

AGENDA
MEETING OF AMBROSDEN PARISH COUNCIL
ST MARYS CHURCH, AMBROSDEN
All Parish Councillors are summoned to attend
7:30 pm Thursday 20th February 2020

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Declarations of Interest and Gifts & Hospitality**
- 4. To Agree: Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising**
Approve minutes & Review matters arising:
Clerk to provide forms for new cllrs to sign
- 5. Public Speaking – limited to 20 minutes**
- 6. To Consider: District and County Councillor Reports**
- 7. Meeting Updates**
 - a) Highways & Traffic Calming Meeting**
Feedback from recent meeting sent to Highways for draft plan to be updated, ready for further review.
18 residents attended, 2 Highways representatives, 7 parish councillors, 2 clerks.
 - b) MOD Parish Meeting**
Confirmation that HS2 are looking to utilise some MOD buildings and yards for technical, office and canteen space. Will affect Arncliffe more than Ambrosden. Access to be routed off Palmer Avenue.
Asked about the new floodlights that are particularly bright, again affects Arncliffe more than Ambrosden.
- 8. Village Matters**
 - a) Informal survey carried out on community social media (over 2000 members within group) to ascertain interest in summer event/VE day event and volunteers to help. 52 residents expressed interest in a summer event, 8 in a VE day event. 2 people said they would help arrange a summer event.
The MOD have confirmed that they will be attending Bicester on VE Day.
Discuss and Agree: whether to go ahead with planning a summer event.
Discuss and Agree: to circulate details of VE Day events locally, including anything the Ray Valley Benefice arrange.
 - b) Discuss and Agree: whether to organise a village litter pick or not this year.
 - c) Cllr Sames has used some of his priority fund to purchase equipment for a joint community speedwatch between local villages. Ambrosden, Merton, Horton Cum Studley and Arncliffe. Not sure if this covers training as well as equipment.
Discuss and Agree: how to publicise and obtain volunteers for Community Speedwatch. Clerk to clarify who will organise this scheme (HCS clerk completed the paperwork).
- 9. Planning**
To Discuss and Agree: should the village investigate doing a Neighbourhood Plan. See circulated notes reference funding, time required, volunteers etc. Clerk can then arrange presentation by consultant.

New Applications:

20/00189/F	The Old Stables, Wretchwick Farm	Convert carport into bedroom
20/00285/F	Land between Ambrosden, Merton and Arncliffe	Large Solar Farm to be accessed off Ploughley Road at Brook Farm.

Decisions: None

Awaiting decisions:

19/01191/OUT	Alexandra House of Joy	Care home near Rodney House about. (under consultation)
19/02980/F	36 Ash Lane, Ambrosden	Front, side and rear extension (under consultation)

Enforcement:

Ambrosden Court	Merton Road surplus telegraph pole	Pole has gone. Item to be removed from next agenda.
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10. Village Hall Update

To Receive: village hall committee report

11. Allotments Update

To Receive: Allotment Liaison officer report

It was noted at the inspection that the paths are very soft in some places, with holes developing at the gravel boards round the edge of the site (rabbit/rat sized holes). Other maintenance work as before.

One company has quoted £200 per month for regular maintenance and spraying visits. Another has offered to meet on site to quote. Clerk has also contacted local person for ad hoc work.

12. Finance

To Receive and agree:

- a. Review Reconciled Accounts
- b. Payments:
 - 2 x employees wages £TBC, £TBC £18 HWA, £18 expenses
 - 3 x cllr OALC training £324
 - Bunkers Hill planters and initial plants £518.68
- c. Review draft amended donation policy – circulated and handed out in January
- d. Discuss donation to Citizens Advice as 33 parishioners have been helped this year, 60 last year
- e. Discuss donation to Five Acres School for second time (circulated)
- f. Consider request to join Community First Oxfordshire £70 annual fee
- g. Consider request from Parish Matters magazine for help with annual overheads £340
- h. £500 received from Cllr Sames fund for a bench. Discuss: Location and purpose.

13. Correspondence / News

New editor of Parish Matters encourages submission of material and local advertising

Parish Council elections will be on 7th May 2020. A timetable and details for existing cllrs is attached.

14. Matters carried forward

Governance and policies – after cllrs trained in March then policies need rigorous review, look to review one or two a month.

Agenda items for March to be in by 9th March

Next Meeting – 7:30 pm Thursday 19th March 2020

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