

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ON-LINE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP
HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2024

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor M Flys (Part Meeting)
Mr P Ryan – Administration Officer

91. APOLOGIES: Councillor C Jones (Vice Chair)
Councillor E Shepherd (Town Mayor)
Councillor M Dormer

92. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:
Councillor J Keeler
Councillor S Scott-James

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

94. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERN MATTERS:
Buckinghamshire Council's Proposals for on-street and off-street parking in
Buckinghamshire, January to February 2024 (Please see attached Appendix I)

95. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 26 JANUARY, 2 & 9 FEBRUARY 2024
(Please see attached Appendix II)

96. VARIANCE APPLICATIONS UPDATE:
Members were notified of variance application decisions.

97. LICENSES:
There were no licenses to report.

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

The meeting closed at 8.02pm

..... Chairman Date

Proposals for on-street and off-street parking in Buckinghamshire January to February 2024 - Statutory consultation

Amersham Town Council, Comments from the Planning & Footpaths Committee Working Group (19.02.2024)

Members strongly objected to Buckinghamshire Council's proposals for changes to on-street and off-street parking within Amersham, on the following grounds;

- Members felt that the parking changes were unnecessary and un-user friendly.
- Some members commented that a number of businesses had reached out to them raising concerns over the impact the changes would have on their customer numbers and resulting trade.
- Members added that extending hire times would deter people from visiting the town generally, as well as supporting the local economy, noting the additional evening charge time would have a negative impact on local restaurants in the area.
- It was also felt that Sunday charges would also have a negative effect on business trade.
- For those that don't want to pay the charge, members felt the proposed would push the problem into residential roads, giving an example of Whielden Street, which has a known parking issue along the residential section of the road, and which will most likely to be exacerbated further.

Appendix II

PL/24/0188/FA	Holly Cottage 16 The Rise Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AG	Single storey rear extension	<u>No comment (19.02.2024)</u>
PL/24/0176/FA	36 Highfield Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HG	Single storey rear extension, extension to existing flat roof rear dormer window, new front porch canopy, new front dormer and conversion of remaining garage	<u>No objection (19.02.2024)</u> Members repeated their comments from the previous application on 30.01.2023 (application Ref: PL/22/4325/FA). No objection, provided dropped kerb is implemented for vehicular access.
PL/24/0149/HB	The Eagle Public House 145 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DY	Listed building consent for refurbishment including alteration to bar, new flooring, new screen and redecoration.	<u>No objection (19.02.2024)</u>
PL/24/0142/FA	Fir Tree House Cherry Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0QE	Landscaping and garden alterations and improvements including associated walls, outbuildings, and water features.	<u>No comment (19.02.2024)</u>
PL/23/4107/FA	Ground Floor Unit 3 The Business Centre Corinium Industrial Estate Raans Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6FB	Change of use to Class B2 use. Unit is required for storage of stock. It is not proposed to carry out any building operations	<u>No objection (19.02.2024)</u>

PL/24/0283/KA	40 Whielden Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0HU	T1 willow - crown reduction (Conservation Area: Amersham Old Town)	<u>No comment (19.02.2024)</u>
PL/24/0252/HR	Hedgerow Along Cherry Lane Woodrow Buckinghamshire HP7 0QG	Removal of a 1.5m section of hedgerow	<u>No comment (19.02.2024)</u>
PL/24/0332/TP	Hyrons Manor 2 Hyrons Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5AS	Works to trees in accordance with a submitted schedule (TPO/1994/009 and TPO/2001/012)	<u>No comment (19.02.2024)</u>