

# Minutes

## Meeting of Ambrosden Parish Council

### 7:30pm, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Present: Dawn Seaward-Chair, Gemma Jennings – Clerk, Maureen Cossens, Roy Seaward, Councillor Mills-Curtis, Councillor Duff, Adjutant Jessop (for items 826-21-22-832-21-22), 3 Members of the Public

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| 826-21-22 | <b>Welcome</b> |
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| 827-21-22 | <b>Apologies</b> |
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Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Rose, Councillor West and Councillor Miller

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| 828-21-22 | <b>Declarations of Interest and Gifts &amp; Hospitality</b> |
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No declarations of gifts and hospitality were received.

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| 829-21-22 | <b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> |
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Minutes of the previous meeting, meeting number 152, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December were reviewed, approved and signed as a true record.

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| 830-21-22 | <b>Matters arising</b> |
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The Council reviewed the action grid and reviewed ongoing items.

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| 831-21-22 | <b>Public speaking</b> |
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A member of the public requested that the Jubilee Bench on Merton Road be sanded down, restained and the plaque polished. **Clerk to a quote for the work.**

A member of the public provided an update on road traffic accidents in the parish, highlighting that only 20% of these took place within the village itself, with the A41 accounting the vast majority of accidents. Within the village the highest proportion of accidents were noted as on Merton Road, Blackthorn Road and one on Ploughley Road.

A member of the public requested that the Council follow up on requests for a new street sign for Home Farm Close and repair of the light by the railway. **Clerk to review.** Concerns were raised regarding application 20/01762/OUT (land adjacent to Home Farm Close)

Concerns were raised about parking along Merton Road. **Councillor Duff to raise informally with owner of the site.**

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| 832-21-22 | <b>District and County Councillor Reports</b> |
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Adjutant Jessop provide an update from the garrison. Key progress on the investment plan were outlined, noting the refurbishment of the shop, improved grounds, grass and tree maintenance and repair of drainage, road signs and garages. Future plans were noted as installation of a new playpark near the Village Hall, with concerns raised about communication here being looked into. Other plans noted were the ongoing provision of medical facilities at the former GP practice, installation of an open access outdoor gym and provision of land for the Parish Council funded MUGA.

The Parish Council and all residents of the parish were encouraged to keep open lines of communication with the garrison for any concern over estate management. The possibility of open access use of other garrison facilities such as the pool and gym was raised, noting that this would be open to discussion, subject to assurances of security and health and safety.

The Parish Council thanked the garrison for the donation of the flag.

### **833-21-22 Village Matters**

The Council reviewed and discussed suggestions to request a 20mph speed limit in the Parish. The Council voted and unanimously approved the proposal to introduce a 20mph limit from the bus stop on Ploughley Road along to Three Corners garage, incorporating Blackthorn Road and Merton Road.

**Clerk to progress.** The Council also agreed to request 20mph signs with flashing lights at school drop off and pick up times. It was noted that the Council would also continue to progress with Speedwatch- **Councillor R Seaward to discuss with PSCO.**

It was noted that work to obtain permissions for the Ploughley Road railings was still ongoing and that the Council was still awaiting permission for use of the green outside the school for the installation of the new benches

Events- work on Jubilee celebrations noted as ongoing.

It was noted that a tree preservation order was now in place for the horse chestnut off the corner of Elm Lane

### **834-21-22 Finance**

- a. The cashbook and accounts were reviewed and approved
- b. Payments of £292.44 (wages), £530.03, (wages including expenses and HWA), £125.33 (pension contribution), £96 (Coffee morning hall hire invoice), £20 (Parish Council hall hire invoice), £4180 (annual grass cutting invoice), £25 x 2 (return of allotment deposits) and £10 (refund of allotment overpayment) were reviewed and approved.
- c. The draft budget and precept were reviewed. The draft budget was approved, subject to correction of dates listed. The Council considered alternatives for the precept figure and agreed this should be increased to cover inflation and reserves shortfall. The Council voted and unanimously approved the final precept figure for 2022/3 as £33,126.

### **835-21-22 Planning**

#### **New Applications**

Application number: 20/01762/OUT

Proposal: Outline consent, including erection of 5 dwellings

Location: Land to rear of Home Farm Close

Appeal lodged against refusal

Agreed Comment: Ambrosden Parish Council retains all the concerns listed in its original objection to this application and adds the objection that the entrances and exits to the area are extremely dangerous.

#### **Decisions**

21/03419/ADV

Display of Ocado signage

Symmetry Park, Morrell Way, Ambrosden, OX25 6GF

Approved

[21/03557/F](#)

The demolition of the existing detached house and replacing it with identical detached house  
Three Corners House, Ploughley Road, Ambrosden, OX25 2RH

Approved

[21/03596/F](#)

6 Sorrel Road, Ambrosden, OX25 2AP

Approved

**Awaiting Decisions**

[21/04112/OUT](#)

OS Parcel 2778 Grange Farm North West Of Station Cottage Station Road Launton

Outline application for the erection of up to 68 dwellings (Use Class C3), including up to 8 live-work dwellings, public open space, access, infrastructure and demolition of existing buildings

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: [20/02415/F](#)

Proposal: Proposed employment access road

Location: Street Record, Unnamed Single Carriageway 6809121, Ambrosden

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

[21/01454/F](#)

Bicester Health and Wellbeing Hub, Former Rodney House Private Drive off Graven Hill Road

[21/01689/APP](#)

Demolition and replacement of Magnolia Park Hotel, Boarstall

[21/02433/M106](#)

Graven Hill Request for variation to s106

Grave Hill, Circular Road

[21/03464/F](#)

Construction of a temporary vehicular access off Merton Road

Land North Of, Merton Road, Ambrosden

Parish Council to flag impacts on traffic on the village and request approval for the road is processed quickly. Parish Council to highlight the works currently undergoing on the drainage, despite the ongoing consideration of the discharge amendments.

[21/03558/OUT](#)

OUTLINE - Residential development for up to 250 dwellings including affordable housing and ancillary uses including retained Local Wildlife Site, public open space, play areas, localised land remodelling, compensatory flood storage, structural planting and access

Land On The North East Side Of, Gavray Drive, Bicester, Bicester

[21/03342/DISC amendments](#)

Land North of Merton Road

Discharge of Conditions 10 (removal of the two telegraph poles), 12 (surface water drainage scheme), 14 (lighting strategy), 18 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) and 21 (potential contaminative uses) of

[18/02056/OUT](#)

[21/03654/REM](#)

Mod Bicester Building E2 Graven Hill Road Ambrosden

Reserved matters application for [19/00937/OUT](#) - Phase 3a and 3b, Graven Hill: reserved matters for 43 dwellings (Plots 393-415, 448-455 and 482-493), together with associated road infrastructure and open space

**836-21-22 Village Hall Update**

Nothing raised.

**837-21-22 Allotments Update**

It was noted that the hedge had not yet been cut down. It was also noted that the final registry of the transfer of the allotments land to the Parish Council was anticipated shortly.

**838-21-22 Correspondence**

- Community Governance Review: Council draft comment to date was noted as:

Ambrosden Parish Council supports the proposed changes to the Ambrosden/Blackthorn boundary

Ambrosden Parish Council supports the proposal to incorporate Wretchwick Green under Bicester Town Council. The Council suggests the border across Symmetry Park be moved to encompass the entire park within under one parish/council.

**Any further comments to be sent to Clerk by close of 24 January.**

**839-21-22 Matters Carried Forward**

Village Survey- to be discussed at February meeting. Parish Matters may be able to offer some support with delivery of paper copies.

Meeting closed: 21:25

**Next Meeting – 7:30 pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Ambrosden Village Hall  
ALL PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE INVITED.**

Signed:

Chair of Ambrosden Parish Council