



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON THURSDAY JANUARY 21 at 10am**

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mr D Harrison Aylsham Town Council
Mrs J Kerrison Aylsham WI
Mrs V Shaw Aylsham Town Council
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mr R Willis ABEF
Mrs J St Clair Aylsham U3A

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from
Mr R Preston, Walkers are Welcome

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 November, were **confirmed and will be signed by the chairman.**

04 MATTERS ARISING

Item 11– the Town Guide. The clerk has contacted the company and is waiting for a response

Item 16 – re waste collection – no decision has been made by Broadland regarding this.

05 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

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

06 FARMERS MARKET

There was no Farmers Markets in January but essential stalls will be able to attend in February.

07 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

Giles Margaron advised that not much work had been done recently.

ii) **WALKERS ARE WELCOME**

Due to personal circumstances Richard Preston is no longer able to retain his involvement in Aylsham Walkers are Welcome. Giles Margaron and Roger Willis will keep the organisation going for this year but a new person to lead the organisation is required if it is to carry on. The matter will be placed on the next Town Council agenda to see what action the Town Council wishes to take.

iii) **TELEPHONE BOX**

Refurbishment will start on this when the weather improves

iv) **TOWN HALL NOTICEBOARD**

The clerk contacted Broadland District Council and they do not like the idea of an electronic noticeboard due to the light it will emit in the conservation area.

08 AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

A new website is currently being developed. The clerk showed the demonstration site to members.

09 AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL LOGO

a) **To consider a report on creating a new logo**

b) **To look at examples of Town logos**

A report was sent with the agenda detailing requirements of a logo and examples of other towns logos. The current logo is just the shield and it is not integrated with the name of the council. This makes it look both old fashioned and unprofessional. Members did think it was important to keep the historical aspect in some form.

c) **To agree how to progress this**

It was agreed to open up the design to residents with the proviso that the final design must be created by a professional artist. The clerk will advertise this on social media and in Just Aylsham with a closing date of February 28th. The schools will also be contacted so they can contact pupils regarding this.

10 CITTASLOW in AYLSHAM

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

The Town Council have requested that the TRO on Red Lion Street and Oakfield Road be removed. A response is still awaited. At the next Town Council meeting a proposal will go before the Town Council to create a committee, similar to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to look all aspects of the traffic in the town and to create a report to act as a proposed traffic management plan and programme. The work from Shaping Aylsham Future will assist in the formation of this plan.

b) **To consider an event for the 're-opening' of Aylsham**

It is felt there will be an appetite for a celebration once the majority of people have been vaccinated and socialising can begin again. It is still not clear when the public will be ready for such an event but an article will be placed in Just Aylsham advising of the possibility of an event.

11 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

a) To discuss if Aylsham should declare a climate emergency

The local MP had written a paper called 'Building Back Greener' which very much focuses on rebuilding the community post covid and highlights the climate issues. It was felt that the Cittaslow Committee should lead on this and make a proposal to the Town Council to carry this forward. This was **AGREED**.

b) To discuss the practical issues relating to this

This would need to be a whole-town initiative and would need input from more than just the Town Council and Cittaslow. There are various schemes undertaken by other Cittaslow towns that could assist with this such as the Repair Café and Library of Things.

12 CITTASLOW UK

Nothing to report.

13. AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

The events put on for Christmas went down well but the take-up could have been much higher. The events were advertised on social media but may need continuous advertising to keep them in the fore front of people's thoughts.

14 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

The report sent with the agenda was noted. Work has continued with the Food Bank. Slow Food had also joined the Broadland lottery.

15 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

It is hoped that Open Gardens will be going ahead this summer. The initial response has been very good.

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

The Regulation 19 consultation on the GNLP will start on February 1st. The plan now lists two sites for Aylsham not the one as detailed in the Regulation 18 consultation. The Town Council will be discussing this in detail at the February meeting.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.19a.m.

