

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ON-LINE MEETING OF  
**THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP**  
HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2022

PRESENT:  
Councillor H Maitland-Jones (Chair)  
Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)  
Councillor M Dormer  
Councillor J Keeler  
Councillor Mrs P Milliner  
Councillor Ms S Scott-James  
Councillor S Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Ryan – Administration Officer

70. APOLOGIES: Councillor Ms R Dineley

71. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs A Lamont (Vice Chair)

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

73. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERN MATTERS:  
There were no Buckinghamshire Chiltern matters arising.

74. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2022  
(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX I)

75. LICENSES:  
There were no licenses for discussion.

76. MATTERS FOR REPORT:  
There were no matters for report.

The Meeting closed at 9.32pm

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Appendix 1			
PL/21/4889/FA	95 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DT	Single storey infill extension with flat roof, replacement of rear ground floor window with doors, removal of fireplace and replacement of attic window.	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4891/FA	The Well House Rectory Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BT	Loft conversion incorporating three rear dormers, four roof lights to rear elevation and one side dormer.	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4876/FA	100 Hundred Acres Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BN	Formation of living space in roof with front and rear dormer, side roof lights and raised ridge line	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4878/FA	Galloway House High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0ED	Demolition of garage and outbuilding, and erection of 4 bay garage with storage above. Resurfacing of access road	<u>Recommend refusal (31.01.2022)</u> Members unanimously recommended refusal to the application for the following reasons; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposed garage appears overdeveloped for its stated purpose (noting the WC included on the ground floor and the dormer windows on the first floor).</li> <li>- Concerns over access for neighbouring properties both during the works and increased traffic long term, should the proposed garage be used as a separate living space in the future.</li> </ul>
PL/21/4866/HB	4 Bury Farm Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0SJ	Listed building consent for new front window	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4859/FA	4 Stubbs End Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6EW	Single storey front porch extension	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4843/FA	116A Woodside Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NL	Single storey side extension	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>

PL/21/4832/FA	25 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 ODP	Part change of use to dwelling (part retrospective); retention of part shop and reinstatement of separating wall on ground floor and attic floor, repairs to first floor beams	<p><u>Recommend refusal (31.01.2022)</u> Members repeated their comments from the previous proposal (PL/21/3688FA), that they objected to the loss of retail space within the High Street resulting from the proposed change of use and consider the remaining retail space at No 25 could prove too small to remain viable. They felt that this would set a precedent in the shopping area of Old Amersham for further loss of retail space.</p> <p>Members also added that they do not look favourably upon retrospective planning applications such as this, noting that works had still continued without permission. They felt strongly that the property should be reinstated to its former layout, whereby any changes have been made.</p>
PL/21/4833/HB	25 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 ODP	Listed building consent for part change of use to dwelling (part retrospective); retention of part shop and reinstatement of separating wall on ground floor and attic floor, repairs to first floor beams	<p><u>Recommend refusal (31.01.2022)</u> Members repeated their comments from the previous proposal (PL/21/3688FA), that they objected to the loss of retail space within the High Street resulting from the proposed change of use and consider the remaining retail space at No 25 could prove too small to remain viable. They felt that this would set a precedent in the shopping area of Old Amersham for further loss of retail space.</p> <p>Members also added that they do not look favourably upon retrospective planning applications such as this, noting that works had still continued without permission. They felt strongly that the property should be reinstated to its former layout, whereby any changes have been made.</p>
PL/21/4809/FA	Land To The Rear Of The Cottage Cherry Lane Woodrow Buckinghamshire	Retrospective permission for the erection of single storey front/side extension to timber agricultural building, including partial removal of existing covered storage area (amendment to refused application PL/21/3346/FA)	<p><u>Recommend refusal (31.01.2022)</u> Members repeated their comments from the previous application in 2021 (PL/21/3346/FA), that they considered the outbuilding to be inappropriate development for an AONB and Green Belt. Members also added that they were unhappy with the application again being retrospective, and felt strongly that the building should be removed and the land restored to its previous state.</p>

PL/21/4815/FA	39 Little Reeves Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9JB	Single storey side extension, first floor rear & side extensions, new pitched roof over existing front dormer windows and installation of 1 rear and 3 front rooflights	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4800/FA	Herald House 150 Station Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DW	Change of use to Educational Tuition Centre (Class F1(a)). Alterations to windows and doors comprising of changes to the front (Ground Floor) and rear (Lower Ground Floor) access points to the building.	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4707/FA	11 Cedar Grove Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BG	Demolition of existing garage, erection of single storey front and rear extensions and formation of hardstanding and ramps to front and rear	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4669/FA	3 White House Court Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5FD	Single story rear extension and alterations to rear window	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0041/KA	90 Woodside Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6AN	T1 birch, T2 holly, T3 hawthorn and T4 acacia - remove. (Weller Estate Conservation Area)	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0025/FA	Bois Gate 13 South Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5LX	Part conversion of and single storey rear extension to detached outbuilding, link extension to the existing house and replacement of door with window	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4900/HB	The Orvis Company Inc 38 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DJ	Listed building consent for repairs and alterations to east side elevation (including boiler flue terminal and wall lantern) and interior alterations	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>

PL/21/4890/HB	95 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 ODT	Listed Building Consent for single storey infill extension with flat roof, replacement of rear ground floor window with doors, removal of fireplace and replacement of attic window	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4865/FA	4 Bury Farm Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0SJ	New front window	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4867/FA	Upton 202 Stanley Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9ET	Two storey rear extension	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4762/FA	7 Meadow Bank Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9FD	Single storey front porch and rear conservatory extension	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4734/FA	Land To The Rear Of 56 - 58 Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DR	New detached two bedroom residential apartment, with live/work home office space, retail and residential refuse storage and two car parking spaces	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/21/4626/FA	8 Orchard End Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9JP	Single storey rear extension, conversion of attached garage to living space, extension of front porch and changes to windows and doors	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0210/FA	2 Governors Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6UP	Part 2 storey, part single storey, part first floor rear extension, relocation and changes to the front entrance and fenestration alterations to the existing house	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>

PL/22/0201/HB	The Warehouse 38A High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DJ	Listed building consent for internal alterations to include replacement of staircase from ground to first floor, creation of new internal openings on ground floor.	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0196/FA	Tudor House Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6BB	Replacement gates, driveway and extension to existing closeboard fence	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0175/TP	7 Batchelors Way Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AQ	T1 Beech - Remove 5-6 lateral branches of hanging neighbours, T2 Maple - Remove 5-6 lateral branches of hanging neighbours, T3 Holly - Remove down to hedge level. (TPO/1986/013)	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0186/FA	105 Quarrendon Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9ER	Single storey rear extension	<u>No comment (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0152/FA	31 Stanley Hill Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BD	Proposed detached garage	<u>Recommend refusal (31.01.2022)</u> Members felt that the proposed garage was out of keeping with the surrounding area and situated too close to the footpath.
PL/22/0141/FA	28 Station Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 OBE	Two storey front and single storey rear extensions, hip to gable roof extension to side, rear dormer window and 3 front rooflights to facilitate a loft conversion, rear retaining wall and steps	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0115/FA	144 Station Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DW	Change of use to clinic (Use class E(e)) and alterations to windows and doors.	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>

PL/22/0085/FA	The Bumbles Devonshire Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5JE	Two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, addition of rear Juliet balcony, landscaping and alterations to roof to allow additional loft living space including 2 front and 3 rear dormer windows, 1 front and 6 side rooflights	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>
PL/22/0058/FA	Gilbeys Restaurant 1 Market Square Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DF	Retrospective application for the retention of canopy cover, planters and outside seating area for a limited period of three years from the date consent issued	<u>Recommend refusal (31.01.2022)</u> While members expressed their keenness to support local businesses, a number of reasons were given as to why they felt this application should be refused; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of public amenity</li> <li>- Obstruction of the Amersham Martyrs plaque</li> <li>- Obstruction of the Town Council noticeboard</li> <li>- The canopy was not considered in keeping with the surrounding area.</li> </ul> Members also added that the Old Amersham Revitalisation Group spent £4,000.00 landscaping the area in 2011 for the community, and that it would be unfair for a business to now occupy the area.
PL/22/0059/HB	Gilbeys Restaurant 1 Market Square Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DF	Listed building consent for the retention of canopy cover, planters and outside seating area associated with Gilbey's Restaurant for a limited period of three years from the date consent issued (retrospective)	<u>Recommend refusal (31.01.2022)</u> While members expressed their keenness to support local businesses, a number of reasons were given as to why they felt this application should be refused; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of public amenity</li> <li>- Obstruction of the Amersham Martyrs plaque</li> <li>- Obstruction of the Town Council noticeboard</li> <li>- The canopy was not considered in keeping with the surrounding area.</li> </ul> Members also added that the Old Amersham Revitalisation Group spent £4,000.00 landscaping the area in 2011 for the community, and that it would be unfair for a business to now occupy the area.

PL/22/0057/OA	Silver Birches Quill Hall Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6LU	Outline planning permission for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 4 detached houses with amended access (matters to be considered: access and layout)	<u>Discussed (31.01.2022)</u> While members were not opposed to the development of the area in principle, a number of concerns were raised, notably; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Services vehicles having adequate access</li><li>- Construction vehicles damaging the private road, which is already in a poor condition</li><li>- Disruption to other residents during building works.</li></ul>
PL/21/4250/FA	Flats at 4 Grimsdells Corner Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5EL	Increase in size of existing dormer windows on the front/side elevation and relocation of one front/side dormer window, creation of a new rear dormer window and the removal of chimney stacks	<u>No objection (31.01.2022)</u>

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