

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ON-LINE MEETING OF  
**THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP**  
HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2023

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

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

65. APOLOGIES: None

66. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor S Scott-James

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor E Shepherd declared a non-pecuniary interest to application PL/22/3943/FA, as a near neighbour.

Councillor C Jones declared an interest to licence application 22/01137/LAPREC, as a member of the Buckinghamshire Council Licensing Committee.

68. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERN MATTERS:

There were no Buckinghamshire Chiltern Matters arising.

69. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 9, 16 & 30 DECEMBER 2023  
(Please see attached Appendix I)

70. LICENSES:

License application 22/01137/LAPREC (Please see attached Appendix II)

71. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

There were no matters for report.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm

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Appendix I			
PL/22/4100/FA	6 Quill Hall Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6LL	Single storey rear extension following the demolition of the existing conservatory, alterations to some windows at side elevation	<u>No comment (09.01.2023)</u>
PL/22/4089/FA	Celdenes 8 Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NN	Demolition of existing garage, part two storey/part single storey rear extension and replacement of all windows.	<u>No objection (09.01.2023)</u>
PL/22/4040/FA	15 Elm Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DD	Erection of a fence to separate the rear gardens of 15 and 16 Elm Close and replacement of existing rear gate.	<u>No objection (09.01.2023)</u> Members had no objection to the proposed, from a planning perspective.
PL/22/4004/FA	16 Elm Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DD	Widening of existing vehicular access with installation of gates and erection of boundary fence (amendment to planning permission PL/20/0137/FA)	<u>No objection (09.01.2023)</u> Members had no objection to the proposed, from a planning perspective.
PL/22/4046/FA	Seasons Cafe Deli 6 Market Square Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DQ	Installation of a A/C condenser unit on an exterior wall (Retrospective)	<u>Recommend refusal (09.01.2023)</u> Some members considered the location of the unit to not be appropriate for the area. The restriction of access to properties at 6A and 6B Market Square was considered a health and safety concern. The position of the unit in relation to neighbouring windows was also discussed, and considered to be a health and safety concern. Members added that the cabling was not in keeping for a listed building.  Members however added that they were keen to support local businesses and would not be averse to considering alternative solutions, but could only comment on the application submitted,

			which they considered to be unacceptable and should not be approved for the reasons stated above.
PL/22/4047/HB	Seasons Cafe Deli 6 Market Square Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DQ	Listed building consent for the installation of a A/C condenser unit on an exterior wall (Retrospective)	<u>No comment (09.01.2023)</u>
PL/22/4032/FA	Land at Rear Of 49 London Road West Amersham Buckinghamshire	Demolition of an existing garage/storage and hardstanding and the erection of 2 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping.	<p><u>Discussed (09.01.2023)</u> Members raised what they believed to be serious concerns over land retention to the rear of the site (backing onto properties along First Avenue). It was noted that the area regularly floods, and proposed works could have potential to become unstable over time. Members recommended that this should be investigated further by Bucks, and that a condition of approval should be added to mitigate this potential issue, should the application be successful.</p> <p>It was also commented that there is a public footpath behind the site, which must be maintained. Lastly, it was recommended that Highways further investigate the access point due to its general location, proximity to surrounding buildings, and exit point directly onto an A road.</p>
PL/22/3943/FA	Sovereign Heights First Avenue And Land To The Rear Of 37 To 47 Chequers Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BL	Demolition of existing Sovereign Heights property and provision of 6 two storey detached dwellings on land combined with rear of plots 37-47 Chequers Hill	<p><u>Discussed (09.01.2023)</u> Members raised concerns that the proposed parking spaces would be end-to-end, encouraging residents to park second vehicles onto the curb to still maintain access for both. At this particular site, it was felt that this would cause serious obstructions for emergency service vehicles as well as waste services and delivery vehicles which cannot be ignored.</p> <p>Members also repeated their concerns from the last application (PL/22/1756/FA) which they felt had not been addressed. Firstly, that the site access point would in effect be a staggered junction with Hundred Acres Lane, First Avenue and West Acres, being on a slope with restricted viewing, onto a congested area with</p>

			<p>pre-existing access issues. Members request that these concerns need further investigation by Bucks Highways Department.</p> <p>Some members also commented that while the applicant had suggested sustainably sourced materials could be used, the application did not go far enough to confirm that these would indeed be used for the build.</p>
PL/22/4122/FA	4 Green Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6AR	Part single/part two storey rear extension and hip to gable roof extension.	<u>No objection (09.01.2023)</u>
PL/22/4106/FA	Essendon 142 Woodside Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NP	Single storey rear extension including four skylight windows and external finishes	<u>No comment (09.01.2023)</u>
PL/22/4093/FA	Martini Lodge 33 Mitchell Walk Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6NW	Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuilding, construction of detached dwelling and linked outbuilding, new entrance gates and brick piers	<u>Recommend refusal (09.01.2023)</u> Members repeated their comments from the previous application in 2019. Members considered the overall height of the proposed dwelling would constitute an overdevelopment of the site and would have a negative impact on neighbouring dwellings.
PL/22/3642/FA	Amersham Cricket Club Missenden Road Amersham Buckinghamshire	Artificial cricket wicket	<u>Discussed (09.01.2023)</u> Members raised no objection to the proposed, subject to consideration of right of way. Some members also questioned whether the material would be suitable for a conservation area and refer to Bucks Heritage.
PL/22/4356/KA	Badminton House Church Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DA	T1 Indian bean tree - reduction by about a third, crown reduction to previous pruning points (Amersham Old Town Conservation Area).	<u>No comment (09.01.2023)</u>
PL/22/4220/FA	42 The Broadway Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0HJ	Structural repairs to the roof and second floor front gable walls, insertion of waterproof breather	<u>No objection (09.01.2023)</u>

		membrane and roof insulation and retiling works (part retrospective)	
PL/22/4221/HB	42 The Broadway Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0HJ	Listed Building consent for structural repairs to the roof and second floor front gable walls, insertion of waterproof breather membrane and roof insulation and retiling works (part retrospective)	<u>No comment (09.01.2023)</u>
PL/22/4213/FA	Rushmede 59 Highland Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AY	Demolition of existing two storey rear extension, patio area, and flat roof over front ground storey bay. Construction of new two storey rear and side extension, single storey rear and side infill extension, pitched roof over front ground storey bay, replacement render to first storey, and associated external works.	<u>No objection (09.01.2023)</u>
PL/22/4105/FA	183 Stanley Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EY	Single storey rear extension with flat roof	<u>No comment (09.01.2023)</u>

Appendix II

22/01137/LAPREC	The Clubhouse Hervines Park Hervines Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5HU	Club Premises Licence	<u>No objection (09.01.2023)</u>
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