

Minutes

Meeting of Ambrosden Parish Council

Held online – 7:30pm

Thursday 21st January

Present: Mark Longworth – Chair, Gemma Jennings – Clerk, Maureen Cossens, Dawn Seaward, Vicky Rose, Tom Duff, Councillor Dan Sames (for items 648-651-20-21),

Serial No	Issue
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642-20-21	Welcome
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643-20-21	Apologies
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Apologies for absence were received from Councillor West.
Councillor Blazdell was noted as absent.

644-20-21	Declaration of Interests/Gifts
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No statements of gifts or hospitality were received.

645-20-21	Minutes of previous meeting
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The minutes of the meeting of 17th December 2020, meeting number 141, were reviewed and approved.

646-20-21	Matters arising
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The action grid was reviewed. It was noted that no further correspondence had been received on adding signatories to the bank account. **Chair to contact bank.**

Correspondence with Ploughley Road home owners was discussed, to inform them of the Council's intention to install new railings here. **Clerk to contact home owners.**

It was noted that the public consultation on the proposed traffic calming measures had been launched.

647-20-21	Public speaking
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Nothing raised.

648-20-21	To Consider: District and County Councillor Reports
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It was noted that the District Council local plan was now to public consultation.

649-20-21	Village Matters
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- **20s Plenty Campaign:** The Council reviewed the proposal and resolved to put forward a request for 20mph to District/County Councillors. The Council also resolved to request, through the District and County Councillors, that OCC creates leadership of this initiative, a process and funding. **Clerk to action.**
- **Village Green application:** **Clerk to contact County Council for guidance**

650-20-21	Planning
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New applications

Application number: 20/03677/F and 20/03678/LB

Proposal: Internal works to existing first floor storage space, installation of a wood burning stove and flue and installation of 3x sun pipes and 1x flush conservation style roof light

Location: Granary Barn, Wretchwick Farm, OX25 2JS

No objection

Application number: 21/00010/LB and 21/00009/F

Proposal: Proposed window and door alterations

Location: Swallow Barn, Park Farm, OX25 2LX

No objection

Application number: 20/03379/F resubmission-amended description

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

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

The Parish Council maintains its objection, and suggests that if the District Council is minded to approve the application a planning condition should be imposed stipulating that the annex could only be used by family member as ancillary accommodation and may not be rented out

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

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 Arncott 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: 20/03316/F

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

Location: 1 Ash Lane, Ambrosden, OX25 2RY

No objection

651-20-21 Village Hall Update (5 minutes)

Key updates from the Village Hall Committee were noted as: Required surveys now completed raising no significant remedial actions. The Committee's current focus was noted as completing required plumbing works, implementing Covid safe measures and repair works to external wall.

652-20-21 Finance

- a. The reconciled accounts were reviewed and approved. Income of £25 (allotment deposit) was noted.
- b. Payments of £286.12 (wages) and £614.50 (wages, including HWA and expenses) were reviewed and approved.
- c. The draft budget and precept request were reviewed, considering particularly the anticipated draw down on the reserves due to traffic calming and planned projects (notably the Ploughley Road railings) and impact on local residents' council tax. The Council approved the draft budget, including the suggested reduction in general held reserves and donations. The Council voted and approved a precept request of £29,290. **Clerk to complete and submit precept request letter.**
- d. It was noted that the Hall Funding Request had not yet been received. Carried forward to future agenda.
- e. The Council reviewed the memorial plaque options and approved option four, in brass, size 150 x 100mm. **Clerk to liaise with local maintenance contractor on fixings and submit order.**
- f. The Council noted the increase in the Street Cleaner's hourly salary rate based on the NJC Council staff pay scales, with the increase to be backdated to April 2020. **Clerk to action.**

653-20-21 Policies and Governance (30 minutes)

- a. Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure Policy: Carried forward to next meeting
- b. Future Planning, Village Survey and development projects: Carried forward to next meeting

654-20-21 Correspondence/News

The Council reviewed and approved the draft application for Priority funding. **Chair to submit**

The Council noted correspondence received from two local residents requesting the building of a skatepark in the village.

655-20-21 Matters Carried Forward

Future Planning, Village Survey and development projects

Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure Policy

Village Hall Funding Request

656-20-21 Next Meeting

7.30 pm Thursday 18th February 2021, online via Zoom.

The meeting ended at 22:20

Signed:

Chair of Ambrosden Parish Council