



## **AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **PLANNING ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** meeting held on  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 19.00pm** at Aylesham House

### **SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

#### **1. Those Present**

Cllrs D. Fleck (Committee Chair); G. Armstrong; S. Bott; D. Miller; Acting Assistant Clerk  
N. Purcell.  
L. Sills – Stagecoach Operations Manager, Dover Depot.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

None.

#### **3. Councillor Information**

**Declaration of Interest-** S. Bott, agenda item 9.1 Chair of the Aylesham & District  
Community Workshop Trust

**Changes to Register of Interest-** None

**Granting of Dispensation-** None

#### **4. Minutes of previous meetings (Minutes of the June and August Committee meetings to be agreed and signed)**

##### **June 2023**

**Resolved:** It was proposed by S. Bott and seconded by G. Armstrong that the minutes of the  
Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 are a true and accurate record.

**Outcome:** All in favour, motion carried.

There was no Committee meeting held in July.

**Resolved:** It was proposed by D. Miller and seconded by G. Armstrong that the minutes of  
the Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 are a true and accurate record.

**Outcome:** All in favour, motion carried.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

None.

## **6. Public Representation**

In attendance was Louise Sills: Operations Manager for Stagecoach Dover Depot to discuss matters under agenda item 7.1 & 7.2.

## **7. Buses**

### **7.1 Complaint RE: Speeding buses**

Aylesham Parish Council have received a complaint from a resident (as noted in the Clerk Report on September Full Council Agenda item 8.1) that buses appear to be speeding on roads around the village, the resident noted Kings Road and Queens Road specifically.

L. Sills apologised on behalf of Stagecoach and noted that speeding was not acceptable. She is happy to investigate this further, but it would be greatly appreciated if residents could make a note of the time and bus number, as well as the location.

S. Bott raised the question that perhaps the half an hour turn-around between Aylesham and Canterbury is no longer sufficient given the increase of traffic volume in Canterbury and the expansion of Aylesham village. Are drivers potentially trying to make up time?

L. Sills will investigate this and report back to the Clerks.

### **7.2 To discuss the level of service available in the villages & the school service.**

Councillors raised the following:

- Are there any plans to revise the schedule for Aylesham given the expansion of the village?
- School children are being denied access to the morning bus to Sandwich Technology School as it is often full, or recently has been a 'no show' and it is their only option to get to school.
- The 89b to Canterbury is often full by the time it leaves the village, meaning that other passengers down the line are unable to board- this links to the Councillors' previous point that the schedule for Aylesham may need revising given the village population growth.

L. Sills will instruct capacity checks on the Sandwich bus.

L. Sills is happy to meet with residents at any time and happy to communicate directly and hear their concerns. She thanked the Parish Council for the invite and is happy to attend again if required.

*L. Sills left the meeting 19:33*

**8. To receive updates, if any, on the following consultee responses:**

None.

**9. To discuss the following applications:**

**9.1 Dover District Council Planning Reference 23/01090**

**Proposal:** Erection of a micro energy storage facility

**Location:** Aylesham and District Community Workshop Trust, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, CT3 3AJ

*S. Bott previously declared an interest in this item, so left the meeting room at 19:34*

**Resolved:** It was proposed by G. Armstrong and seconded by D. Miller that Aylesham Parish Council **SUPPORT** the above application.

**Outcome:** All in favour, motion carried.

*S. Bott returned to the meeting room at 19:38*

**10. Dover District New Local Plan – Future Applications**

D. Fleck requested this item on the agenda in response to concerns regarding traffic; wildlife; small mammal and reptile surveys in the area. Further to the September Full Council Meeting, Dover District Councillor Pout advised the Parish Clerk that:

*“The traffic count equipment around the A2/B2046/in Aylesham are linked to the local plan – to support the upcoming examination process.*

*Officers had initial conversation around process and procedure of the planning process but there have been no pre-application meetings regarding the proposed housing between Aylesham and Snowdown, however I understand that the Agent is keen to hold member meetings (for Cllrs at DDC) before any applications go ahead to ensure elected members are kept in the loop.”*

**Resolved:** It was proposed by S. Bott and seconded by G. Armstrong that a request is sent to Dover District Council Planning Department asking them to extend the same courtesy to Aylesham Parish Council to discuss the planning process.

**Outcome:** All in favour, motion carried.

**11. P.R.O.W**

None.

**12. Next Meeting date**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **13. Items for the agenda-**

Any items that councillors wish to be placed on the agenda must be emailed to the clerks no later than 10 working days prior to any meeting with a report.

**- Meeting Closed 19:45pm-**

*It has been agreed by the Committee that these minutes are a true and accurate record.*

*Signed.....*

*Date.....*

*Aylesham Parish Council Planning, Environment & Transport Committee October 2023 Meeting.*