

Aylesford Parish Council

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at Aylesford Parish Council Offices, Aylesford

Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Balcombe, Mrs Birbeck, Chapman, Craig, Gledhill, Ms Dorrington, Fuller, Mrs Gadd, Rillie, Sharp, Shelley, Sullivan and Mrs Ogun.

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Eves, Ludlow, Ms Oyewusi and Walker

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence from Councillors Mrs Eves, 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 Tuesday 16th January 2023

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 23/03335 - 3, Birch Crescent, Aylesford South

T1 (applicants ref.) Fell to ground level Silver Birch behind summerhouse. Standing in Group W1 of Tree Preservation Order.

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

4.2 23/03365 - 29, The Hawthorns, Aylesford South

Proposed Outbuilding to be used as a gym under Class E (d) Use (Fitness)

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

4.3 23/03388 -Land South of London Road and East of, Hermitage Lane, Aylesford South

Details of condition 14 (verification report) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/22/01863/FL (Section 73 minor material amendment application to vary condition 08 of approved outline permission TM/17/01595/OAEA for alterations to the proposed design of Poppyfields roundabout)

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

4.4 23/03440 – 58 Montford 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**

4.5 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 light into rear of house and reduce damp on decking. T2 of Tree Preservation Order.

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

4.6 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**

4.7 24/00030/PA – 17 Holtwood Avenue, Aylesford South

T1 x Mature Oak Tree closest to the house to remove to ground level. Planting 2 x Oak saplings to replace (further away from the house)

It was **Resolved** to raise **a Strong Objection**. While the Council appreciates 2x saplings will be planted, these will take years to grow into mature trees, if they even establish themselves. No photographs of the tree have been provided by the applicant, just a hand drawn plan.

There is no mention in the application that there is any form of disease or that the Oak Tree is causing damage to the property, therefore there is absolutely no reason to remove a healthy Oak Tree in a Conservation Area and the Parish Council would urge the Tree Officer to refuse this application on the grounds mentioned above unless there is clear evidence of damage being caused.

4.8 23/03486 - Former barn North of Oast House Cottages, Pilgrims Way, Eccles

Details of conditions 3 (materials), 5 (external lighting), 7 (parking) and 8 (cycle storage) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/23/00717/FL (Replacement of existing barn with a one and a half storey four-bedroom dwelling)

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

4.9 24/00055/PA - Land South of Barming Station and East Of, Hermitage Lane, Aylesford South

Reserved Matters application for approval of layout, appearance, landscaping and scale of 166 dwellings at Phase 2, Hermitage Park pursuant to outline planning permission TM/20/02749/OAEA (APP/H2265/W/21/3288065)

It was **Agreed** to note the Condition

5. Any Other Correspondence

There was no Other Correspondence.

6. Duration of Meeting

7.30pm to 7.35pm