



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

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mrs J St Clair Aylsham U3A
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mrs W Sadler – Aylsham In Bloom
Rev Canon Julie Boyd – Aylsham Parish Church
Curate Natalie Rees
Graham Peers – Broadland District Council
Mrs M Anderson-Dungar ABEF
Mr D Anderson – Aylsham Town Council
Mr R Willis ABEF
Michaela Beaumont – Broadland District Council
Gemma Spall – Broadland District Council

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs J Kerrison – Aylsham WI
David Harrison – 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 Cittaslow Aylsham Meeting held on 20th July 2022, were **confirmed and signed by the chairman.**

04 MATTERS ARISING

Nothing Raised.

05 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

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

06 CITTASLOW UK & CITTASLOW INTERNATIONAL IN AYLSHAM

a) To receive an update regarding a Llangolen & Mold Councils

The clerk at Llangolen is currently unwell and the council is suffering because of this. The Cittaslow Committee has merged with the Climate Change Committee.

Mold have a new chair but they are in a similar position as Aylsham was last year with members questioning membership.

A UK meeting will be called soon to ascertain the situation.

b) To receive an update on the request for accounting details

Still no real information.

07 CITTASLOW IN AYLSHAM

Graham Peers the tourism officer from Broadland attended the meeting and updated members from his attendance in July. The District Council has purchased the visit#townname#.com for the six towns in the two districts. Funding is being sourced to employ a webmaster to manage all the sites.

The site would be overseen by a committee from each town – a group like the Cittaslow Committee would be ideal. Wymondham have employed a town co-ordinator who will look at this.

He also advised that a £300 Get It Started grant available for new groups.

08 MINDFUL AYLSHAM

Michaela Beaumont and Gemma Spall from Broadland District Council attended the meeting to discuss this project, which the Town Council agreed to be a pilot council for. This will involve local businesses and residents training to be mental health champions with the training provided by NSFT and Thriving workplaces. This will enable people to talk about Mental Health and wellbeing at a lower level and enable more serious problems to be identified hopefully earlier and signpost to assistance.

Anyone interested in attending the training should let either the Town Clerk or Broadland Help Hub know. There are two training courses a mental awareness session of two hours or Mental Health First Aider which is a full day.

09 WARM SPACES

A meeting had been held the previous day to ascertain what is available for residents who do not feel able to heat their own homes constantly and would like a warm space to attend. This information will be collated and the Town Council have agreed that any serious gaps could, if possible, be filled by the Town Council.

The main issue appears to be the afternoons and that will be a priority. It was also suggested that a venue to enable those who work from home to use would be useful.

Grants are available from Norfolk Community Foundation and Broadland District Council

10 FARMERS MARKET AND GENERAL MARKETS

a) To receive an update on the October Farmers Market

This coincided with the Food Festival. Unfortunately Duncan Jeary has also left the market but a suitable replacement has been found.

b) To receive an update on the general markets on Monday and Friday

This was discussed at the last Town Council meeting and it was agreed to take some action on stall sizes, advertising and the viability of the Friday market.

Graham Peer advised after the last meeting he had contacted the various towns in the districts to see how their markets were fairing. This proved to be a mixed picture.

Diss – looking at extending

Wymondham – in decline especially the Farmers Market. Looked at themed markets with mixed success

Reepham – no market

Loddon – indoors only

Harleston – public realms work underway at the moment so no market

11 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The Green Day event on September 25th went well although there were some issues with some of the activities. A new stall from the market came from the event.

A steering group to be formed to help plan the work of the group.

Still to get information from the business community and the Town Council will also be advising how it is progressing to net zero.

A Men's Shed project is about to be launched with an open meeting on November 19th at the High School.

12 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

Have received bulbs to plant

ii) TOWN PEDESTRIAN MAP

Some examples from the map were distributed.

The application to Tesco has finally been agreed and is currently in stores. Bearing in mind the Cittaslow grant also received part of this could be used for the Warm Spaces project if agreed by the board.

iii) AYLSHAM FESTIVAL

This is still pencilled in for early September next year but no further details are available at the moment.

13 AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for this evening. The plans for Christmas are well in hand and events for 2023 will be discussed at the meeting.

14 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

The Food Festival was a success with good numbers for the three main events. Plans for next year will include a membership drive as the current team are finding the workload demanding.

The food bank book continues to do well and more reprints have been ordered.

15 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

Autumn replanting will take place on the 2/3 November and 7th November with plants being available should anyone require them.

The Paupers Grave had been tidied and the wild flowers had performed well.

The beech hedge will be trimmed soon.

16 ABEF

An open meeting will be held in January as it was not possible to get a date in November.

17 AYLSHAM TRAFFIC GROUP

The final strategy has been completed and this will be presented to the public in an open meeting at the end of November.

18 AYLSHAM PARISH CHURCH

Interested in both 'Warm Spaces' and 'Warm Inside' i.e. feeding people. A scheme entitled 'Filling The Gap' will run during school holidays.

The Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 13th.

The Christmas Tree Festival will run from 25th – 29th November.

19 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

Nothing brought forward for the next meeting.

The state of the Buttlands car park was questioned and the clerk advised what she had been told by the District Council. The lease has almost been agreed and a survey will be commissioned before resurfacing takes place. There is no indication of timescale. Graham Peers advised he would ask the relevant officer prior to the next meeting for an update.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.58pm