

Aylesford Parish Council

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2022 at Aylesford Football Club Pavilion, Aylesford

Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Balcombe, Beadle, Ms Ogun, Dorrington, Ms Eves, Fuller, Gledhill, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Sullivan, Walker and Winnett

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Gadd, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi and Walker.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Mrs Gadd, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi and Walker 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 21st June 2022

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 TM/22/01155/TPOC - 7 Chippendale Close, Walderslade

T1 - English oak -Crown lift from ground to 4 meters (tree approximately 20 meters). Raise canopy over car park and driveway to allow access to the driveway. G1 - Various height to remove entire row of 15 Hazel (fell and grind) to clear footpath for fence to be installed. T2 - 6 x Lawson Cypress - (8 meters) to fell to ground level and grind remove from boundary line to be replaced by new fence. T3 - 2 x Hornbeam (15 meters) to fell to ground level and grind to be removed due to location against boundary line. Standing in area W6 of Tree Preservation Order

It was **Agreed** to raise **No Objection** to **T1 or T2**

It was **Agreed** to raise an **Objection** to **T3** – one tree is on the boundary line however the other is not. They are also on the edge of original woodland so should not be felled.

4.2 TM/22/01274/TPOC - 20 Birch Crescent Aylesford

Ash Tree - reduce by 3m to create new crown, thin and deadwood Reason - maintenance and preservation. Standing in area A1 of Tree Preservation Order

It was **Agreed** to raise **No Objection**

4.3 TM/22/01277/RD – 65 Kingswood Road, Blue Bell Hill

Details of Condition 3 (landscape and boundary treatment) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/15/01174/FL (Two storey side extension incorporating existing outhouse)

It was **Agreed** to raise **No Objection**

4.4 TM/22/01284/LDP – 20A Sycamore Drive, Aylesford South

Lawful Development Proposed: Single storey kitchen diner extension

It was **Agreed** to raise **No Objection**

4.5 TM/22/01321/TPOC – 12 Hepplewhite Mews, Walderslade

Works to be carried out: T1 - Oak Tree, remove to ground level and grind out stumps T2 (applicant's ref) (T4 on Tree preservation Order 15/00016/TPO) Small Oak Tree, carry out a crown reduction, reducing height by (1.5m) and average radial spread by (2m), taking care to prune to live secondary growth points and maintaining an even, balanced shape. Reasons for works: - T1 has surface roots which have damaged driveway causing a trip hazard, owner is looking to reinstate driveway. - Both trees cause excessive shade and reduce light levels to property due to close proximity.

It was **Agreed** to raise a **very strong Objection** – these are magnificent Oak trees and in particular T1, this tree makes the scene in the Close, it would be a crime to remove it. If TMBC grant permission for its removal, that will set a precedence for all those in the area with Oak trees in their garden or near their boundary to seek permission to fell their trees. The Parish Council does however appreciate that some maintenance work to the trees is needed to allow natural light into the dwelling. The Parish Council also notes that an Assessment has not been provided by an Arboricultural Consultant, perhaps it should be?

4.6 TM/22/01348/TNCA – 45 Birch Crescent, Aylesford South

- 1) Top conifers to 3 meters; on the right-hand side of the property towards the rear of the house.
- 2) Top conifers to 3 meters; on the left-hand side of the property, close to the building.
- 3) Top hedge to 3 meters; and cut back to the boundary on the neighbour's side.

It was **Agreed** to raise **No Objection**

5. Any Other Correspondence

6. Duration of Meeting

7.30pm to 7.41pm