

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
**THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE**  
HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson – Deputy Town Clerk  
Residents and business owners of Amersham-on-the-Hill (for discussion regarding Planning Application No. CH/2015/2243/FA – 67-75 Sycamore Road)

OPEN SESSION: Councillors heard the views of several local business owners and residents of Amersham-on-the-Hill, regarding their objections to the planning application for redevelopment at 67-75 Sycamore Road.

79. APOLOGIES: Councillor Ms C Jones

80. MINUTES:  
It was Proposed – Councillor H Newton  
Seconded – Councillor M Flys

**RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

81. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

As a near neighbour, Councillor Morgan declared an interest in Planning Application CH/2015/2317/FA – 52 Orchard Lane, Amersham.

83. CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

Councillors were reminded that the current consultation on the Joint Local Plan will be added to the Agenda for the next planning meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016. However, Councillor Walsh has also arranged for a presentation from CDC to take place at Flint Barn on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 for ATC and other Amersham bodies, including the Amersham Action Group, Revite Group and Residents Association. The proposed Local Plan document is available to view at <https://isa.chiltern.gov.uk/democracy/ieListDocuments.aspx?CID=115&Mid=3172> Final comments on the consultation will then be agreed at the Town Council Planning Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

84. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

There were no matters for discussion.

85. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

(i) Planning Appeals:

CH/2015/1802/FA - Vine Cottage, 170 Woodside Road Amersham Construction of single detached dwelling. APPEAL LODGED.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 18th December, 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX I)

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm

..... Chairman ..... Date

CH/2015/2298/TP	26 Highland Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AX	Crown thinning and reduction of a branch of a Robinia protected by a Tree Preservation Order	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2248/FA	5 Clare Park Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9HW	Single storey rear extension	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2237/FA	20 Willow Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DW	Single storey rear extension	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2173/FA	Amersham Methodist Church High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DY	New vehicular access to church grounds	<u>No objection (18.01.16.)</u> Subject to there being no objections from the Bucks Highways Officer.
CH/2015/2186/HB	12 Broadway Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0HP	Insertion of two new casement windows to third floor west gable wall (Listed Building application)	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2185/FA	12 Broadway Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0HP	Insertion of two new casement windows to third floor west gable wall	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2148/AV	Clarks 31 Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5EQ	One internally illuminated static fascia and one internally illuminated hanging sign	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2297/TP	28 Highland Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AX	Crown reduction of two cypresses and a yew - all protected by a Tree Preservation Order	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2289/FA	Glen Lyn 10 Green Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6AR	Part two part single storey rear extension single storey front extension	Application withdrawn from CDC website prior to ATC submitting comment.
CH/2015/2288/FA	6 Sheepfold Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EL	Part two storey part first floor front/side extension conversion of garage to habitable accommodation	<u>No objection (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2279/FA	Juniper Cottage Whielden Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0NE	Part two storey part single storey extension to the (Northwest and Southwest elevation) single storey extension to the (Southeast elevation)	<u>No objection (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2286/HB	The Chequers Public House 51 London Road West Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DA	Two storey rear extension	<u>No objection (18.01.16.)</u> Refer to Listed Buildings Officer

CH/2015/2285/FA	The Chequers Public House 51 London Road West Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DA	Two storey rear extension	<u>No objection (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2277/FA	8 The Drive Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AD	Dormer window in rear elevation. Increase in eaves height of single storey rear extension (amendment to planning permission CH/2013/1191/FA) (retrospective)	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2259/FA	3 Hyrons Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NH	Single storey rear/side extension single storey front porch fenestration alterations	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2243/FA	67 - 75 Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5EQ	Redevelopment of site to facilitate erection of mixed use building comprising ground floor retail restaurant use (Class A1/A3) with associated access parking, servicing, residential accommodation (Class C3) on first, second and third floor roofspace comprising 35 studio 1 and 2 bed flats, associated access basement parking, private communal amenity space	<u>Recommend refusal (18.01.16.)</u> Members consider that the proposed loss of this large retail unit in favour of predominantly restaurant useage at ground floor level would have a significant detrimental impact on the vitality of the shopping centre in Amersham-on-the-Hill. In order to maintain the vicinity as a vibrant community, it is considered essential that the ground floor space be retained as a large retail space, preferably a grocery store, rather than adding yet another eating establishment. Whilst Members have no objection in principle to developing the upper floors for residential use, they consider the current proposals to be an overdevelopment of the site, with the scale and bulk of the building out of keeping in the street scene. They also consider that the proposed vehicular access to the underground parking area serving this development would significantly impede the pedestrian access between the existing public car park and the shops on Sycamore Road.

CH/2015/2385/KA	Rectory Court Rectory Way Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BS	Crown reduction of four trees within a Conservation Area	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2363/FA	14 New Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6LD	Single storey side rear extension, fenestration alterations (amendment to planning permission CH/20151875/FA)	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2359/FA	10 Rowan Place Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6UR	Conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation	<u>Discussed (18.01.16.)</u> Members have concerns about the adequacy of on-site parking as a result of the loss of the garage.
CH/2015/2346/FA	Cuckoo Hill 30 Weedon Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5QT	Single storey rear extension	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2341/FA	Normandy House Devonshire Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5JE	Replacement of existing pool wing extension to west elevation	<u>No objection (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2317/FA	52 Orchard Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5AA	Single storey front single storey side extensions, two storey side rear extension, single storey rear extension	<u>Recommend refusal (18.01.16.)</u> Members consider that the reasons for refusal of the previous application have not been addressed.
CH/2015/2332/FA	Raans Farm Raans Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6JP	Infill roof between existing outbuildings, extension to agricultural storage building	<u>No objection (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2311/FA	71 Grimsdells Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HH	Erection of detached building and change of use from residential to mixed use comprising residential and dog grooming business	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u> Members feel unable to comment on this application, without knowledge of the District Council's assessment since temporary permission was granted in 2013 for use of the site for a dog grooming business.
CH/2015/2293/FA	12 The Worthies Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DJ	Single storey side infill link extension to facilitate habitable accommodation in garages to include alterations and roof extension, two single storey rear extensions, new roof infill extension, replacement front bay window with porch, detached double garage, associated driveway and landscaping , fenestration alterations	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>

CH/2015/2264/FA	Woodside Junior School Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NW	Construction of two playground areas within school curtilage	<u>No comment (18.01.16.)</u>
CH/2015/2352/FA	Rear Of 64 Whielden Street and 1-3 Alpha Court Amersham Buckinghamshire	Redevelopment of site to facilitate erection of nine dwellings, creation of new vehicular access with associated hardstanding and landscaping	<u>No objection (18.01.16.)</u>

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