

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
**THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE**  
HELD ON 20 JUNE 2022

PRESENT: Councillor H Maitland-Jones (Chair)  
Councillor C Jones (Vice Chair) (Part Meeting)  
Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)  
Councillor J Keeler  
Councillor S Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Ryan – Administration Officer  
Two members of the public (Part Meeting)

1. APOLOGIES: Councillor R Dineley  
Councillor M Dormer  
Councillor P Milliner  
Councillor E Shepherd

2. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor S Scott-James

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

4. OPEN SESSION:  
Two members of the public commented on application PL/22/1668/FA 1 Quarrendon Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EB

5. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERN MATTERS:  
Members were notified of Buckinghamshire Council's wider call for brownfield and greenfield sites under the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (LP4B)

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 20 & 27 MAY, 3 & 10 JUNE 2022  
(Please see attached Appendix I)

7. LICENSES:  
(Please see attached Appendix II)

8. MATTERS FOR REPORT:  
The were no matters for report.

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm

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

APPENDIX I			
PL/22/1530/FA	Delingbourne 19 Willow Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DW	Single storey front, side and rear extensions, new raised roof with 2 front and 1 rear dormers to form a chalet style bungalow and changes to doors and windows, front steps with railing and rear patio with steps (part retrospective)	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1443/FA	100 Hundred Acres Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BN	Front porch, conversion of garage to living space, changes to doors and windows and all associated works	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1306/TP	Land Adjacent To 3, 7 and 14 Lime Tree Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire	T1, T2, T3 limes - high pollard (removing 2.5-3m off sides of crown and 4-5m off top leaving final crown radius of 3.5-4m), (TPO No 4 of 1971)	<u>No comment (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1669/KA	9 Highfield Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HG	Reduction of branches on a line of conifers overhanging 72 Woodside Road. (Weller Estate Conservation Area)	<u>No comment (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1668/FA	1 Quarrendon Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EB	Demolition of garage, erection of part single/part two storey front/side/rear extension and changes to windows and doors.	<u>Recommend refusal (20.06.2022)</u> Members recommended refusal for the following reasons; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The cladding was not considered suitable or in keeping with the surrounding area.</li> <li>- It was felt that the cladding on the first floor would have an adverse effect to properties 39 and 41 Acres End.</li> <li>- The cladding on the first floor could reflect sunlight</li> </ul>

			<p>into neighbouring properties, due to the nature of the material.</p> <p>- Members also raised concerns with the lack of screening for sections of 1<sup>st</sup> floor towards property 41 Acres End.</p>
PL/22/1632/FA	1 Stretton Place Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6UU	Demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension and insertion of side window	<u>No comment (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1612/FA	The Chilterns Crematorium Whielden Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0ND	2 extract fans with cowls (approx. 575mm in height) to be installed on the rear crematory roof, above the cremators, located within the roof valleys of the building - one lower pitch & one higher pitch. The cowls will be 176mm above the lower ridge line, but 105mm below the higher ridge line	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1615/FA	9 Pineapple Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9JN	Change of use to a single dwelling. (Use Class C3)	<u>Recommend refusal (20.06.2022)</u> While members acknowledged the need for more housing, it was felt very strongly that the change of use Class C3 should be refused until the applicant provides sufficient detail as to how the property would become a single dwelling. It was noted that the property currently has 8 bedrooms but only off-site parking for up to 2 vehicles, on a highly congested road with known parking issues.
PL/22/1595/FA	White Timbers 39 Copperkins Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5QF	New roof with increased height, 1 front and 2 rear dormer windows and 9 rooflights. Front and rear projections to be changed from hip	<u>Discussed (20.06.2022)</u> While members had no objections to the design, some questioned the ridge height and felt this needed further investigation by Bucks Council.

		to gable.	
PL/22/1587/FA	Willow House 147 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0EB	Single storey rear extension	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u> Members raised no objections but refer to Bucks Council's Heritage department.
PL/22/1588/HB	Willow House 147 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0EB	Listed building consent for single storey rear extension	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u> Members raised no objections but refer to Bucks Council's Heritage department.
PL/22/1749/FA	Craster 144 Woodside Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NP	Single storey side and rear extension including 4 Skylight windows	<u>No comment (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1410/SA	Woodside Junior School Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NW	Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed Reopening access from Plantation Road, replace the existing pavement facing gate, the track through from the pavement side on Plantation Road to the field will be asphalt (replacing the original concrete) and widened marginally to 4m wide to allow for emergency access to the site.,the fencing on the school field of the slot will have a 4m wide double leaf gate (for pedestrian access). The remaining area of the plot will be left for low level shrubs/wild flowers etc	<u>Recommend refusal (20.06.2022)</u> Members were strongly opposed the application on the following grounds; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The application was considered non-compliant with a Certificate of Lawfulness.</li> <li>- The application does not mention the need to widen the drop kerb (which would be required if access were to be widened to 4 metres).</li> <li>- Members questioned the intended use, commenting that the school already has an emergency exit for vehicles along Mitchell Walk.</li> <li>- Again, in questioning the intended use, members added that an asphalt path would not be required if the intended use were to be for emergency access only.</li> <li>- Members also commented that there are insufficient parking facilities along Plantation Road. If this path were to be in regular use as suspected, this access point could cause significant congestion issues. It was also noted that there is a</li> </ul>

			<p>bus stop on the opposing side of the road. For this reason it was felt that Bucks Highways department would need to perform a site inspection.</p> <p>- Lastly, as established trees are being removed in preparation for the works, and more are likely to be removed to improve both access and visibility, it was recommended that Bucks Council's Tree Officer should perform a site inspection also.</p>
PL/22/2061/TP	1 Abrahams Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9FA	Remove 2x Corsican pines (TPO/1988/006).	<u>No comment (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1843/FA	Westover 65 Station Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BB	New doors to bay window, replacement of side window, repair work to render, historic subsidence and roof	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1817/HB	Westover 65 Station Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BB	Listed building consent for new doors to bay window, replacement of side window, repair work to render, historic subsidence and roof	<u>No comment (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1856/FA	49 Briery Way Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6AU	Enlargement of existing vehicular access	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1828/FA	Little Oaks 6 Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NN	Single storey side and rear extension	<u>No comment (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1756/FA	Sovereign Heights First Avenue And Land To Rear Of 37-47 Chequers Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BL	Demolition of existing property and erection of 8 semidetached dwellings with associated vehicular access, rear outbuildings, entrance	<u>Discussed (20.06.2022)</u> While members did not object to a development for more housing in principle, a number of concerns were raised which they felt needed further investigation;

		railings and landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some members questioned whether 8 properties were too many for the size of the site available.</li> <li>- Members also questioned whether there was sufficient parking available for 8 properties, noting that there was no provision for any visitor parking or deliveries.</li> <li>- There were concerns that the houses would overlook neighbouring properties along Chequers Hill, particularly due to the slope of the hill.</li> <li>- Lastly noting the access point on First Avenue, there were concerns that this would be in effect a staggered junction with Hundred Acres lane, and on a slope with restricted viewing. It was felt that this particular concern needs further assessment by Bucks Highways Department.</li> </ul>
PL/22/1757/FA	183 Stanley Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EY	Single storey rear extension and garage conversion to living space including the addition of two roof lights	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u>
PL/22/1723/FA	44 Woodfield Park Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5QH	Single storey rear/side extension, porch extension, part garage conversion to living space, addition of PV panels to roof, new vehicular access and associated changes to fenestration, driveway design and external materials.	<u>No objection (20.06.2022)</u>

Appendix II

22/00477/LAP  
RE

11 Hill Avenue Amersham  
Buckinghamshire HP6 5BD

Premises Licence

Recommend refusal (20.06.2022)

While members expressed a keenness to support new businesses in principle, they felt that they had to recommend refusal to this particular application for the following reasons;

- The outside space is too small to allow any outdoor seating along Hill Avenue, and would cause an obstruction to pedestrians.
- No outdoor dining should be permitted to the rear as this would cause a disturbance to properties above.
- In line with other businesses of this nature, it was that recommend 'clearing out' should be by no later than 10pm and premises closed by no later than 11pm.