



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mrs J Kerrison Aylsham WI
Mrs V Shaw Aylsham Town Council
Mr R Willis ABEF
Mrs J St Clair Aylsham U3A
Mr R Preston, Walkers are Welcome

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mr I Gravenell U3A
Mrs H Taylor U3A

02 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

There were no Declarations of Interests or any Requests for Dispensations.

03 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Cittàslow Aylsham Meeting held on 20 February, were **confirmed and will be signed by the chairman.**

04 MATTERS ARISING

Item 10 – the e-mail to the school regarding an exchange trip was not followed up
Item 16 – re representative for Aylsham Church. The new vicar is scheduled to start early in 2021.

05 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

In the absence of any member of the public, the meeting continued without adjournment.

06 FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Markets in April, May and June were cancelled. They were re-started again in July and were beginning to build up but with the new lockdown measures will reduce to food only. Some traders have already said they will not attend.

07 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

Giles Margaron has done some work keeping the weeds at bay but not much action has taken place this summer.

ii) WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Some of the Big Strolls were held before lockdown and did prove very popular. The circular walk book is to be re-printed for the spring. However, some of the walks require maintenance and the issues have been pointed out to Norfolk County Council but no action has been taken.

iii) TELEPHONE BOX

This is now in Aylsham ready for refurbishment. The original plan of placing a water dispenser may need re-thinking and will be discussed by the Town Council. Options to consider included some form of touch screen map and phone charging lockers.

iv) LITTER –‘SCRUFFY AYLSHAM’

The chairman had received complaints from a local resident regarding the litter created by the cages outside the co-op. He had spoken to the manager who was aware of the issue and would be looking at possible solutions.

This also brought up the issue of the noticeboard at the end of the Town Hall and also the numerous A Frames that proliferate around the Town Hall. The Town Clerk will write to the new Conservation Officer at Broadland to gauge his thoughts on an electronic noticeboard.

08 AYLSHAM CITTASLOW ANNIVERSARY

This had to be cancelled and will look to re-visit the holding of the Cittaslow meeting in the future.

09 AYLSHAM CITTASLOW

a) To discuss the survey results

There were 560 responses to the survey, mainly from Aylsham residents. It was considered necessary to get views from outlying villages. However, due to the confusion between this and the covid measures introduced by Broadland District Council the survey was pulled at the end of September

b) To discuss public meeting

The planned public meetings have been delayed

c) To discuss the involvement of Broadland District Council

The measures introduced by Broadland under the ‘Reopening the High Street’ scheme have received mixed reception. It was noted that the measures put in place on Penfold Street have not been maintained and have been removed by the public and not re-instated. It was proposed and **AGREED** that the clerk contacts both Broadland and Norfolk County Council advising of the dissatisfaction with the maintenance and if necessary, escalate the complaint to the Chief Executive and Leader.

d) To discuss the input of Clare Haylett

Clare Haylett was engaged to promote the council and cittaslow and also to arrange the event in November, the second part did not happen but she did work on the survey and its publicity. She had provided a report which was circulated. Her contract with the council has now been terminated.

e) Snail upgrade

Richard Preston had created some new snails for a small cost which was agreed by the clerk during lockdown.

The Town Clerk asked how members felt about the logo for the Town Council and whether it would be good to introduce something more modern. Members agreed to this and it will be placed as a proposal for the Town Council.

f) Euronews

Clare Haylett had discussions with Marthe de Ferrer - ex-BBC journalist now Producer & Digital Journalist at Euronews regarding a piece on Aylsham, unfortunately this will now be on hold again.

10 CITTASLOW UK

Pat Prekopp had attended a zoom meeting of Cittaslow UK and the minutes were circulated. It would seem that the three towns in membership did not seem to pay the same amount of subscriptions. Pat will look into this. Various initiatives from other towns were discussed and work on how Aylsham could get involved in these will be discussed at future meetings.

11 AYLSHAM TOWN GUIDE

The company that had put together the last guide had been in touch in February with a view to producing a new edition in the summer. This was obviously postponed but the clerk will get in touch to see what their thoughts are for next year.

12 AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The events programme was cancelled for this year which also includes the switch-on event. However, the lights will still go up and be switched on without ceremony. The Events Committee are hoping to do some covid safe events to bring the Christmas feel to the town.

The planned firework event was cancelled last month but we are looking to hold it in 2021.

A new event is to be held on Sundays with the first one held on the 25th October. This consisted of a craft fair and food vendors outside with live music.

13 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

Since March the group have met twice once in person and once via zoom. The only activity has been the launch of the Foodbank Cookbook

14 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

Richard reported for Aylsham In Bloom and began by thanking the Town Council staff who looked after the planters this summer. The community allotment was particularly busy this year.

Work had started again with the High School.

RHS staff have all been furloughed so no grant was available for the Paupers Graveyard.

The autumn planting has taken place.

15 ABEF

No meetings have been held since lockdown began and there has been no correspondence between members. It was asked if the car park survey was still going ahead and this will be but no date has been fixed.

The Town Council had discussed installing CCTV but had voted against this – however it was a close vote and will be re-visited next year. This had been discussed by ABEF and members were not particularly keen.

16 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

At the last Town Council meeting the Town Council agreed to work on a Youth Project starting with a Youth festival.

The Town Council were also advised that Broadland District Council are looking at ways to increase recycling and the current options are to reduce the size of the general waste bin or to reduce the frequency of collections.

The Town Council Website to be discussed at the next meeting.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 21st January 2021 at 10am via Zoom**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.