

Aylesford Parish Council

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 July 2021 at The Capel Morris Centre

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman) and Councillors Balcombe, Ms Dorrington, Fuller, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Mrs Papagno, Shelley, Sullivan, Winnett, Wright,

In Attendance: Melanie Randall (Acting Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Walker, Ms Oyewusi.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillor Walker (personal) and Ms Oyewusi (unwell) were received, 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 Interests.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 July 2021

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 TM/21/01682/FL – 7-9 High Street, Aylesford North

Erect Railings along the southern walled boundary on top of the existing brick retaining wall.

Proposed comments – **No Objection** – comments raised that the environment agency must be consulted as they need access to the Hengist garden for their emergency 5inch pump when the fixed flood pumps fail.

4.2 TM/21/1768/TPOC – 1 Oaks Dene, Walderslade

Large Hornbeam x2 to remove lateral branches on garden side and take scaffold branches back to within 1m of trunk. Smaller Hornbeam to reduce by 20%

Proposed comments – **No Objection**

4.3 TM/21/01786/TPOC – 22 Roman Close, Blue Bell Hill

Oak Tree (located in 24 Roman Close) – crown lift up to secondary branches (removal of wrist size)

Proposed comments – **No Objection**

4.4 TM/21/01801/TPOC – 10 Hawthorns, Walderslade

Remove low branch on Ash tree, remove forked stem from second Ash tree; thinning out of canopies of Oak, Hornbeam, Silver Birch and 2x Ash trees by 30%

Proposed comments – **No Objection**

4.5 TM/21/01781/FL – 3 Oak Gardens, Blue Bell Hill

Erection of garage for the parking and storage of classic cars

Proposed comments – **No Objection**

4.6 TM/21/01849/FL – 8 Mill Lane, Blue Bell Hill

Conversion of existing garage into habitable space, construction of first storey side extension and single storey rear extension incorporating pitched roof with roof lights

Proposed comments – **No Objection**

4.7 TM/21/01898/TNCA – 45 Rochester Road, Aylesford North

T1 Ash – Fell self-seeded Ash due to excessive debris, over shading and low amenity value. Replant more suitable tree in a more suitable place in the garden

Proposed comments – **No Objection**

4.8 TM/21/01916/TPOC – 17 Gorse Crescent, Aylesford South

Works to reduce a Willow T1 by approx. 3m, a Gum T2 tree by approx. 25% and to top Laurels G2 by approx. 1m

Proposed comments – **No Objection**

5. Neighbourhood Plan

The Acting Clerk informed the Council that a Neighbourhood Plan allows communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live. It forms part of the development plan and sits along-side the local plan and any decisions on planning applications will be made using both documents and any other material considerations. A Neighbourhood Plan attains the same legal status as a local plan. However; it is not a cheap or quick document to develop and is likely to take over 2 years to develop and adopt, but this

varies on what the Council would like to include in it and the size of the area to be covered. After a short discussion it was **Agreed** that the Council does not proceed with developing a Neighbourhood Plan at this time due to the expected cost that could amount to £10,000 or more, not having been budgeted for. Unfortunately, a more precise figure cannot be established at this time unless the Council was to proceed. **Closed**

6. Any Other Business/Correspondence

Maidstone and Malling Netball League

The Acting Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Netball informing the Council they have now applied for Planning Permission.

7. Duration of Meeting

7.30pm to 7.40pm