

Minutes

Meeting of Ambrosden Parish Council

Held online – 7:30pm

Thursday 17th December

Present: Mark Longworth – Chair, Gemma Jennings – Clerk, Maureen Cossens, Dawn Seaward, Vicky Rose, Phil Blazdell, Tom Duff (from item 618-20-21), Councillor Nick Cotter, Councillor Dan Sames (from item 618-20-21), Adjutant St George's Barracks

Serial No	Issue
627-20-21	Welcome
628-20-21	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Councillor West
629-20-21	Declaration of Interests/Gifts No statements of gifts or hospitality were received.
630-20-21	Minutes of previous meeting The minutes of the meeting of 17 th November 2020, meeting number 140, were reviewed and approved.
631-20-21	Matters arising The action grid was received. It was noted that no further correspondence had been from received from the bank regarding the addition of new signatories.
632-20-21	Public speaking Nothing raised.
633-20-21	MOD Update St George's Barracks Adjutant outlined key updates on local MOD activities. The Council discussed the update and the following key points were raised: - The MOD had been supporting the NHS and local communities through the Coronavirus pandemic in a number of different projects - Within the parish, the MOD had been working on a number of improvements to the lived experience, working with industry service providers particularly to replace railings on Ploughley Road, and with further improvement planned to keeping of hedges, trees, path edgings, the garrison hub area, street lighting and drainage - Parking on Merton Road was discussed, noting the grassed areas impacts were leased, not owned to the MOD, and any installation (railings/bollards) here would require additional permissions. - The Parish Council outlined potential ideas for improving village facilities through employ of S106 funding (ideas including a BMX track/jumps, a football pitch or outdoor gym equipment). The Council queried whether any such facilities could be situated on MOD land. Future meeting to be arranged with the Colonel to discuss. Clerk to liaise with Cherwell enforcement team on scope of the S106 funding.
634-20-21	To Consider: District and County Councillor Reports

Councillor Cotter requested an update on ideas for village sign. It was noted that funding for this was still under discussion between the developers and enforcement team.

635-20-21 **Village Matters**

Updates from the village walking market were outlined. Public feedback had concentrated on the need for facilities for sports and young people, flowers and plants through the village and community events. **Councillor Seaward to circulate full write up.**

636-20-21 **Planning**

New Applications:

Application number: 20/02704/F

Proposal: Erection of a 3 No bedroom detached dwelling and creation of new access to serve South View

Location: South View, Old Arcott Road, Ambrosden, OX25 2LT

Objection agreed: Unless materials are changed to stone the application should be called into planning committee

Application number: 20/03404/F

Proposal: Service Yard, built developments, site fencing, cycle path realignment, storm drain realignment

Location: Unit B, Symmetry Park, Morrell Way, Ambrosden, OX26 6GF

Objection agreed: Objection agreed: The Council objects to the use of external lighting unless it can be shielded and screened and there should be no high level lighting at the back of the building. The Council also objects to the realignment of the cycle path- the large curve making this unsurveyed and therefore unlikely to be used as it could be perceived as dangerous. The Council requested that this application be called to planning committee to explore options of improvements and better linkages with existing cycle paths.

Application number: 20/03379/F

Proposal: Erection of replacement garage block

Location: The Threshing Barn, Ambrosden, OX25 2JS

Application supported

Application number: 20/03379/F

Proposal: Conversion of existing double garage and storage loft over to provide Annex. Provision of min 2 No additional parking spaces

Location: Meadow Barn, Merton Road, Ambrosden, OX25 2LZ

Objection agreed: The Council objects to this application as the development does not appear ancillary to main dwelling based on proposed use. It appears to be an attempt to create an additional dwelling. The Council requested this be called to planning committee.

Application number: 20/03316/F

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and porch

Location: 1 Ash Lane, Ambrosden, OX25 2RY

No objection

Decisions:

Application number: 20/02345/LDO

Proposal: Erection of up to 276 dwellings and associated outbuildings (Phase 1 reserved matters approval pursuant to 16/01802/OUT

Location: Site D And E, Graven Hill, Circular Road, Ambrosden

Adopted

Application number: 20/02271/LB

Proposal: Replace one timber door with stable door. Refurbish existing windows and doors. Replace a timber stud wall with a new masonry wall. Plasterboard over new insulation in the roof. Plasterboard internal gable wall

Location: The Threshing Barn, Ploughley Road, Ambrosden,

Application Permitted

Application number: 20/01830/F

Proposal: Proposed Roundabout Access To Graven Hill And Wretchwick Green, London Road

Location: Graven Hill/Wretchwick Green

Application Permitted

Awaiting decisions:

Application number: 19/01191/OUT

Proposal: Alexandra House of Joy

Location: Care home near Rodney House roundabout

Application number: 20/01707/F

Proposal: Erection of 8 dwellings

Location: Parts of OS Parcels 1125 and 1621, North and East of Home Farm Close

Application number: 20/01762/OUT

Proposal: Outline consent, including erection of 5 dwellings

Location: Land to rear of Home Farm Close

Application number: 20/02415/F

Proposal: Proposed employment access road

Location: Street Record, Unnamed Single Carriageway 6809121, Ambrosden

Application number: 20/02778/REM

Proposal: Reserved Matters application to 18/02056/OUT for a residential development comprising 84 dwellings and associated infrastructure, highways and landscaping

Location: Land North of Merton Road

637-20-21 Finance

- a. The reconciled accounts were reviewed and approved. Income of £40 (from allotment tenancies), £25 (one allotment deposit) and £0.69 (bank interest) was noted.
- b. Payments of £286.12 (wages), £601.16 (wages, HWA and expenses), £214.60 (quarterly deductions), £240 (external auditors fee), £45 and £95 (maintenance works) and £10,796.04 (VAS) were reviewed and approved.
- c. The draft budget and precept request were reviewed and the following key points were raised:
 - Precept budget to be amended to include additional funding for village events, costs of Operation London Bridge and shortfall in allotment costs. Staff pension to be added to January confidential agenda
 - Allotments budget: additional costs of £400 p/a to be added to cover water bills
 - Reserves budget. To amended to include election costs, legal fees for deed of variations of S106 agreements (2,000 total), specialist advice adjusted to £5000 and remove land ownership query and dog bin costs. Village survey costs to be amended to reflect printing and posting costs only
 - It was noted that overall, the precept was likely to be increased due to shortfall in reserves and precept. It was stressed that the budget should reflect the key priorities for the year (railings, traffic calming and village survey) alongside general reserves at a comfortable level. **Clerk and Councillor Rose to further review and adjust for review at January meeting**
- d. The external auditors reports was reviewed and accepted.
- e. The Council reviewed the quotes from the OCC recommended suppliers for solar powered VAS. The Council approved the quote from Swarco, the quote being more comprehensive and cost effective. **Clerk to action.**

638-20-21 **Traffic Calming Plans**

Amended traffic calming plans were reviewed and approved. **Clerk to confirm with OCC that the plans to go ahead and publicise the plans (alongside costs) on Facebook and Council website.**

639-20-21 **Correspondence/News**

Correspondence received from Parishes Against Wolf (PAW) requesting support with a fundraising effort was noted. The Council highlighted that whilst there was not capacity for direct involvement (selling raffle tickets), the Council would be happy to publicise any online efforts. **Clerk to advise PAW.**

Upcoming changes to local bus routes from January were noted, particularly to loss of services to Upper Arncott.

640-20-21 **Matters Carried Forward**

Budget and Precept request
Staff Pensions

641-20-21 **Next Meeting**

7.30 pm Thursday 21st January, online via Zoom.
The meeting ended at 22:30

Signed:

Chair of Ambrosden Parish Council