



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD AT DRILL HALL, ON WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2023 AT 11am.**

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mrs W Sadler – Aylsham In Bloom
Mrs M Anderson-Dungar ABEF
Mr G Peers – Broadland District Council
Mrs T Newsome – Aylsham U3A
Mr R Willis ABEF
Mr L Mills, Aylsham Town Council
Mrs C Bould, Aylsham Town Council

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rev Canon Julie Boyd, Aylsham Parish Church

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 21st June 2023, 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

a) To receive an update

Nothing to report on Cittaslow UK – a meeting will be arranged soon.

Mo Anderson-Dungar has been appointed as the International rep for the next three years. She has attended an online meeting which lasted five hours. She advised there were details of many ongoing projects mainly around tourism or education. The next

meeting will be in Turkey and a request will go to Cittaslow UK for assistance with air fares.

07 CITTASLOW IN AYLSHAM

a) To receive an update

Nothing to report

b) To receive an update regarding Discover Aylsham website

The Town Council agreed to the upgrade of the Discover Aylsham site and work will begin on this shortly. It is hoped to have the site ready for a full launch on the Christmas Lights Switch on night.

c) 2025 Anniversary

In 2020 plans were made to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Aylsham becoming a Cittaslow town. The celebrations were cancelled due to covid. However, it was felt that the organisation started rather late and it might be best to plan further in advance. The next step would be to request a budget from the Town Council in principle and then work on an outline plan to define the level of budget required.

d) Aylsham Food Trail

An article on a Food Trail in Somerset was circulated with the agenda. Pat Prekopp felt this would be a good option for Aylsham. It involved visiting producers, farms and food manufacturers as part of a tour. Various possible outlets were mentioned and Graham Peers volunteered to do some initial investigation.

e) Town Meadow, Drabblegate – Edible City

Pat Prekopp had thought this might be a suitable venue for this type of activity. It was noted that there was currently a sitting tenant and also the plot was incredibly small. Therefore the idea will be dropped.

08 FARMERS MARKET AND GENERAL MARKETS

a) To receive an update on the Farmers Market

The new style market has been running for two months and seems to be going well. We will continue to promote as much as possible.

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

The General Markets also seem to be picking up especially the Friday market.

09 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

a) To receive an update

A co-ordinating meeting had been held recently with updates from the various sub-groups. Actions include blister pack recycling, open spaces survey and tree wardens. However, the groups are not feeding the website or social media but despite this the social media presence is growing.

Aylsham Green Day falls on the same day as Cittaslow Sunday this year.

10 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

Nothing to report.

ii) TOWN PEDESTRIAN MAP

In the process of obtaining quotes.

iii) MINDFUL AYLSHAM

The town is now a Mindful Town.

iv) PRIDE IN PLACE

A meeting was held on Friday July 14th to explore the possibilities with regard to community covenants. A full report will be taken to the Town Council meeting.

11 AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Street Party was very well received and enjoyed by all. There is a meeting tonight when the 2024 events will be discussed.

12 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

The group will be attending the Aylsham Show. The Food Festival dinner has been organised. The cookery book is selling well.

A snail race will take place on August 5th – local businesses are engaged with this.

The cookery lessons will start in September.

13 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

Wendy Sadler attended the Biodiversity Awards but unfortunately The Paupers Graveyard did not win.

A donation of autumn crocuses will be planted soon. The Paupers Graveyard is included in the workshop walks in August.

14 ABEF

Now a decision has been made on the website ABEF have an idea of how to move forward. Still looking at a possible presence at the Aylsham Show.

15 AYLSHAM PARISH CHURCH -No report available.

16 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

Trees in the Market Place

Graham Peers advised Broadland is looking at information on US air bases in the area to coincide with the release of 'Masters of the Air'

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 11.00am at the Drill Hall**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

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