

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the twenty third meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2003 – 2007 Session) held on Monday 4th December 2006 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present: **Mr M Fairchild** **Chairman**
 Mr P Foreman)
 Mr A Morris) **Councillors**
 Mr S Stigwood)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 14 members of the public.

23.1 **Absent** – Cllr T Feather [unwell], Cllr T Skidmore [on holiday] and Cllr Mrs Gibson.

23.2 **Democratic 10 minutes** Cllr Fairchild outlined the planning consent with conditions granted for the cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End.

Cllr Fairchild said that he had discussed the decision with the responsible planning officer Mr Matthew Temperton. Mr Temperton had said that, due to the large number of applications made each month, letters from parish councils giving comments or objections were rarely replied to. The prosecution of the developers for failure to comply with planning regulations was still being pursued. The District Council had retained the power to insist on the use of old timbers in the new construction. It also had the power to insist that the pond be reinstated though this was unlikely to be enforced. Cllr Fairchild said that the problems experienced by the tenant of May Cottage had not been addressed in the decision.

Cllr Fairchild said that one local resident was considering making a complaint of maladministration to the Parliamentary Commissioner of Local Administration over the District Council's handling of the affair.

Cllr Fairchild then invited members of the public to comment on this and any other matter on the agenda.

A resident reported that the gable of the remaining building had become damaged and was in danger of collapse. Cllr Fairchild said that he would inform the District Council.

Another resident asked if garages were to be built for the cottages. Cllr Fairchild said that he didn't know.

Mr Wild called on councillors to resign for failing to support the demolition of what he considered a slum.

Cllr Fairchild opened the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

23.3 **Declarations of interest** Cllr Stigwood declared a prejudicial interest in Fox Earth, Chapel Lane, as it was owned by his brother. Cllr Stigwood left the room when this was discussed.

Cllr Foreman declared a prejudicial interest in 2 Westfield Cottages, Westland Green as he lived next door. Cllr Foreman left the room when this was discussed.

Cllr Fairchild declared an interest in Tandle, The Ford as the owner, Mr Mike Smith, was a member of the Parish Plan Steering Committee.

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

23.4.1 **Matters arising** None.

23.5 **Planning applications considered by the Council**

- 23.5.1 2104/06 Fox Earth, Chapel Lane. Removal of onerous condition 2 of 3/89/0123/FP (Agricultural occupancy). Considered by Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Morris.
Cllr Fairchild said that the house had been occupied by the late Harold Stigwood. The owners had tried to sell the house at a discount to an agricultural worker but had received no acceptable offers. Cllr Fairchild proposed there be no objection as it was better the house was occupied than left empty. Agreed
- 23.5.2 1994/06 Hadham Water, Church End. Expansion to existing warehouse and factory (B1 and B8). Considered by Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Stigwood.
Cllr Fairchild said that the proposed extra warehousing would approximately double the Hadham Water site. The new building was well within the cartilage of the site. As it was sunk into the ground, it would only be visible to homes at Hadham Hall. The new warehouse would enable the use of fewer, larger lorries and would support a rural business. Some points were raised about improved access along Church End Lane and about future expansion. Cllr Fairchild said that future planning applications would have to be considered on their merits. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.
- 23.5.3 1957/06 Tandle, The Ford. Fitting 2 solar panels on front roof (retrospective). Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Morris.
Cllr Morris said it was a pity the panels had to be on the front fact of the roof in order to catch the sun. Cllr Foreman asked why the plans were retrospective. The Clerk said that normally permission would not be required as the house was unlisted. However it is in a conservation area so permission was needed. Cllr Morris proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 23.5.4 2286/06 The Lodge, Stonehouse Farm, Stortford Road. Single storey extension and pitched roof to existing rear extension. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Morris.
Cllr Feather said it was a small development and proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- ### 23.6 **Planning decisions received from EHDC – to note**
- 23.6.1 1827/06 Sunfield, Bromley Lane. Two storey side extension. Single storey side extension and some demolition and rearrangement. Granted.
- 23.6.2 1905/06 Cottages adjoining May Cottage, Cradle End. Part demolition and part conversion of existing cottages to form converted family homes (2 no.). Granted.
- 23.6.3 1861/06 3 Baud Close, Hadham Hall. Amended scheme for two storey extension. Refused.
- ### 23.7 **Notification of appeal**
- 23.7.1 1050/06 2 Westfield Cottages, Westland Green. Two storey rear extension.
Cllr Fairchild said that the Council had not objected to the original application and proposed that there be no new objections. Agreed.
- 23.8 **Any other business.** None.
- 23.9 **Date of next meeting – Monday 6th February 2007.**
- 23.10 **Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:32 p.m.**