

Minutes
Meeting of Ambrosden Parish Council
Held at St Marys Church – 7:30pm
Thursday 23rd January 2020

Present: M Longworth – Chair, Lynne Bustin – Clerk, Maureen Cossens, Dawn Seaward, Chris West. 4 x Public

Serial No	Issue
457-19-20	Welcome
458-19-20	Apologies Phil Blazdell, Cllr Sames, Cllr Wing CW gave apologies in advance for April's meeting
459-19-20	Register of Interests None
460-19-20	Gifts & Hospitality None
461-19-20	Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising Tom Duff and Vicki Rose appointed as new parish councillors. Clerk to supply councillor guidance and information, as well as obtaining signed councillor acceptance and declaration forms.
462-19-20	Public Speaking Question concerning Gladman planning application and Judicial Review. Chair confirmed that the High Court has accepted the Judicial Review, which means that if they find against Gladman then the case goes back to the planning inspector for review. Path alongside A41 to Bicester adjacent old MOD container storage yard, issues with flooding. Local knowledge says that Bicester Fire Station used to pump this out, clerk will revert to BTC.
463-19-20	Councillor Reports None from District or County
464-19-20	Highways & Traffic Calming Discussion reference presenting draft Highways traffic calming plans to parishioners, clerk to check availability of the village hall and to request attendance from Highways Dept. Presentation would be informal and before public consultation took place. Draft plans reviewed and comments made: - New VAS on Merton Road to be moved nearer Home Farm Close for vehicles leaving the village - Merton Road junction with Ploughley Road would be better with a road hump at the T junction not a build out - Query over which way VAS at Horseshoe faces - Query about what type of VAS is proposed - Aim is to stop speeding up after the chicane into the village as well as those leaving the village - Should there be a school wigwag near the Merton Road junction and also on the Ploughley Road
465-19-20	Village Matters Parish Matters magazine may close down Ploughley Road railings project: Solicitor advice has been sought regarding contacting homeowners

Merton Road ownership: Solicitor is reviewing Land Registry to ascertain correct procedure

466-19-20 Planning

New:

19/02980/F	36 Ash Lane, Ambrosden	Front Side and Rear extension. No objection from the Parish Council.
Not an application yet	Land between Ambrosden, Merton and Arcott	Possible Solar Farm, consultation held in December.

Decisions:

19/02382/F	25 West Hawthorn	Front porch extension and rear two storey extension. Refused
19/01711/F	19 Ash Lane, Ambrosden	Parking spaces adjacent to house. Refused

Awaiting decisions:

19/01191/OUT	Alexandra House of Joy	Care home near Rodney House about. Under consultation
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Enforcement:

Ambrosden Court	Merton Road	Telegraph pole
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467-19-20 Village Hall

Constitution discussed – AGM should be held in May, committee meetings at agreed times during the year at least twice. All meetings should be open to the public. Any other meeting is an EGM – therefore proposed meeting to appoint new committee is an EGM. Meetings require 14 days' notice. Questions presented to the PC with regard to village hall constitution and assessments.

468-19-20 Allotments

Report from Allotment Liaison Officer

Discussion and agreement for a spending allowance of up to £200 between meetings on allotment expenses authorised by allotment committee with reference to Parish Clerk. Clerk to check correct procedure for implementing this.

469-19-20 Finance

- a. Reconciled Accounts agreed
- b. Approved Payments:
2 x employee wages £385.50 plus £18 HWA, plus £15 allotment meeting room hire, £286.12
£36 CPRE membership
Agreed:
£30 to St Marys church for use of venue
£590 to Five Acres School for all children to benefit from educational production
Further donation to Five Acres school for book packs to be discussed at February PC meeting
Clerk to circulate Citizens Advice donation request letter for discussion at February meeting
- c. Agreed and adopted Reserves Policy
- d. Budget reviewed and precept request agreed at £26,000 for 2020 – 2021
- e. DS and TD agreed to be extra cheque signatories, clerk to obtain forms.

Clerk to chase grass cutting invoice before year end.

470-19-20 Correspondence / News

Agreed to informally gauge public opinion on a VE Day event and a summer village event

471-19-20 Matters carried forward for Next Agenda

PC Meeting No- 130

Merton Road parking issues
Citizens Advice donation request
Donations policy
Councillor Training
Five Acres donation for book packs

472-19-20

Next Meeting

7.30 pm Thursday 20th February in Ambrosden Village Hall – Full Council Meeting

The meeting ended at 9.44 pm

Signed:

Chair of Ambrosden Parish Council