

Aylesford Parish Council

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2025

St Albans Church, Blue Bell Hill

Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Balcombe, Mrs Birkbeck, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Rillie, Sharp and Shelley Sullivan
Melanie Randall (Clerk of the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Chapman, Fuller, Ludlow and Ms Oyewusi 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.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 25/00307/PA - Land South West of London Road and West of Castor Park, Allington

Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 23/01522/RM to amend the plans included in condition 1

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

4.2 25/00016/PA - 2, Finch Close, Aylesford South

Oak trees to the rear, reduce the overall size/height by 25%-30%, with removal of epicormic growth. Reduce Silver Birch on frontage reduce the overall size/height by 25%-30%. Standing in Group W1 of Tree Preservation Order

It was **Resolved** to raise an **Objection** to the Oak Tree. The Council feels the reduction requested in the application is too much, particularly on a tree that has a Tree Preservation Order. The applicant does not state the tree is causing any issues or it is diseased. Email correspondence from the applicant to TMBC states that the tree is too big. If the Tree Officer deems the work necessary than maybe a smaller reduction could be considered.

4.3 25/00162/PA - 26, Cedar Close, Aylesford South

Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Extend existing vehicle access dropped kerb

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

4.4 25/00308/PA - Land at Cobdown, Station Road, Ditton, Aylesford

Details of condition 6 (archaeology) and 7 (watching brief) pursuant to planning permission TM/24/01127/PA (Installation of a new 'electrical hub' building and 1 no. new kiosk within Area C: Borehole 7 of South East Water's Butler Water Treatment Works)

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

4.5 25/00357/PA - 52, Marston Close, Walderslade

T1 and T2 - Sweet chestnuts - Repollard back to previous reduction points, reduce by approx. 3m all over. Trees part of Tree Preservation Order

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

4.6 25/00360/PA- 77, Woodbury Road, Walderslade

1 x Sorbus in front garden (applicant ref: T1 on sketch plan) - Reduce in height by 1.5m. Current height 7m leaving at 5.5m. Mixed Species group in rear garden (ref: G2) - Prune back radial spread North-Northwest by 2m. Current radius 5m leaving at 3m. Woodland 6 of Tree Preservation Order

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

4.7 25/00382/PA - Royal British Legion Industries, Hall Road, Aylesford South

Demolition of existing building and structures to provide 1no. warehouse building within a flexible B2 / B8 Use Class (General Industrial / Storage and Distribution), together with open storage (Use Class B8), alongside associated landscaping, parking and servicing, and other infrastructure.

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

5. Any Other Correspondence

There was no Other Correspondence

6. Duration of Meeting

7:15pm to 7:17pm