

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish **Council Planning Committee** (2003 – 2007 Session) held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 8.30 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

**Present:**

<b>Mr M Fairchild</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr T Feather</b>	)
<b>Mr P Foreman</b>	)
<b>Mr A Morris</b>	) <b>Councillors</b>
<b>Mr T Skidmore</b>	)
<b>Mr S Stigwood</b>	)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and **10** members of the public.

14.1 **Absent** Cllr Mrs Gibson - unwell.

14.2 **Democratic 10 minutes** Cllr Fairchild invited members of the public to comment on any matters on the agenda. Referring to the request for double yellow lines outside ‘Houghtons’, Mr Ted Oliver thought that the yellow lines should be painted all through the village.

14.3 **Declarations of interest** Cllr Fairchild, Cllr Feather, Cllr Mrs Gibson and Cllr Stigwood declared prejudicial interests in Ford Barn, The Ford – they left the room when this was discussed.

14.4 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December were agreed and signed as a true record.

14.5 **Matters arising** None.

14.6 **Planning applications considered by the Council**

14.6.1 2110/05 Briarwoods, Westland Green. Erection of conservatory.  
Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Foreman.

Cllr Foreman said the conservatory was at the rear and could not be seen from the road. He proposed that there be no objections. Agreed

14.6.2 2457/05 Little Hamstead, Acreman Street. Garden shed.  
Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Fairchild.

Cllr Feather proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.

14.6.3 Request to have double yellow lines painted on the C15 outside Houghtons, The Ford.  
Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Fairchild.

Cllr Fairchild said that he and Cllr Feather had discussed the request. The road is narrow outside ‘Houghtons’ but no worse than at several other places on the road. He thought that there was no particularly strong case for the double yellow lines. He thought that allowing the request would set a dangerous precedent – another step towards the urbanisation of the village. Cllr Feather said that parking near ‘Houghtons’ might be considered dangerous. Cllr Fairchild said that people nearer the pub could say the same. Cllr Skidmore asked if anything was to be done to control parking near the pub. Cllr Fairchild said that Herts Highways had re-painted the yellow bus stop lines and installed a post on the corner of Chapel Lane but with limited success. Cllr Morris said that parked cars could be considered as traffic calming. Cllr Stigwood said that to allow this request would result in yellow lines on every road in the parish. Cllr Fairchild proposed that the Council write to Herts Highways asking it to refuse the request for double yellow lines outside ‘Houghtons’ but to add that it had no objections to the existing white lines being ‘refreshed’.  
Agreed.

14.6.4 Complaints reported by Much Hadham Parish Council concerning the McVeigh Parker, fencing depot. The complaints concern the size and number of vehicles using the site that are said to be causing damage to road edges and creating traffic congestion.

Cllr Fairchild said the conditions imposed when the firm was granted change of use for the site implied that vehicles would enter and leave the site in forward gear. Many lorries were too large to be able to do this. Cllr Fairchild proposed that the Council write to EHDC Development Control to ask that they investigate whether the site was being used in breach of its change of use consent. Agreed.

14.7 **Planning decisions received from EHDC To note**

14.8 1867/05 Tithe Barn, Hadham Hall. Loft conversion. Refused.

14.9 1956/05 Lower Farm, Bury Green. Change of use of barn to recreational use and new link to dwelling. Granted.

14.10 2002/05 Little Hadham Primary School. Awning to cover outdoor play area. Granted.

14.11 Att House Farm, Green Street. Conversion of outbuilding to form dwelling. Refused.

14.12 2083/05 Stockbriggs, Church End. Engineering work for removal of earth, new patio, new brick retaining wall and steps to garden area (part retrospective). Granted.

14.13 2110/05 Briarwoods, Westland Green. Erection of conservatory. Granted.

14.14 2138/05 Ford Barn, The Ford. Single storey side extension to provide drive through garage. Refused.

14.15 **Notice of appeal**

14.15.12138/05 Ford Barn, The Ford. Single storey side extension to provide drive through garage. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Morris.

Cllr Skidmore proposed that there be no objections but to request that the letter to planning office concerning the original planning application be forwarded to the appeals inspector. Agreed.

14.15.2 Appeal by Pallets Unlimited, Barleycroft Works, Furneux Pelham. Evidence from both sides is now available on the Planning Inspectorate website. Inspectors' site visit is imminent.

Cllr Feather said that it was not possible to identify which lorries were going to the site. Some large lorries pass the wrong side of the bollard at the Albury Road/A120 junction.

14.16 **Date of next meeting –Monday 6th March 2006.**

14.17 **Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:40 p.m.**