AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ON-LINE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor H Maitland-Jones (Chair)

Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)

Councillor R Dineley Councillor M Dormer Councillor P Milliner Councillor S Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Ryan – Administration Officer

80. APOLOGIES: Councillor C Jones (Vice Chair)

Councillor E Shepherd

81. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor J Keeler

Councillor S Scott-James

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

83. <u>BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERN MATTERS:</u>

a) Response to the Buckinghamshire Council Settlement Review.

It was Proposed Cllr P Milliner

Seconded Cllr H Maitland-Jones

AGREED that comments from Amersham Town Council were ready for submission to Buckinghamshire Council

- b) Consultation for disabled badge holder bays on Pineapple Road Members gave no objection to the proposed.
- 84. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 27 JANUARY, 3 & 10 FEBRUARY 2023 (Please see attached Appendix I)
- 85. <u>Variance Applications Update:</u>

There were no variance applications for discussion.

86. <u>Buckinghamshire Council Infrastructure Baseline response</u>:

It was Proposed Cllr H Maitland-Jones

Seconded Cllr P Milliner

AGREED that an Infrastructure Baseline Working Group would be formed to provide a suitable response to Buckinghamshire Council.

87.	<u>LICENSES</u> : There were no licenses for discussion.	
88.	MATTERS FOR REPORT: There were no matters for report.	The meeting closed at 8.24pm
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Appendix I

PL/23/0300/FA	Beech Cottage Beech Grove Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0AZ	Part two storey / part first floor rear extension, first floor side extensions, hip to gable rear roof extension with 2 juliet balconies, 2 new front dormers, enlargement of existing side dormer and insertion of 7 side rooflights; extension of rear raised terrace with balustrade	No objection (20.02.2023)
PL/23/0255/KA	175 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0EB	G1 beech, sycamore and yew - reduce beech and sycamore to 15ft level (height from ground), reduce yew level with top of No 175's upstairs window. (Amersham Old Town Conservation Area)	No comment (20.03.2023)
PL/23/0234/FA	The Croft 5 Shortway Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6AQ	Demolition of outbuilding and erection of annexe outbuilding in rear garden	No objection (20.02.2023)
PL/23/0200/FA	HSBC 92 Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5EW	New shopfront	Discussed (20.02.2023) Members were not opposed to the designs presented, however expressed concerns that the works had already been undertaken and therefore the planning process had not been followed correctly.
PL/23/0069/FA	Quarrendon Farm Quarrendon Farm Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0JT	Erection of single dwellinghouse with related landscaping following demolition of existing farmhouse and outbuildings	Recommend refusal (20.02.2023) Members strongly objected to the designs, recommending refusal for the following reasons; 1. The applicant themselves refers to policies GB2 and GB7 in paragraph 5.13-5.20 of their own design and access statement but argues that the proposed developments

			complies and therefore should be permitted despite being in the Green Belt. We do not accept the applicant's arguments and therefore it is not GB2 and GB7 do NOT permit the development as it is materially larger than the property it replaces and is more intrusive in the landscape. Therefore this is an inappropriate development in the green belt. 2. It is intrusive and out of keeping with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, standing out prominently over the Misbourne Valley and visible from a large area around contrary to policy CS22 referred to. The views from public rights of way in the visual impact assessments are described as 'moderate' but in our view are more accurately described as 'significant'. 3. The proposed lacks any environmentally sustainable elements within the design, which we hope the applicant would consider going forward.
PL/23/0335/FA	18 First Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BJ	Part two, part single storey rear and single storey front extensions	No objection (20.02.2023)
PL/23/0358/HS2	Ashgrove House Missenden Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0RJ	HS2 Schedule 18 Heritage Agreement Method Statement for installation of monitoring equipment associated with the creation of the Chiltern Tunnel.	N/A
PL/23/0312/FA	Ashlyn 25 Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NW	Single storey rear extension and demolition of existing outbuilding	No comment (20.03.2023)
PL/23/0332/FA	White Timbers 39 Copperkins Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5QF	Demolition of existing front porch and rear addition and construction of single storey rear extension and single storey front extension with portico	No comment (20.03.2023)

PL/23/0473/FA	45 New Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6LH	Single storey front extension	No comment (20.03.2023)
PL/23/0445/KA	36 The Drive Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AD	T1 ash - fell (Weller Estate Conservation Area)	No comment (20.03.2023)
PL/23/0429/FA	The Cottage 10 Lexham Gardens Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5JP	Vehicular access and gravel driveway. Area is 4.4m wide x 7.7m long	No objection (20.02.2023)
PL/23/0490/KA	73 Grimsdells Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HH	Norway spruce - fell (Weller Estate Conservation Area)	No comment (20.03.2023)