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 except Councillor Chapman declared an interest in item 4.1 as they are neighbours and took no part in the discussion or decision.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2024

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to Mrs Bunmi Ogun was not in attendance.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 24/00495/PA - The George House, 35 High Street, Aylesford North

1 x Sycamore (T1 on sketch plan) - Fell and grind out stump of self-seeded sycamore.

It was **Resolved** to raise **No Objection**

4.2 24/00480/PA - Land South of Barming Station and East Of, Hermitage Lane, Aylesford South

Non-Material Amendment to planning permission TM/23/01069/RM for variations to bins and cycle storage for plots 85-108 due to inclusion of First Homes, the addition of bin storage area for Plots 158-163 and the handing of plots 160-163 (A2708M) due to site levels and access.

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition.

4.3 24/00479/PA - Land South of Barming Station and East Of, Hermitage Lane, Aylesford South

Non-Material Amendment to planning permission TM/24/00055/RM for realignment of cycle way to propose a more direct route through the scheme and avoid issues relating to land levels and the relocation of four visitor parking spaces following amendments to the footway.

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition.

4.4 24/00499/PA - 24 Robson Drive Aylesford South

Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single storey front and rear extension. Erection of 3 x garden buildings. Garage conversion and dropped kerb.

It was **Resolved** to raise **No Objection**

5. Any Other Correspondence

East Malling Research Station – proposal to build a total of 1,300 dwellings.

Ditton Parish Council held a public meeting on Monday 15 April 2024 of which Aylesford Parish Council was invited to attend. Several Councillors went, a draft report of objection was provided and those present felt Ditton Parish Council have raised legitimate reasons for refusal. The main effect this development would have for Aylesford Parish Council would be a high increase in traffic culminating in even more congestion in the area due to more vehicles coming out of the development onto Hermitage Lane in addition to the already approved developments. Members commented that Ditton Parish Council gave an excellent presentation, the meeting was well attended and managed and the initial feeling is one of support for Ditton Parish Councils objections. This will go on the next agenda of this committee.

Agile – TMBC new Planning System

The Clerk explained that as requested by TMBC office staff have set up an online account with TMBC and use the online function to submit the Council's comments to planning applications. They said it is quicker and easier as it is directly linked to the planning application. This method was used for the first time to submit the comments of the 9 April meeting and one week on the

comments are not on any of the applications. The Clerk stated when they email them separately the comments seem to go on the application within two days. The Clerk has raised this with TMBC and is awaiting a response, in the meantime staff will revert back to the previous way of sending individual emails.

Residents who are not computer literate

A Councillor asked if submitting comments via the planning portal was the only way they can be made that TMBC will accept. It was explained that if residents prefer to they can hand write a letter if they so wish and they do not have to use the planning portal or email.

6. Duration of Meeting

7.30pm to 7.37pm