AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Cook (Chair & Deputy Town Mayor)

Councillor M Flys (Town Mayor)

Councillor Mrs B Dhanda

Councillor C Jones Councillor C Morgan Councillor N Shepherd

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson – Town Clerk Finance & Policy

One resident (part meeting only)

51. APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs D Kenchington

Councillor Mrs A Lamont Councillor H Newton Councillor A Seymour

52. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor R Jones

53. OPEN SESSION:

Members heard the comments from a resident about planning application No. 2019/3508 for Land at Allens Barn Rectory Hill.

54. MINUTES:

It was Proposed – Councillor C Morgan

Seconded – Councillor Mrs B Dhanda

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting held on 14 October 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

55. MATTERS ARISING:

The Chair was asked by a Member of the Committee to speak to Councillor R Jones about his attendance at Planning Committee meetings and failure to send apologies.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

57. CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

A Member of the Committee raised an issue relating to on-site parking at the Chiltern Pools whilst the new Chiltern Lifestyle Centre is built. After discussion, Councillor Jones offered to forward information to the Clerk about the three-phase parking programme, which will then be circulated to other Members.

58.	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS: There were no matters for discussion.
59.	MATTERS FOR REPORT: There were no matters for report.
	ANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 11, 18 & 25 OCTOBER 2019 (PLEASE SEE TACHED APPENDIX I)
	The Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Appendix I			
PL/19/3447/FA	47 Highfield Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HQ	Single storey rear extension	No comment (04.11.19.)
PL/19/3449/FA	23 Green Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6AS	Single storey rear extension	No comment (04.11.19.)
PL/19/3438/FA	18 Pomeroy Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BW	Single storey front, side and rear extension with pitched roof (Retrospective)	No comment (04.11.19.)
PL/19/3434/FA	Three Oaks Barn Weedon Hill Hyde Heath Buckinghamshire HP6 5RH	Erection of detached garage	No objection (04.11.19)
PL/19/3416/KA	119 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DY	Crown reduction of an ash tree within a Conservation Area	No comment (04.11.19.)
PL/19/3385/FA	5 Longfield Drive Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5HD	First floor side extension	No objection (04.11.19.)
PL/19/3558/FA	47 Hillside Gardens Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DX	Excavation of the existing raised bank in the site frontage and creation of new vehicular access and permeable driveway	No objection (04.11.19.) Whilst Members have no objection in principle, they do regret the loss of the grassed area and would request that the dropped kerb is placed at least 1m away from the lamp-post to reduce the risk of damage to the lighting column.
PL/19/3514/FA	65 Hillside Gardens Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DX	Single storey rear/side extension	No comment (04.11.19.)
PL/19/3492/FA	Dorian 29 Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NW	Single storey rear infill extension and changes to exisitng rear windows/doors	No comment (04.11.19.)

PL/19/3466/FA	16 Pondwicks Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0EP	Vehicular access	Recommend refusal (04.11.19.) Members consider the proposal would disadvantage the resident living at No 15 Pondwicks and would alter the street scene, setting a precedent in the vicinity. It would also reduce the parking availability for other vehicles.
PL/19/3440/FA	Martini Lodge 33 Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NW	Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuilding. Construction of replacement dwelling.	Recommend refusal (04.11.19.) Members consider the overall height of the proposed dwelling would constitute an overdevelopment of the site and would have a negative impact on the neighbouring dwellings.
PL/19/3701/KA	27 Whielden Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0HU	T1 Willow - reshape to old cuts: 4 to 5m reduction. T2 Birch - reduce top growth by 4m and reshape top growth. T3 Apple - reshape to old cuts (Amersham Conservation Area)	No comment (04.11.19.)
PL/19/3702/KA	Orchard House 112 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0ED	G1 Apple (x3) - winter prune - reduce by 1.5m, T2 Apple - reshape to old cuts, G3 Laural/Hazel - prune back over garage, G4 Hazel/Beech - prune back overhanging branches by 3m all within a Conservation Area	No comment (04.11.19.)
PL/19/3677/FA	Warriners 124 Chestnut Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6DZ	Single storey rear extension, part single / part two storey side extension with roof extension and conversion of garage into habitable space, hipped canopy entry porch, addition of stone cladding to chimney on front elevation, additional and resizing of windows and doors.	No objection (04.11.19.)

PL/19/3658/FA	24 Abrahams Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9FA	Rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion	Recommend refusal (04.11.19.) The proposed dormer is considered to be out of keeping and impactful on the neighbouring properties
PL/19/3508/FA	Storage Units 1 and 2, Land at Allens Barn Farm Rectory Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BT	Conversion of 2 existing storage buildings to 2 detached dwellings.	Recommend refusal (04.11.19.) Members consider the conversion to be unsuitable in the Green Belt / AONB, with an inappropriate design. There is concern that the proposed new hedging would have an impact on the openness of the setting and the access is thought to be inadequate for residential occupancy, as it would intensify the vehicular movements onto Rectory Hill, which has a 60mph speed limit in this section. It is also understood that the barns are still being used as a storage facility.