

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2015

PRESENT: Councillor H Newton (Chair)
Councillor Mrs L Walsh (Mayor)
Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Councillor Mrs D Allen
Councillor A Emmett (from 7.15pm)
Councillor M Phillips (from 7.30pm)
Councillor N Shepherd
Councillor A Williams (from 7.30pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson – Deputy Town Clerk
Mr Martin Pounce (The Amersham Society)

109. APOLOGIES: Councillor M Lacey

110. MINUTES:

It was Proposed – Councillor Mrs A Lamont
Seconded – Councillor Mrs D Allen

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting held on 9th February 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

111. MATTERS ARISING:

It was reported that the officer at Chiltern District Council had queried the Town Council's choice of name, "Wells Close", for the new housing development at Lincoln Park. It has been confirmed that this was the Town Council's preferred choice at the Finance Meeting held on 16th February 2015.

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

113. CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

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

The Committee thanked Mr Martin Pounce for organising the public meeting held at the District Council Offices on 24th February regarding the consultation and for the list of comments he had made following that meeting (copy attached). Comments for submission from the Town Council were discussed. It was decided that the Deputy Town Clerk should draw up the agreed comments on the appropriate Response Form.

114. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

(i) Buckinghamshire Replacement Minerals & Waste Local Plan Consultation

It was agreed that Cllr Newton, Cllr Mrs Lamont and Cllr Mrs Allen would meet prior to the next planning meeting on 23rd March to discuss the Town Council's response for this consultation. (Deputy Town Clerk to arrange date). Any other Councillors wishing to join the working group are asked to contact the Deputy Town Clerk as soon as possible. Final comments for submission will need to be agreed at the planning meeting on 23rd March before the consultation deadline of 2nd April 2015.

115. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

(i) Planning Appeals

CH/2014/1628/FA – Oakdale House, Devonshire Ave – First floor rear extension and single storey front extension – **Appeal dismissed.**

CH/2014/1957/FA – Laramie, Hervines Road Amersham – Replacement dwelling – **Appeal lodged.**

(ii) Planning Applications being discussed at CDC Committee

It was noted that the following Planning Application will be discussed at the CDC Planning Committee Meeting on 12 March 2015. CH/2014/2199/FA – 119 High Street Amersham for 'Change of Use from Solicitors (Use Class A1) to a residential dwelling (Use Class C3) and external alterations'.

(iii) Tree Preservation Order

It was noted that the District Council has made a Tree Preservation Order on land at Springett Place Amersham.

(iv) Adoption of District Council Sustainable Construction and Renewable Energy SPD

Councillors were informed of the formal adoption by Chiltern District Council of the 'Sustainable Construction and Renewable Energy Supplementary Document' (SPD). This document provides advice on the techniques and building practices available to improve the sustainability performance of buildings, through their design and subsequent use and to encourage renewable energy schemes in order for development proposals to meet Core Strategy.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 6th, 13th & 20th FEBRUARY (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX I)

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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CH/2015/0194/KA	105 Woodside Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6AL	Crown reduction and crown thinning of a cherry tree within a Conservation Area	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0189/KA	22 Highfield Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HG	Crown reduction of two acacias and pruning of side branches of three cypresses - all within a Conservation Area	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0190/TP	75 Stanley Hill Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BA	Felling of two cypress trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order	<u>Discussed (02.03.15.)</u> Members consider that insufficient evidence was provided for the reason for felling the trees and would refer the matter to the Tree Officer.
CH/2015/0156/FA	Arendal 11 Woodside Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5EG	Single storey rear extension, part two storey part single storey side extension, widening of vehicular access	<u>Recommend refusal (02.03.15.)</u> Members consider that the proposed widening of the vehicular access would detract from the prevailing open character in Woodside Close and would be contrary to the Amersham Vision as put forward by the Amersham Action Group.
CH/2015/0100/FA	Balgown 12 Willow Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DW	Single storey side/rear and roof extensions incorporating the insertion of five dormer windows to serve habitable accommodation within the roof space, and new retaining walls to facilitate raised patio	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0077/FA	Brambles 40 Stanley Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9HL	Two storey side, single storey rear extensions	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0227/FA	44 The Drive Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AD	Single storey rear extension, rooflights	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0184/FA	Hillcrest Court Chesham Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5EX	Part single storey, part four storey front extension, three storey side extension and roof extension to the Chesham Road part of the building, extension to roof with dormers to Hill Avenue part of building, alterations to fenestration, addition of balconies, refurbishment of buildings and change of use to provide 31 dwellings (Use Class C3) two retail units (Use Class A1) one restaurant/bar unit (Use Class A3/A4) with use of existing forecourt for outdoor seating area, all accessed by existing off Chesham Road	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u> Members would welcome the additional accommodation and the new restaurant in Amersham-on-the Hill.

CH/2015/0172/FA	The Paddocks 7 Copperkins Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5QB	Two storey side extension to the west elevation, single storey front extension, single storey side extension to the east, single storey rear extension, new roof to conservatory and existing single storey side extension, erection of detached store building, erection of detached car port and laying of additional hardstanding	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0161/FA	Barn To The Rear Of 161 and 159 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire	Change of use from office (Use Class B1) to dwelling (Use Class C3)	<u>Recommend refusal (02.03.15.)</u> Members consider the proposals to be too cramped, with inadequate amenity space for a separate dwelling. There is also concern about adequate manoeuvring space for vehicles accessing the site. Members consider that the change to residential use would be permissible if this were restricted to ancillary use associated with an existing dwelling.
CH/2015/0150/FA	Conistone 52 Station Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BD	Part two storey, part single storey rear extension, fenestration alteration, rear garden engineering works to form patio	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0135/FA	6 A South Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5LX	Conversion to a single dwelling with side rear extension and fenestration alterations	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0131/FA	IMO Car Wash 65 Chesham Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5JQ	Installation of one stand alone canopy, spray screen to existing car wash	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0097/FA	5 Stretton Place Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6UU	Single storey rear extension	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0083/FA TOWN COUNCIL APPLICATION	Amersham Town Council Flint Barn Court Church Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DB	Change of use of ground floor and first floor of building from office (Use Class B1) to non residential institutions (Use Class D1) and assembly and leisure (Use Class D2)	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0017/FA	The Highlands 71 Station Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0AT	Two storey rear extension, single storey side/front extension with accommodation in roof space, replacement roof to south with dormer window, replacement garage, dormer window to front, alteration to existing vehicle access, landscaping to front and rear, fenestration alterations	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>

CH/2015/0241/KA	7 The Drive Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AD	Felling of an apple tree within a Conservation Area	<u>Discussed (02.03.15.)</u> <u>Refer to Tree Officer</u>
CH/2015/0215/FA	45 Quarrendon Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EF	Part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension, single storey front extension	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0229/FA	Branscombe 34 White Lion Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9JD	Part two storey, part single storey front and rear extensions, increased roof height and external alterations to create a two storey dwelling	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0212/FA	1 Second Wood Cottage Cherry Lane Woodrow Buckinghamshire HP7 0QF	Part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension, single storey front extension and fenestration alterations	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0222/FA	34 Black Acre Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EW	Part two storey part single storey part first floor rear/side extension	<u>Recommend refusal (02.03.15.)</u> Members consider the proposals to be an overdevelopment of the site.
CH/2015/0221/FA	16 Devonshire Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5JG	Conversion of garage to facilitate habitable accommodation, fenestration alterations	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0207/FA	Edgehill 2 Longfield Drive Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5HD	Single storey side/ rear extension	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0197/FA	17 Parkfield Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6BE	First floor rear extension, increased ridge height of garage roof, fenestration alterations	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0176/HB	High and Over 40 Highover Park Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BP	Replacement of existing garage with single storey annex including basement to facilitate habitable accommodation	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u> Providing the building is retained for ancillary residential use.
CH/2015/0175/FA	High and Over 40 Highover Park Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BP	Replacement of existing garage with single storey annex including basement to facilitate habitable accommodation	<u>No objection (02.03.15.)</u> Providing the building is retained for ancillary use.
CH/2015/0127/FA	Crofters 14 Mill Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0EH	Single storey front extension, fenestration alterations	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0043/FA	Lower Weedon Hill Farm Weedon Hill Hyde Heath Buckinghamshire HP6 5RH	Erection of garden store room	<u>No comment (02.03.15.)</u>

