



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18 at 10am**

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mrs J Kerrison Aylsham WI
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mr R Willis ABEF
Mr R Preston, Walkers are Welcome
Mrs J St Clair Aylsham U3A
Mrs H Jones Aylsham U3A

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs V Shaw Aylsham Town Council

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 21st January, were **confirmed and will be signed by the chairman.**

04 MATTERS ARISING

None raised

05 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

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

06 FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market in February had to consist of essential stalls only. This combined with the awful weather led to a very quiet market.

07 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

The bulbs had started to appear again but little work has taken place in the area recently.

ii) WALKERS ARE WELCOME

The annual subscription has been paid and there will shortly be a regional meeting. Richard Preston advised he would be standing back due to personal commitments. It is hoped to re-publish the walks booklet and place an advert in Just Aylsham to see if anyone is interested in re-starting The Big Stroll.

iii) TOWN GUIDE

The publishers had been in touch with the clerk and will look to progress this after the current lockdown ends.

iv) TOWN PEDESTRIAN MAP

An example of a pedestrian map was shown to the members and they liked the concept. The clerk will find out more details.

08 AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

The new website is progressing well and training will be given to the staff in mid-March and the site launched shortly afterwards.

09 AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL LOGO

a) To receive an update

Some very good ideas have been submitted and these can be looked at by the committee at the next meeting.

10 CITTASLOW in AYLSHAM

a) To receive an update on current covid issues in the town

The planters on Red Lion Street have been removed and placed at the allotment site on Burgh Road. This means that the TRO could be removed.

b) To note the decisions of the Town Council in relation to the Traffic Group

At the Town Council meeting it was agreed to set up a group to discuss the issues with traffic throughout the town. This will be open to councillors and non-councillors.

11 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

a) To note the decision of the Town Council on declaring a Climate Emergency

The Town Council are willing to look at this further and it was agreed to bring it forward to a future meeting as an agenda item to discuss in detail.

b) To discuss the practical issues relating to this

It was agreed a full debate was required on this subject as there are many elements involved. It was also felt not to declare an emergency went against the ethos of Cittaslow. It was acknowledged there was much work to do.

Jerome Mayhew MP was at the Town Council meeting and he advised working on climate change and trying to steer those who are not already working towards this to consider the issues before a declaration is made.

12 CITTASLOW UK

There is a meeting in March. It was noted that the Cittaslow UK website requires work. Contact will also be made with Italy re the meeting that was originally scheduled for November 2020.

13. AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Events Committee have not met since the last Cittaslow Meeting.

The events committee will meet shortly to decide when and what type of event to start with. Something along the lines of the scarecrow competition or window displays may be the first events.

14 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

The Food Bank recipe books are still for sale. Sales have slowed down but are continuing. Cromer Foodbank are pleased with the book.

Slow Food have joined the Broadland lottery.

15 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

It has been decided it is too early to hold Open Gardens this year so this has been cancelled. The group have received £500 from the RHS for the Paupers Graveyard.

16 ABEF

No meetings have been held since lockdown began and there has been no correspondence between members. This was felt to be worrying and it was queried if the group would continue.

17 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

It was noted that there were new gates placed on the Marriott's Way at Mileham Drive and it was queried if there would be post-covid funding available from Norfolk Trails.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 18th March 2021 at 10.30am via Zoom**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.29a.m.