

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 31 JULY 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Cook (Chair)
Councillor C Morgan (Town Mayor)
Councillor Ms. C Jones (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor H Newton
Councillor Mrs. A Lamont
Councillor N Shepherd
Councillor Mrs. D Kenchington
Councillor M Lacey
Councillor M Flys

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Mrs. E Walsh (until 8.00pm)
Miss. Z Richardson – Administration Officer
One Member of the public (until 7.55pm)

24. APOLOGIES: There were no apologies received.

25. ABSENT: Councillor R Jones

OPEN SESSION:

One member of the public attended to give their comments on a planning application being considered during the meeting. Members were pleased to receive their informative verbal report and to listen to their concerns.

26. MINUTES:

It was Proposed – Councillor C Morgan
Seconded – Councillor A Lamont

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting held on 10 July 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

27. MATTERS ARISING:

CLlr Shepherd confirmed that as discussed at the previous meeting, Members were in favour of putting forward a Local Area Forum (LAF) fund application to contribute to a possible official parking review in the Town. This was agreed at the Council Meeting of 24th July 2017.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest

29. CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

Cllr Mrs. J Cook advised that following a Planning Committee training session at Chiltern District Council, a helpful information sheet would be put together by Chiltern District Council to assist Town & Parish Councils to formulate their responses to relevant planning applications.

30. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

Councillor C Morgan queried the installation of new Pay & Display Car Parking machines in King George V Road and how this might impact upon parking in residential streets throughout Amersham on the Hill.

31. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

After attending the Planning & Footpaths Committee Meeting on 12th June 2017, Mr. Simon Whitton from Affinity Water had been in touch with Mr. S Catanach (Town Clerk – Community Services) to see if Members would like to receive an official report outlining Affinity Water's plans to work with the Environment Agency to make improvements to the River Misbourne at Barn Meadow. After much discussion, Members AGREED that they would indeed like to receive an official report from Mr. Whitton outlining Affinity Water's proposals. Cllr. N Shepherd wanted it to be formally minuted that he did not want Amersham Town Council to be held responsible for any subsequent circumstances that might occur, should works to the River Misbourne indeed be carried out.

Cllr. M Lacey also wanted clarification from fellow Members regarding the consistency and breadth of notification regarding Licensing issues. Cllr. M Flys & Cllr. Ms. C Jones advised that this is currently being reviewed by Chiltern District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 7th, 14th & 21st JULY 2017 (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX I)

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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CH/2017/1183/FA	Quaint Cottage 38 First Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BL	Part single part two storey rear extension, two storey front extension	No Objection – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1114/FA	Aprillis 2 New Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6LA	Demolition of bungalow, construction of two semi detached dwellings	Recommend Refusal – 31.07.2017 Members felt that this application was overdevelopment of the site and intrusive and over-bearing to neighbours. Members had concerns about the apparent lack of amenity space and negative impact of light on neighbouring properties due to the proposed three-storey design. Furthermore, Members expressed that they felt that the proposed design was out of keeping with the current street scene and that parking was contrived.
CH/2017/1096/FA	Land To The Rear Of 56 - 58 Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DR	Erection of two flats with associated amenity space	Discussed – 31.07.2017 This application had been discussed at the previous ATC Planning Meeting on 10 th July 2017. <u>Recommend refusal (10.07.17.)</u> Members strongly oppose this application owing to the unacceptable loss of privacy for residents at Kerridge House, 42 Woodside Close. The proposals are considered an overdevelopment of the site and the design is out of keeping in the vicinity. The resultant intensification of use of the existing access is considered unacceptable, especially given that the planning

			<p>conditions imposed for previous applications using the same access driveway have been disregarded and have been referred to Planning Enforcement. Members consider the manoeuvrability within the driveway is already at a minimum and this would be further compromised as a result of the proposed development.</p>
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CH/2017/0976/FA	Ivycot 79 Hundred Acres Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BX	Single storey front/side/rear extension	No Comment – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/0986/FA	Amersham Museum 49 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DP	Installation of Air Conditioning units screened by a false pitch roof (part retrospective)	No Objection – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1216/FA	Elsdeen 3 Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NN	Single storey outbuilding, additional vehicle access and hardstanding via new dropped kerb	No Comment – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1223/FA	The Crown Hotel 16 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DH	External plant relating to internal air conditioning system, comprising eight units mounted on South West Elevation of the Bailey Block and eight units mounted on South East Elevation of the Bailey Block, and timber screening to South West Elevation. (Retrospective)	No Comment – 31.07.2017

CH/2017/1246/FA	44 Highover Park Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BP	Replacement rear extension flat roof and parapet wall with new mono pitched roof with roof lights, fenestration alterations.	No Objection – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1252/FA	2 Scholars Way Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6UN	Single storey side/rear extension	No Comment – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1257/FA	Pipers Croft Devonshire Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5JE	Replacement of conservatory with a new single storey garden room	No Comment – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1258/FA	Treetops Beech Grove Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0AZ	Part single storey/part first floor side extension with extended roof over and side dormer	No Comment – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1269/FA	Tuskar Devonshire Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5JE	Extension to existing garage to provide an additional car space	No Comment – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1276/FA	Delton 19 Stanley Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9HP	Single-storey rear extension	No Comment – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1301/FA	1 Popes Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6LS	Single storey rear extension	No Comment – 31.07.2017
CH/2017/1312/FA	Kingswood 6 Batchelors Way Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AQ	Demolition of garage and conservatory, erection of part single/part two storey side rear extension, hipped to gabled roof extensions with front and rear dormers and rooflights to facilitate habitable accommodation in roofspace	Recommend Refusal – 31.07.2017 Members felt the proposed design was overdevelopment of the site. Furthermore, Members had concerns about the loss of parking, in addition to concerns about the design being overbearing to neighbouring properties and not in keeping with the current street scene.