

Minutes
Meeting of Ambrosden Parish Council
Held at Village Hall – 7:30pm
Thursday March 21st 2019

Present: M Longworth – Chair, Lynne Bustin – Clerk, Maureen Cossens, Chris West, Wendy Cheeseman, 9 x public

Serial No	Issue
322-18-19	Welcome ML welcomed everyone to the meeting
323-18-19	Apologies Serinne Curtis, Phil Blazdell, Sue Posslewhite, Dan Sames, Lucinda Wing MC reported she would miss the April meeting
324-18-19	Register of Interests Clerk announced intention of joining Merton PC as a cllr.
325-18-19	Gifts & Hospitality None
326-18-19	Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising Minutes of previous meeting were agreed and signed Cllrs present received folders of governance and policies. Noted that committees and sub-committees should be included in the code of conduct
327-18-19	Public Speaking None
328-18-19	Councillor Reports None
329-18-19	Highways & Traffic Calming Chair presented results of six speed surveys carried out around the village. (results attached and also noted in the Parish Matters magazine). Chicane on Merton Road has slowed the cars down by 5mph. Commented that additional data pending from a further survey on the Arncott Road. Discussion of the maximum speeds noted during the surveys. Comments: The traffic has increased due to the increase in local development, therefore County/District should help to cover the costs Chicanes stop traffic moving and disrupt flow, possible pollution issue, humps slow traffic down and keep it moving Depth of speed bumps/cushions important with regard to noise/emergency vehicles/buses. Rumble strips also possible noise issue 20mph zone is hard to police, even with community effort A combination of traffic measures are needed possibly including a 7.5 ton weight limit on the Ploughley Road (suggested after receiving feedback from the Garrison that satnavs are routing delivery vehicles to Arncott via Ploughley Road), chicanes, speed bumps (although objections were received to this in 2006 when OCC undertook a public consultation on a traffic calming scheme), speed cushions, VAS/SID displays Speed signs and flashing lights to be requested for school area.

Discussion of cars parking on Merton Road, Chair confirmed that there are land ownership matters to clarify before a parking solution can be discussed, and this is an ongoing process including research of Parish Council archives.

Cllr discussed idea of making village centre more appealing/benches/sign etc suggested free mini library. This would also create an environment less likely to speed through. Cllr to research for April agenda. See allotment item for note concerning art/sign.

Cllr reported no white lines to demarcate road/path at Crossgates area due to recent patching works. Clerk to chase the status of the white lines

330-18-19 Village Matters

Spring Clean

Saturday 23rd March 10.30 am. All equipment to be collected and returned to the village hall.

Rubbish will be collected by Cherwell DC

Dog Bins

New bin proposed for Church Walk, agreed a cost of £154. Agreed the surplus bin near Springfields allotments to be moved to the bus stop near the garage.

Cllr suggestion about making dog bag dispensers – question about stocking them/attaching to posts.

Question about Springfields grass area – confirmed Chamonix are mgt company for Springfields.

Grass cutting

Contractor has been asked to cut triangle area at Park Rise, plus a further 25 m in front of the village sign on entry from the A41, plus the Blackthorn Road up to the village sign

Defibrillator maintenance and guardianship

Agreed to check the defibrillator once a month at PC meetings whilst PC are at the hall having a meeting. Clerk to bring tick sheet to each meeting and add to monthly agenda.

Cllr mentioned that a further 50 metres of bulbs to be planted this autumn

Comment regarding the Utility box corner adjacent Blackthorn Road, and the mess made by vehicles driving on it.

331-18-19 Planning

PC to ratify comments made by Chair and Vice Chair on Graven Hill Planning applications:

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New applications:

19/00388/F	Symmetry Park	Full Planning Permission for 29,350 sqm of logistics floor space, within class B8 of the Town and Country Planning Use Classes Order 1987, including ancillary class B1 (a) offices (1,688 sqm), erection of security gatehouse (26 sqm), security fence, sprinkler tank and pump house, accessed from the existing Symmetry Park estate road, associated site infrastructure including external service yard, lorry parking, landscaping, amenity open space including 10m green corridor with 3m foot path and cycle link to wider Bicester 12 and storm water drainage infrastructure and private sewage treatment plant. PC OBJECTION SUBMITTED
19/00389/F	6 Page Turner Court	Single storey rear extension, removal of front bay window, new porch, convert garage to bedroom. PC NOTED NO OBJECTION

Decisions:

18/00091/SO 18/02056/OUT	Erection of up to 84 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and drainage, accessed from Merton Road	Refused at committee meeting. Prepare for appeal.
19/00055/F	Meadow Barn, Merton Road. Change of planning from 2 to 3 dwellings	Refused at committee meeting according to Cllr Dan Sames
19/00049/F	19 West Hawthorn Two storey side extension	Permitted
18/01461/REM	17 Read Place, Graven Hill	Plot design – rural lane Permitted
18/01906/F	Wayside, Old Arncott Road	2 storey rear extension Permitted

Awaiting Decisions from Cherwell DC:

18/01145/REM	Plots 20-25 Graven Hill	Plot Design
18/01060/REM	104 apartments Graven Hill	Apartments and commercial
18/01055/REM	140-147 Graven Hill	Plot Design
18/01280/REM	223-226 Graven Hill	Plot Design
18/01465/REM	178 Graven Hill	Plot design: Tree Boulevard
18/01463/REM	1398 Graven Hill	Plot design community street
18/01285/REM	310 Graven Hill	Plot design

Ongoing:

16/02370/F Church Leys Field	85 Houses – Bellway & Archstone	Development commenced
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Enforcement:

Ambrosden Court	Merton Road	Telegraph pole
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Graven Hill Certificates of Compliance to date:

Plot 87, 84, 42, 90, 91, 73, 133, 93, 94, 135, 40, 134, 38, 39, 128, 36, 131, 35, 74, 44, 37, 94, 41, 89, 8, 7, 3, 150, 132, 125, 120, 88, 127, 86, 124, 126, 153, 121, 129, 122, 92, 592, 157, 176, 81, 294, 201, 274, 123, 156, 173, 265, 222, 172, 30, 336, 311, 221, 174, 337, 101, 117, 383, 310, 312, 120, 382, 85, 378, 30, 43, 291, 132, 72, 288, 312, 92, 319, 129, 9, 29, 152, 332, 273, 83, 330, 377, 149, 120, 597, 247, 207, 119, 277,

317-18-19 County Councillor Funding

Dan Sames has access to a limited amount of funding to be used at his discretion. £1000 allocated to each of the schools in his area. *Item to remain on agenda.* Deadline January 2020.

318-18-19 Allotments & Community Land

PC agreed to pay legal costs associated with obtaining S106 monies from Bloor.

Village sign ideas discussed, church/bell/river/MOD. One Cllr objection to cost of sign unless Bloor will pay for it using monies allocated for village Art. Return to Parish Council for debate when funding confirmed.

319-18-19 Village Hall

No updates from Village Hall Committee. PC Clerk advises some grants are available without requiring the pre-closure of the Village Hall.

320-18-19 Finance

- a. Reconciled accounts:
Accounts as at 28th February were agreed;
- b. Payments: The following payments were agreed
2 x employees (including overtime) £476.56 & £261.30
Clerk HWA x 3 and expenses £90.62
Asbestos Survey £270
Office package for laptop £164.99
OALC guidance books for councillors £104

Speed survey invoice £720
Payroll bureau annual fee £252
PAYE £196
Community First £70
CDC bin emptying £480.48
Donation to Ambrosden4children £250
Donation to MOD Remembrance Garden £200

- c. PC agreed to pay street cleaner an hourly increase to the next rate of pay on the local council spinal rate.

332-18-19

Annual Meeting in May

Agreed to invite CDC District Cllrs, Oxon County Cllrs, Church, MOD, school, local businesses, Guides & Brownies, Scouts, village hall users, local groups, Highways and Police as well as general public and press.

333-18-19

Correspondence

Notification of London Road crossing works
Thank you card from guides
Calor Rural Community Fund £5000 grant – not applicable as village has mains gas
Request from resident for PC input re bike night meetings – PC have no comment to make, other than wishing them well with their project and potential fund raising activities.

334-18-19

7:30 pm Thursday 18th April 2019 – Ambrosden Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed:

Chair of Ambrosden Parish Council