



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD AT DRILL HALL,
ON WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY 2022 AT 11am.**

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mrs J Kerrison Aylsham WI
Mr R Willis ABEF
Mrs M Anderson-Dungar ABEF
Mr R Horne – Rotary & ACT
Mrs J St Clair Aylsham U3A
Rev Canon Julie Boyd – Aylsham Parish Church

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs H Jones Aylsham U3A

02 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

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

03 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Cittaslow Aylsham Meeting held on 2nd December 2021, were **confirmed and signed by the chairman.**

04 MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the Cittaslow UK website requires updating – P Prekopp has this in hand

Heather Jermy from the National Trust had e-mailed to advise she would not attend every meeting but would look to attend at least one per year and also if there were any matters relating to the National Trust.

05 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

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

06 CITTASLOW IN AYLSHAM

The Town Council had discussed the continued membership of Cittaslow and had agreed this for another two years when it would be re-reviewed. One of the main issues relates to how the subscription is spent and this will be ascertained.

Pat Prekopp had prepared a report on priorities for 2022/23, which was generally approved. However, the Town Clerk did point out that the Council do use the Cittaslow logo on letter heads etc and queried if it was a Cittaslow town or just a Cittaslow council as many other organisations do not regularly use the logo. This was noted.

There then followed a discussion on Cittaslow and Aylsham and the following points were made

- there is still some confusion between Cittaslow and Slow Food
- some think it is just about food
- Majority of residents do not know what it is
- Many residents have never heard of it
- Many residents are not interested

It was thought that an open meeting for organisations in the town would be worthwhile. The clerk will look at the list sent regarding the recent open day and gauge interest.

It was felt necessary to gain contact with the schools and the children and it was suggested holding a competition linked to the Platinum Jubilee regarding a colouring competition linked to the Cittaslow logo.

07 FARMERS MARKET AND GENERAL MARKETS

No market was held in January as the first Saturday was New Year's Day

The Traders have been advised that vans not associated with their trading will need to be removed as from March 1st. This has not gone down well. Still looking at holding a meeting with the Market Traders but timing is difficult. Could look at possibly doing this via zoom?

08 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

Nothing to report

ii) WALKERS ARE WELCOME

The membership has been renewed and a report written. A re-launch to take place later in the year

iii) TOWN PEDESTRIAN MAP

Still nothing from Tesco Grant scheme. The clerk asked about the upgrade work reported on the Bure Valley Railway and path and whether there was any possibility of funds from this source. Giles Margarson will let her have details of the officers dealing with this.

09 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Still in the early stages but the next step will be to create smaller groups to deal with specific topics.

Ray Horne advised that Rotary regularly have good numbers for litter picks and he is looking at a bigger event in November with a working title of Spruce Up Saturday.

10 CITTASLOW UK

It was queried what the money in the Cittaslow UK account was earmarked for. There appears no definite plans and it was suggested that a grant pot could be agreed to allow the towns to obtain funding for projects. This will be added to the next Cittaslow UK agenda.

11 AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Planning for the Jubilee is underway with a meeting of the Events Committee scheduled for later in the day.

There had been a recent post on Facebook regarding Oak Apple Day which is held on May 29th and used to be a large event in Aylsham. It was questioned whether to bring it back but due to the proximity of the Jubilee this may be better as a project for 2023.

12 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

Numbers for the group were low but have picked up slightly. The AGM was held recently.

13 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

Winter planting is underway. The Open Gardens will be held in June.

14 ABEF

The meeting between the two business groups is still to take place. It was questioned about the state of the Buttsland car park. This is a matter for Broadland and they are in the process of reviewing parking provision.

15 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

Request to add Traffic Group update and Parish church to the agenda

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 11.00am at the Drill Hall**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.35pm