

# Aylesford Parish Council

## Planning Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at St Marks School, Eccles

**Present:** Councillors Smith (Chairman), Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Mrs Eves, Ludlow, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Sullivan

**In Attendance:** Melanie Randall (Clerk) and 10 Members of the Public

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#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Chapman, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Fuller, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Mrs Ogun, Ms Oyewusi and Walker 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 except Councillor Mrs Eves declared an interest in item 4.7 and took no part in the discussion or decision.

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

#### 4. Planning Applications

##### 4.1 24/01325 - 162, Woodlands Road, Aylesford South

T1 Applicants ref.). Ash. This tree stands alone at the far end and close to the rear boundary of a private garden, at 19m tall with a lateral spread of 7m. Proposed is the removal of the whole tree and the replanting of another (yet to be determined) species. There are early signs of dieback the uppermost branches. There is a lean of this straggly/unmaintained tree towards the NE and the main reason for this work is the anxiety of branch/whole tree failure due to it being on a crest and standing alone with only the upper canopy catching the winds. Standing in group W1 of Tree Preservation Order.

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

#### **4.2 24/01342 - 8, Holtwood Avenue, Aylesford South**

T1 (Applicants ref) Cedar- deadwood and reduce back from property by 2.5m, prune 1 x large protruding lateral to form by approx 4m at 16m and remove low branch branches growing towards house to balance crown. T1 of Tree Preservation Order

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

#### **4.3 24/01358 - 8, Holtwood Avenue, Aylesford South**

4x Conifer (previously form as Hedge)- Fell

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

#### **4.4 24/01361 - 3, Birch Crescent, Aylesford South**

1 x Oak (applicants ref. T1) - Fell. Evidence of Gymnopus Fusipes has been observed. Standing in Woodland W1 of Tree Preservation Order

It was **Resolved** to raise **An Objection**. The Parish Council would request that the Tree Officer at TMBC has clear evidence before permitting the Oak Tree to be felled.

#### **4.5 24/01388 - 2 - 4, Forstal Road, Aylesford North**

Details of conditions 4 (ventilation system) and 5 (acoustic details) pursuant to planning permission TM/24/00880/PA (Retention of existing cafe and part change of use to a dog grooming salon to the rear.)

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

#### **4.6 24/01341 - 5, Barling Close, Blue Bell Hill**

2 x Sycamore (at the bottom of the garden) - Reduce each tree by 2-3m in height and spread as specified. T1 and Standing in Group G1 of Tree Preservation Order.

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

#### **4.7 24/01373 - 65, Woodbury Road, Walderslade**

Details of condition 5 (hard and soft landscaping) pursuant to planning permission TM/22/02541/FL (Single storey wrap-around extension to replace existing conservatory).

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

#### **4.8 24/01385 - 4, Frenshaw Walk, Walderslade**

Single silver birch in rear garden of 4 Frenshaw Walk, next to boundary with No. 2. Trim, crown reduce by 30% to previous pollard points and crown thin by 20%. 45 years-old silver birch has grown vigorously over recent years, leans over neighbouring garden and shades both gardens. Standing in Group W7 of Tree Preservation Order

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

#### **4.9 24/01401 - 3, Vicarage Close, Aylesford North**

1 x Mature Turkey Oak T1. Proposed reduction to the canopy as follows. Northeast spread of 9 meters to 6 meters. Southwest spread of 6 meters to 4 meters. Northwest spread of 10 meters to 7 meters. Southeast spread of 10 meters to 7 meters. Reducing the height from 25 meters to 21 meters and lifting the crown to 8 meters from ground level. The tree is large and casts considerable shade over the lower garden and school. in the rear garden.

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

#### **4.10 24/01384 - SEW Site, Mill Hall Road, Aylesford South**

Details of condition 4 (archaeological work) pursuant to planning permission TM/24/00412/PA (Installation of a new building to house UK Power Networks UKPN infrastructure to power equipment at South East Waters water treatment works site at Aylesford)

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

### **5. Any Other Correspondence**

There was no Other Correspondence.

### **6. Duration of Meeting**

7.15pm to 7.21pm