

Amersham Town Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF

THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT FLINT BARN COURT, CHURCH STREET, AMERSHAM
ON MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Simon Woodhead (Town Mayor)
Councillor Jonathan Allum
Councillor Heena Amarshi
Councillor Jane Barnes
Councillor Martin Day
Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor Elizabeth Kolb
Councillor Dominic Pinkney
Councillor Mark Roberts
Councillor Kelly Thornton
Councillor Amar Vyas
Councillor James Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Catanach (Town Clerk Community Services & Engagement)
Elizabeth Richardson (Town Clerk Finance & Policy)

47. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jim Brown (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor Maura Brady
Councillor Joseph Noaman

48. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
There were no declarations of interest.

49. **MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 22 SEPTEMBER TO 10 NOVEMBER 2025:**
The list of engagements was noted.

50. **COUNCIL MINUTES**

a) **Council Meeting – 22 SEPTEMBER 2025**

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Day
	Seconded	Councillor J Barnes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 September 2025 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

b) **Extra-ordinary Council meeting – 20 OCTOBER 2025**

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor M Day

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 October 2025 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

51. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:**

Councillor Roberts asked the Clerk to record Members' thanks to Steve Catanach in preparing the public survey for the Lidl planning application.

52. **RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

a) **Planning and Footpaths Minutes – 6 & 27 October 2025**

It was	Proposed	Councillor K Thornton
	Seconded	Councillor A Vyas

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Working Group Meetings held on 6 & 27 October 2025 be accepted, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

b) **Finance & General Purposes Minutes – 20 OCTOBER 2025**

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Roberts
	Seconded	Councillor J Barnes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20 October 2025 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

c) **Grants Sub-Committee Minutes – 20 October 2025**

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor S Woodhead

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee meeting held on 20 October 2025 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

d) **Climate Action Working Group – 14 October 2025**

It was	Proposed	Councillor J Barnes
	Seconded	Councillor K Thornton

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Climate Action Working Group meeting held on 14 October 2025 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

53. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

54. **UPDATE FROM THE BARN MEADOW PLAYGROUND WORKING GROUP:**

The Clerk gave a verbal report of the Working Group's recommendations. After discussion:

It was	Proposed	Councillor A Vyas
	Seconded	Councillor J Allum

RESOLVED that Mark Richardson request the two preferred contractors to prepare detailed artwork, which will be used to consult with children and parents from St Mary's School and local nurseries in order to gather their views.

55. **APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR WCAG 2.2 AA COMPLIANCY PROGRAMME:**

Members noted the report from Steve Catanach regarding the upgrading of the Council's website to ensure compliance with the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018. After discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor H Amarshi
	Seconded	Councillor M Day

RESOLVED to accept the quote for £2000 from Aston Miles Media to undertake the necessary work to achieve WCAG 2.2 compliance, as well as an on-going fee of £900 pa for maintenance and monitoring.

56. **APPROVAL OF ONE EXTRA DAY'S ANNUAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT FOR ALL STAFF FOR THE 2025-26 HOLIDAY YEAR:**

The Mayor put forward a motion that the Council awards one additional day of annual leave to all ATC staff for the holiday year 2025–2026, in recognition of their work and dedication which contributed to the town's success in the 2025 Britain in Bloom competition, where we were awarded 'Best Town in the UK' for our population category.

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor J Allum

RESOLVED to approve the additional day's holiday for all staff for the 2025-26 holiday year.

57. **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Roberts and Councillor Thornton reported on the following matters:

- a) Councillor Thornton drew attention to the considerable delays currently affecting the Planning Department at Buckinghamshire Council in processing planning applications. She asked fellow Councillors to inform her of any delay issues reported by residents, so that these could be addressed.
- b) Councillor Thornton reported that the planning application for the proposed Lidl supermarket on King George V Road had been called in for discussion at a Buckinghamshire Council Planning Committee Meeting (though no date has yet been confirmed).
- c) Councillor Roberts provided an update on the use of SANG's (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) within Buckinghamshire and in particular the progress of the proposed SANG off Bell Lane.

58. **MATTERS FOR REPORT**

There were no matters for report.

PART II – Confidential Matters

59.

RENEWAL OF THE AMERSHAM BOWLS CLUB LEASE:

The Clerk reported on the latest communication with the Bowls Club on renewal of their lease at Hervines Park. After discussion:

It was

Proposed

Councillor P Edwards

Seconded

Councillor D Pinkney

RESOLVED to write again to the club, requesting they provide their acceptable Heads of Terms for subsequent discussion and negotiation.

60.

LETTER FROM AMERSHAM BOWLS CLUB:

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Bowls Club Secretary, which was discussed. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the club, stating the Council's position.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman Date