

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Councillor H Newton (Chair)
Councillor Mrs A Lamont (Town Mayor)
Councillor M Flys (Vice Chair)
Councillor C Jones
Councillor Mrs D Kenchington
Councillor C Morgan
Councillor M Phillips
Councillor N Shepherd

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson – Deputy Town Clerk
Miss Z Richardson – Graduate Trainee
Two members of the public (part meeting)

43. APOLOGIES: Councillor M Vivis (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor R Jones
Councillor M Lacey

44. MINUTES:

It was Proposed – Councillor H Newton
Seconded – Councillor Mrs D Kenchington

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting held on 24th August 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

45. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Mrs Kenchington declared an interest in Planning Application Number CH/2015/1620/FA (The Dacha 118 Chestnut Lane Amersham) and took no part in the discussion.

Councillor Ms Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application Number CH/2015/1599/FA (13 Elm Close Amersham).

47. CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

There were no matters for discussion.

48. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

There were no matters for discussion.

49. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

(i) Planning Appeals

CH/2015/2138/VRC – Raans Farm House Raans Road Amersham – Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission CH/2013/2099/FA so as to allow the retention of the gables in the north and south elevations of the barn – APPEAL DISMISSED

CH2015/2274/FA – Amersham & Wycombe College Amersham Campus Stanley Hill Amersham – Development of an all-weather pitch, erection of clubhouse, floodlights and fencing. – APPEAL LODGED

(ii) Applications going to CDC Planning Committee on 1st October 2015

CH/20151063/FA – Land North of High Street Old Amersham – Demolition of existing derelict buildings and construction of a specialist housing facility comprising 33 supported living units (C2 Class Use) with associated vehicular pedestrian access, parking facilities, landscaping, community orchard and allotments.

CH/2015/1586/FA – 30 First Avenue Amersham – Single storey front extension, insertion of lantern to existing flat roof.

CH/2015/1212/FA – 12 The Worthies Amersham – Single storey side infill link extension to facilitate habitable accommodation in garages, part single/part two storey rear extensions, replacement front bay window with porch, detached double garage associated driveway and landscaping.

(iii) Visit to Dursley Town Hall – 30 September

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Lamont, Councillor Morgan and the Town Clerk would be visiting Dursley Town Hall on 30 September to view the hall, where planning consent has been granted for a wheelchair lift.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 21st, 28th AUGUST, 4th & 11th SEPTEMBER (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX I)

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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CH/2015/1575/FA	15 Willow Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DW	Single storey rear extension single storey front extension with associated landscaping to rear	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1556/HB	White House 20 Church Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DB	Internal and external alterations to kitchen and part conversion of bedroom to shower room	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1560/KA	152 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0EG	Felling of a conifer within a Conservation Area	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1527/FA	58 Highfield Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HQ	Demolition of existing side projection to facilitate part two storey part single storey side front extension single storey rear extension	<u>No objection (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1528/FA	26A Highfield Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HG	Single storey rear extension first floor front extension single storey front infill extension to facilitate garage conversion with associated hardstanding to front	<u>Discussed (21.09.15.)</u> Members consider that the on-site parking seems contrived and is not fit for purpose. Should the District Council be minded to approve the application, Members would request that the hardstanding be semi-permeable.
CH/2015/1515/FA	33 Quarrendon Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EF	Single storey front and side/rear extensions	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1507/FA	53 Hill Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5BX	Change of use from office (Use Class B1) to dental surgery (Use Class D1)	<u>No objection (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1503/FA	Cornerstone 9 Chiltern Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5AE	Part two storey, part single storey front extensions, side roof dormer to facilitate increased accommodation in roofspace, fenestration alterations	<u>Discussed (21.09.15.)</u> Whilst Members have no objection to the proposals, they prefer the design submitted on the previous application which was refused by the District Council
CH/2015/1470/FA	Tuskar Devonshire Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5JE	Erection of outbuilding	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1445/HB	Well House Norwood Court Broadway Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0HW	Replacement garden fencing and hardstanding	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1607/KA	Shardeloes East Lodge Missenden Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0RN	Felling of a cypress and a crown reduction of a birch - both trees within a Conservation Area	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>

CH/2015/1585/FA	11 Highland Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AU	Single storey front extension and widen vehicular access (amendment to planning permission CH/2014/1334/FA)	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1586/FA	30 First Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BL	Single storey front extension, insertion of lantern to existing flat roof	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1642/FA	179 Woodside Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NU	Single storey front extension	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1620/FA	The Dacha 118 Chestnut Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6DZ	Redevelopment of site to provide three residential dwellings with new access landscaping and hardstanding	<u>Recommend refusal (21.09.15.)</u> <i>Councillor Debbie Kenchington declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion.</i> Members consider the proposals to be an overdevelopment of the site and out of character in this Established Residential Area of Special Character. They also have concerns about overlooking of the amenity space of No 30 Parkfield Avenue from the 2 nd floor windows of Plots 3 and 2.
CH/2015/1616/FA	Baroda 3 Stanley Hill Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BE	Single storey rear extension	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1606/FA	Hillersdon Hervines Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5HS	Outbuilding (two bay garage/workshop/store) associated hardstanding and landscaping	<u>No objection (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1599/FA	13 Elm Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DD	Part two part single side rear extension insertion of rooflights to rear fenestration alterations	<u>Recommend refusal (21.09.15.)</u> <i>Councillor Caroline Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in this planning application.</i> Members see no reason to vary their previous comments, that the proposals are considered to be inappropriate in the Conservation Area.
CH/2015/1579/FA	67 Grimsdells Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HH	First floor rear and single storey front extensions with replacement canopy	<u>No objection (21.09.15.)</u>

CH/2015/1673/AV	63 Hill Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5BX	Two internally illuminated static fascia signs	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1666/FA	10 Longwood Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EN	Two storey side extension	<u>No objection (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1748/TP	9 Mortens Wood Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EQ	Work to an oak tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/1554/FA	Cheteyrie 4 Highfield Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HG	Single storey front extension to facilitate conversion of existing garage new dormer structure to rear fenestration alterations	<u>Discussed (21.09.15.)</u> Members have reservations about the adequacy of parking provision for a 4 bedroomed house, especially given the existing on-street parking restrictions in Highfield Close.
CH/2015/1510/AV	Croudace Marketing Suite Lincoln Park Stanley Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9HN	Erection of 19 non illuminated signs including 8 flag poles	<u>No comment (21.09.15.)</u>
CH/2015/0397/FA AMENDED APPLICATION	Triangle Of Land Behind 10 -16 Fieldway Amersham Footpath 23C Amersham Buckinghamshire	Erection of seven pieces of wooden play equipment (up to 3m in height) and seating area to include two picnic benches, one bench with back support and circle of logs	<u>Recommend refusal (21.09.15.)</u> The Committee acknowledged receipt of letters of support for the application from residents of Piggotts Orchard and Hillway. However, Members see no reason to vary their previous comments on this application – that they believe the site to be inappropriate for community use, given its isolated location and believe this could lead to misuse of the land. Members also share the concerns of the local police, that the location could lead to crime generation and would be vulnerable to anti-social behavior, bullying and sexual predators in an area that is not overlooked and is difficult to police. There was also concern that as the land

			<p>would remain in the ownership of Bucks County Council, there would be no security of tenure for the area as a community facility. Members also stated that should the district council be minded to approve the application, the Town Council would not be prepared to adopt responsibility for the play area, given Members' deep misgivings about the site security.</p>
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