

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish **Council Planning Committee** (2003 – 2007 Session) held on Monday 6th March 2006 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

Mr M Fairchild	Chairman
Mr P Foreman)
Mr A Morris) Councillors
Mr T Skidmore)
Mr S Stigwood)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and **20** members of the public.

15.1 **Absent** Cllr Mrs Gibson and Cllr Feather.

15.2 **Democratic 10 minutes** Cllr Fairchild invited members of the public to comment on any matters on the agenda.

A number of people spoke about the Cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End.

Many were angry that a listed building, together with its related history, was being destroyed. Two thirds of the house had been demolished and the new house being constructed was very different to the original. A pond had been filled in, trees and hedgerow removed and a ditch badly filled.

Although the name of the developers had changed, it appeared to be the same workers. There were complaints that some addresses given for the developers did not seem to be correct. The developers did not appear to follow the instructions from the Development Control Office – especially the conservation officer Mr Welburn.

It was said that the builders had been aggressive and threatening towards residents in nearby dwellings.

It was reported that the planning notice had been displayed on the site on Saturday 4th March but it was gone by Sunday. A reporter from the Observer would visit the site on Tuesday 7th March and local residents were encouraged to attend to express their views. It was thought that the developers lacked the necessary skills and experience to develop a listed building and many thought that they should be obliged to conform to the original plans including all the consent conditions. The new plans appeared to be a ploy in order to justify the demolition of the building.

Cllr Fairchild said that the Council would write to the to the Development Control Office giving the views expressed at the meeting. It would also contact Mr Wellburn to get further details. Finally he said the Council would contact Cllr Tindale to encourage him to represent local people's views at the next meeting of the Development Control Committee.

There were complaints that the gravel from the drive of Apple Tree Barn, Cradle End was being tracked onto the road and causing a traffic hazard. Cllr Fairchild said that the Council would report the matter to Herts Highways.

15.3 **Declarations of interest** None

15.4 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 6th February 2006 were agreed and signed as a true record.

15.5 **Matters arising**

15.5.1 Double yellow lines outside 'Houghtons' The Clerk reported that Mr Kyan of Herts Highways said that he was minded to agree with the Council's view and refuse the request for double yellow lines. The owners would have the right to appeal.

15.5.2 McVeigh Parker fencing site The Clerk reported that a reply was awaited from the Development Control Office.

15.6 Planning applications considered by the Council

15.6.1 2310/05 Cottages adjoining May Cottage, Cradle End. Demolition of existing terraced cottages and rebuild to match existing.

Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Morris.

Cllr Morris said that both he and Cllr Feather recommended that the council object to the plans, as the proposed building was not in keeping with the neighbouring houses. It did not resemble the original building as it was higher, had a different pitch to the roof, had dormer windows in the roof and covered a much larger ground area.

Cllr Morris proposed that the Council object to the application and request that the district council enforce the original granted plans together with the conditions imposed. Agreed.

15.7 **Planning decisions received from EHDC To note** None

15.8 **Date of next meeting –Monday 3rd April 2006.**

15.9 **Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:29 p.m.**