

Aylesford Parish Council

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at Tunbury Village Hall, Walderslade

Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Balcombe, Mrs Birbeck, Chapman, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Mrs Gadd, Ms Oyewusi, Rillie, Sharp and Sullivan and Walker.

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Fuller, Gledhill and Mrs Ogun

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Fuller, Gledhill and Mrs Ogun 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, except Councillor Chapman declared an interest in Item 4.7 as he is a Trustee of the Almshouses. He took no part in the discussion or decision.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2023

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 23/03352 – 12, Oaks Dene, Walderslade

T01 Oak - Remove Tree. Neighbouring properties are raising concerns about the tree and its destructive potential. Cracking noted to hard surfaced areas to rear of 12 Oaks Dene. Standing in W6 of Tree Preservation Order.

It was **Resolved** to raise **Concerns** - This is a mature Oak Tree, the applicant suggests that roots are causing damage to the hard surfaces. The tree was present before the houses were built. So, foundation specifications should be able to withstand tree roots. If the tree is felled the roots would remain, as difficult to remove. The cracks will also remain. The Borough Councils Tree Officer must visit this residence to assess the need to remove this very well-established Oak Tree.

4.2 22/01403/FL - Land East Of 136 - 146, Common Road, Blue Bell Hill

Proposed extension to stable block to include tractor/feed stores and tack room. (Amended scheme)

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

4.3 23/03279 - 10, Walsham Road, Walderslade

1 x Hornbeam (applicant reference T1) To be removed from front garden of no: 10 to allow drive installation. 2 x Hornbeam (Applicant reference T2 and T3) to be removed in the rear garden of 11 Walsham Road for drive installation. All standing within W6 of TPO

It was **Resolved** to raise an **Objection** - These are mature Hornbeam Trees that border between two houses. The applicant states the removal is needed to allow for a drive to be installed, however should the application for the drive installation be submitted as well at the same time to give a clear sight of the applicants plans?

4.4 23/03380 - Sew Site, Mill Hall Road, Aylesford South

Details of condition 2 (External materials) pursuant to planning permission TM/23/00139/FL - Installation of a new treatment building for water transmission and treatment purposes

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

4.5 23/03502 – 308 Robin Hood Lane, Blue Bell Hill

T1 (Applicants ref.) English Oak – reduction of canopy by 25%, reduction of diameter by 6m leaving diameter of 20m to allow more sunlight into rear of house and reduce damp on decking. T2 of Tree Preservation Order.

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

4.6 23/03346 - St Peters Church of England Primary School, Mount Pleasant, Aylesford North

Consultation by KCC: Details of the external materials (including specifications and colour finishes (KCC reference TM/23/1239/R3)

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

4.7 23/03471 - Trinity Court, Rochester Road, Aylesford North

G1 - Group of 8 mixed species trees, located along the right-hand boundary - Cutback to the boundary line. Justification - reduce the current canopy size to ensure continued growth and provide clearance away from leading aspects impacting on building
T1 - Sycamore - Fell and Poison. Justification - tree is in an unrecoverable state of decline, is within falling distance of highway and poses a risk to nearby vulnerable residents.

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

4.8 23/03338 - 42, Woodbury Road, Walderslade

Sweet Chestnut (T1) – twin stem. Reduce height from 16.5m to 14m to previous prune points, reduce radial spread from 6.6m to 3.5m to alleviate buildings encroachment and adverse NW lean, part of Tree Preservation Order

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

4.9 23/03318 - 269, Tudor Oaks, Woodlands Road, Aylesford South

Top upper third of 3 Leylandii; reduce Leylandii and Laurel hedge to 3m in height; 2x Oak to raise the crowns, remove deadwood and reduce branches; raise crown of Sweet Chestnut, remove deadwood and reduce branches; and 3x Chestnut trees to remove deadwood

Note: This application is a repeat of 20/00295 as this application has now expired and all the works were not completed.

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

4.10 23/03171 - 18, Sedley Close, Aylesford South

Single storey front and rear extension and two storey side extension (Revision to 23/01493/FL)

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

4.11 23/03440 - 58 Monfort Road, Walderslade

Loft conversion including dormer extensions to the rear and to the front. Rear ground floor extension

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

4.12 23/03528 - 15 Brassey Drive, Aylesford South

Only tree (silver birch) on the grass verge by the house- prune this tree, a 25% reduction. Client is getting increasingly concerned about this tree in the strong winds. Area W1 of Tree Preservation Order

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

5. Any Other Correspondence

There was no Other Correspondence.

6. Duration of Meeting

7.30pm to 7.35pm