

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ON-LINE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP
HELD ON 15 MAY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor H Maitland-Jones (Chair)
Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)
Councillor R Dineley
Councillor P Milliner
Councillor E Shepherd
Councillor S Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Ryan – Administration Officer

112. APOLOGIES: Councillor C Jones (Vice Chair)
Councillor M Dormer
Councillor J Keeler

113. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor S Scott-James

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
Councillor M Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest to application PL/23/1370/FA, as a near neighbour.

115. PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATION:
Members discussed a pre-planning consultation letter received from Cornerstone infrastructure services regarding an installation upgrade at Cornerstone 13850723, SW Adj to Chesham Rd, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP6 5JE.

116. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERN MATTERS:
There were no Buckinghamshire Chiltern Matters arising.

117. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 11 & 28 APRIL, 5 MAY 2023
(Please see attached Appendix I)

118. Variance Applications Update:
There were no variance applications for discussion.

119. LICENSES:
There were no licenses to report.

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

The meeting closed at 8.23pm

..... Chairman Date

Appendix I

PL/23/1249/FA	8 Lane Wood Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9JL	Single storey rear and front porch extension, garage conversion to living space with a new flat roof	<u>No objection (15.05.2023)</u>
PL/23/1240/KA	Red House Cherry Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0QE	G5 Prunus, Holm oak and holly - reduce Prunus by 20% by removing up to 2m apical and lateral growth; formative prune all remaining small trees (Amersham Old Town Conservation area)	<u>No comment (15.05.2023)</u>
PL/23/1156/FA	4 Grimsdells Corner Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5EL	Demolition and redevelopment of garage site to erect a three-storey residential block, comprising five apartments and the change of use of ground floor of existing building to two residential apartments.	<u>Recommend refusal (15.05.2023)</u> Members repeated comments from the previous applications PL/22/2577/FA and PL/22/4396/FA respectively. These comments were as follows: Members recommended refusal due to insufficient parking facilities proposed, as well as what they felt was an overly imposing and overbearing development, due to the proximity to the road.
PL/23/1292/FA	57 Stanley Hill Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BB	Loft conversion incorporating front dormer window, side box dormers and rear dormer with terrace	<u>Recommend refusal (15.05.2023)</u> Members considered the rear dormer with terrace to be overbearing, being on the second floor of the property. The result of which would cause a significant loss of privacy to several neighbouring properties.
PL/23/1298/FA	Gilbeys Restaurant 1 Market Square Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DF	Retrospective application 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.	<u>Recommend refusal (15.05.2023)</u> While members expressed their keenness to support local businesses, a number of reasons were given as to why this application will have to be refused; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the proposed would set a precedent for all businesses or residents to build onto publicly owned land. - The structure impinges on public amenities, preventing use

			<p>of a large section of the public footpath, as well as community activities which take place in this area throughout the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The structure causes full obstruction of the Amersham Martyrs plaque and partial obstruction to the Town Council noticeboard signs. - The canopy was not considered to be in keeping with the surrounding area, as well as having a negative impact on the listed building to which it is attached to. - Members also added that the Old Amersham Revitalisation Group spent £4,000.00 landscaping the area in 2011. It was considered to be unfair for a business to occupy an area intended for the whole community to enjoy.
PL/23/1299/HB	Gilbeys Restaurant 1 Market Square Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DF	Listed building consent for retrospective application 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.	<p><u>Recommend refusal (15.05.2023)</u></p> <p>While members expressed their keenness to support local businesses, a number of reasons were given as to why this application will have to be refused;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the proposed would set a precedent for all businesses or residents to build onto publicly owned land. - The structure impinges on public amenities, preventing use of a large section of the public footpath, as well as community activities which take place in this area throughout the year. - The structure causes full obstruction of the Amersham Martyrs plaque and partial obstruction to the Town Council noticeboard signs. - The canopy was not considered to be in keeping with the surrounding area, as well as having a negative impact on the listed building to which it is attached to. - Members also added that the Old Amersham Revitalisation Group spent £4,000.00 landscaping the area in 2011. It was considered to be unfair for a business to occupy an area intended for the whole community to enjoy.
PL/23/1330/FA	Oakfield 18 Hyrons	Single storey front/side porch	No comment (15.05.2023)

	Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5AS	extension (retrospective)	
PL/23/1490/KA	24 Elm Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DD	Removal of T1 Viburnum; T2 Taxodium and T3 Eucalyptus (Elm Close Conservation Area)	<u>No comment (15.05.2023)</u>
PL/23/1477/AGN	Land at Shardeloes Farm Cherry Lane Woodrow Buckinghamshire HP7 0QF	Notification of agricultural or forestry development under Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for: Farm Building	<u>No comment (15.05.2023)</u>
PL/23/1274/FA	Chalk Stream House 35A High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DP	Erection of scaffolding and rebuilding of roof	<u>No objection (15.05.2023)</u>
PL/23/1458/HB	Chalk Stream House 35A High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DP	Listed building consent for erection of scaffolding and rebuilding of roof	<u>No objection (15.05.2023)</u>
PL/23/1405/FA	60 Stubbs End Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6EU	Removal of existing conservatory, proposed single storey rear extension	<u>No comment (15.05.2023)</u>
PL/23/1370/FA	49 Highbury Park Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BP	Replacement of metal balustrade on front balcony with wider glass balustrade, to extend roof terrace	<u>No objection (15.05.2023)</u>
PL/23/1364/FA	Woodfield House 1	Part two storey, past single storey	<u>No objection (15.05.2023)</u>

	Woodfield Park Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5QQ	side extension, two storey front extension and single storey side / rear extension	
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