

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT: Councillor H Newton (Chair)
Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Councillor Mrs D Allen
Councillor M Phillips
Councillor A Williams (from 7.50pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson – Deputy Town Clerk
5 Members of the public

99. APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs L Walsh (Mayor)
Councillor M Lacey
Councillor N Shepherd

100. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Cllr A Emmett

101. MINUTES:

It was Proposed – Councillor H Newton
Seconded – Councillor Mrs A Lamont

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting held on 19th January 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

102. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.

104. OPEN SESSION:

Councillors heard the views of residents from The Worthies, Old Amersham regarding planning application No. CH/ 2014/2285/FA at 12 The Worthies Amersham.

105. CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

(i) Consultation on Emerging Local Plan (2014-2036) & Call For Sites

A summary prepared by the Deputy Town Clerk on the current consultation was tabled (copy will be circulated to all Councillors). After discussion, it was agreed that whilst the Town Council would need to issue a response to CDC, no detailed comments should be submitted until more information is forthcoming from CDC on the Local Plan. Some Councillors and officers will be attending the Public Open Forum at CDC on 24th February (7.30pm to 9pm) to hear more about the consultation. Comments for submission will then be agreed at the next

planning meeting on 2nd March. In the meantime, Councillors are asked to e-mail any comments they wish to be included to the Deputy Town Clerk.

106. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

There were no matters for discussion.

107. ROAD NAME FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT ON LAND OFF LINCOLN PARK:

Councillors considered that the names proposed by the developer of ‘Amersham Avenue’ and ‘Lincoln Avenue’ were too similar to other nearby roads. It was suggested that the new road name should be linked to a cathedral city, as with other roads within the Lincoln Park Development (‘Hereford Close’ and ‘Wells Close’ were suggested). An alternative option was ‘Abrahams Gardens’, this being the name of the past owner of the land on which the development is built.

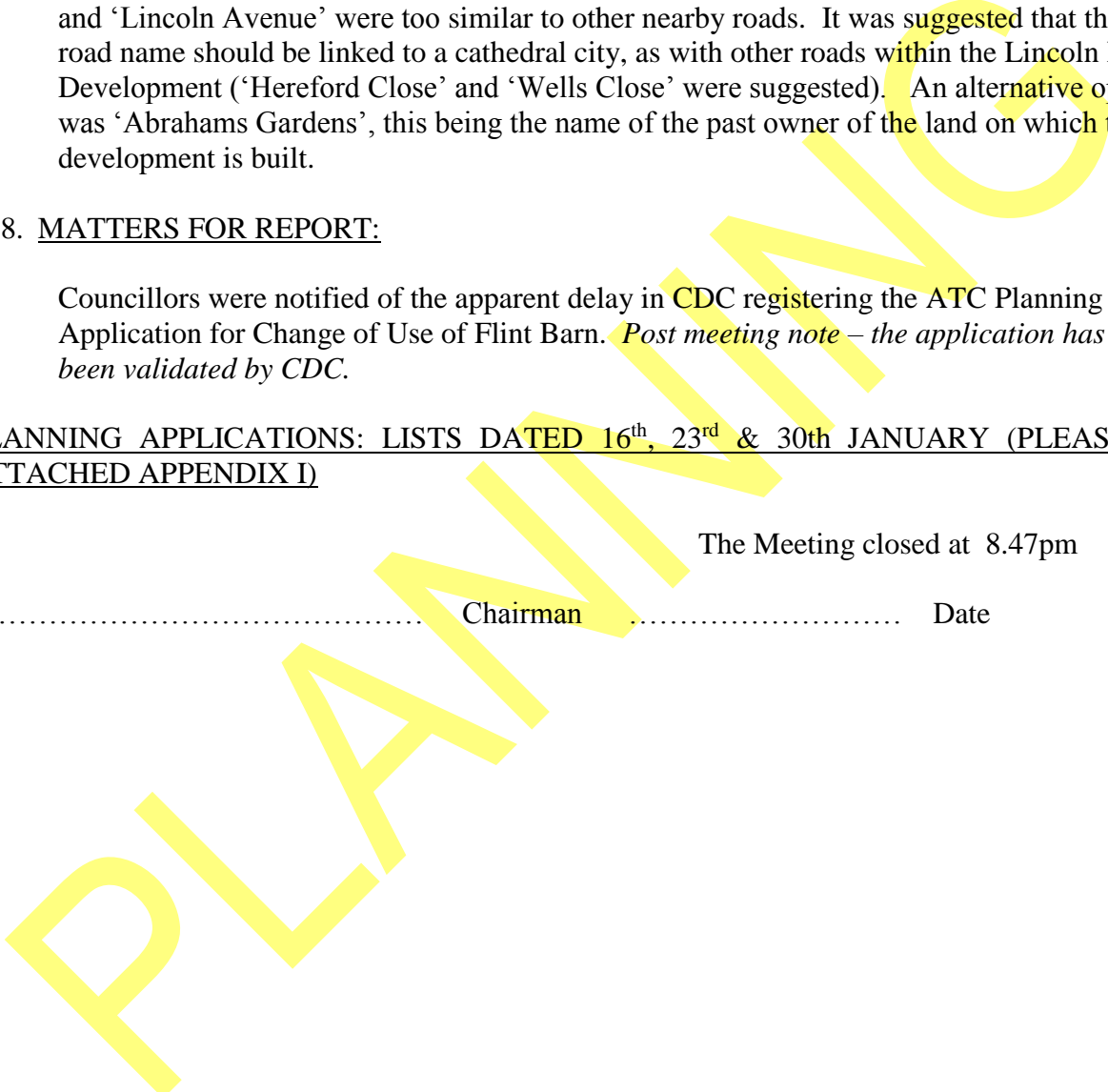
108. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

Councillors were notified of the apparent delay in CDC registering the ATC Planning Application for Change of Use of Flint Barn. *Post meeting note – the application has now been validated by CDC.*

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 16th, 23rd & 30th JANUARY (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX I)

The Meeting closed at 8.47pm

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| CH/2015/0029/TP | Lime Tree Walk (r/o 1-14 York Close & Adj To 4 Lime Tree Walk) Amersham Buckinghamshire | Further height reduction to twelve metres of twenty two lime trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order | <u>Discussed (09.02.15.)</u> Councillors would refer this application to the Tree Officer. However, they would recommend that advice be sought from an arborist on whether future professional maintenance of the trees would be possible without necessitating a further height reduction, as there is concern for the trees' viability. |
| CH/2014/2288/FA | Tesco Stores Limited London Road West Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0HA | Single storey front extension to retail store | <u>No objection (09.02.15.)</u> |
| CH/2014/2285/FA | 12 The Worthies Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DJ | Single storey infill extension, single storey rear extensions, alterations to facilitate habitable accommodation in the garage, roof extension to facilitate habitable accommodation in the roof space, single storey porch extension, walled courtyard, fenestration alterations, triple detached garage, driveway with associated landscaping | <u>Recommend refusal (09.02.15.)</u> The proposals are considered to be out of keeping in the vicinity and an overdevelopment in the Conservation Area. There is also concern that the siting of the proposed garage is unrelated to any other built form in the area and that the proposals might result if the loss of several important trees in the Conservation Area. Councillors are also concerned about the potential separate use of the converted garage which constitutes a self-contained unit. |
| CH/2015/0104/KA | 117 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DY | Crown reduction of a birch tree within a Conservation Area | <u>No comment (09.02.15.)</u> |
| CH/2015/0113/PNO | First and Second Floor Risborough House 38 - 40 Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DR | Prior Notification under Class J of part 3, Schedule 2 of The Town And Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, as amended – Change of Use of first and second floors from office (Use Class B1(a)) to six residential units (Use Class C4) | <u>No comment (09.02.15.)</u> |

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| CH/2014/2234/FA | 59 Brudenell Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6FH | Single storey rear extension | <u>No comment (09.02.15.)</u> |
| CH/2015/0128/TP | 7 York Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9HE | Felling of a lime tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order | <u>Recommend refusal (09.02.15.)</u> Members would refer this application to the Tree Officer. However they consider that the trees in this area are an important local feature and would not want to see any of the trees felled unless so advised by an arborist for safety reasons. |
| CH/2015/0129/KA | Badminton House Church Street and Rectory Court, Rectory Way Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DA and HP7 0BS | Felling of a hawthorn and height reduction of a yew, both trees within a Conservation Area | <u>Recommend refusal (09.02.15.)</u> Whilst Members have no objection to the height reduction of the yew, they would recommend refusal on the felling of the hawthorn, as no reason has been given for its removal. |
| CH/2015/0098/FA | Dukeholme 11A Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NW | Two storey rear extension, erection of fence and gates to front | <u>Recommend refusal (09.02.15.)</u> The proposed fencing would appear aesthetically displeasing in this highly prominent location. |
| CH/2015/0096/TP | Lime Tree Walk (R/O 14 York Close Amersham Buckinghamshire | Felling of a lime tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order | <u>Recommend refusal (09.02.15.)</u> Members would refer this application to the Tree Officer. However they consider that the trees on Lime Tree Walk are an important local feature and would not want to see any of the trees felled unless so advised by an arborist for safety reasons. |
| CH/2015/0095/TP | Lime Tree Walk (R/O 8 York Close) Amersham Buckinghamshire | Felling of a lime tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order | <u>Recommend refusal (09.02.15.)</u> Members would refer this application to the Tree Officer. However they consider that the trees on Lime Tree Walk are an important local feature and would not want to see any of the trees felled unless so advised by an arborist for safety reasons. |

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| CH/2015/0059/FA | Gowanlea Cottage 100 Chestnut Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6EE | Single storey side/rear extension to the east, single storey side extension to the west, single storey extension to garden room and fenestration alterations | <u>No comment (09.02.15.)</u> |
| CH/2015/0049/FA | 10 Millshot Drive Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DG | Increase roof height of existing single storey section and insertion of three roof lights | <u>No comment (09.02.15.)</u> |
| CH/2014/2274/FA | Amersham and Wycombe College Amersham Campus Stanley Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9HN | Development of an all weather pitch, erection of a clubhouse, floodlights and fencing. | <u>Not discussed</u> – application invalidated by CDC. Will be re-issued in due course. |
| CH/2014/2021/FA | Beechcroft 11 Shortway Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6AQ | Single storey side/rear extension | <u>No comment (09.02.15.)</u> |
| CH/2015/0045/FA | Vine Cottage 170 Woodside Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NX | Construction of a single detached dwelling | <u>Recommend refusal (09.02.15.)</u> The proposed dwelling is considered to be an overdevelopment of the site and there is some concern about the accessibility of the plot. |
| CH/2015/0074/FA | Lorne House 164 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0EG | Conversion and extension of garage to create ancillary accommodation | <u>Discussed (09.02.15.)</u> There is some concern about the potential separate use of the converted self-contained garage. Members would also want assurances that the attached neighbour would not be inconvenienced by the conversion, ie that adequate sound-proofing be installed. |