

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the twenty fourth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2003 – 2007 Session) held on Monday 5th February 2007 at 8:10 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

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

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

The meeting was preceded by a short presentation from Police Sgt Tim Kelly: He apologised that PCSO Clare Andrews was not with him but she was unwell. Sgt Kelly said that he was responsible for Sawbridgeworth and the surrounding area including Little Hadham but not Much Hadham. The new area constable, Phil Lord had recently been appointed.

Sgt Kelly said that in the past quarter there had been 15 crimes reported in the parish – 6 on one day – but no violent crimes. There had been only one reported crime since the start of the year. The crime rate was very low both compared nationally and locally.

Sgt Kelly reminded parishioners that for emergencies they should dial 999 but for less urgent matters they should ring 0845 3300222. More operators had been assigned to this number so it should now be answered within 30 seconds.

24.1 **Absent** –Cllr Mrs Gibson.

24.2 **Democratic 10 minutes**

Church End Lane: Cllr Fairchild outlined the planning application for the realignment of Church End Lane. The landowners had provided evidence to show that cars parked in the lane by visitors to the church restricted access to deliveries to and from Hadham Water, farm vehicles and the emergency services. The plans were to realign the lane and provide a church car park to the north of the church. The plans showed the current roadway to the south of the church being replaced by a new road from the new car park across the graveyard. Although informal discussions had taken place, there was currently no agreement between the landowners and the PCC.

Cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End: Cllr Fairchild also reported a conversation with Mr Glyn Day, an enforcement officer at EHDC Development Control, concerning the cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End. The remains of the cottage continued to deteriorate, some of the new structure had fallen over, canvas sheeting was blowing around and the site was generally unsightly and possibly a danger to passers by. Mr Day said that he had spoken to the agents of the cottage owners but thought it unlikely that the owners would take action to protect and tidy the site. The District Council was continuing with legal action against the owners.

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

Mr Don Gibson, a member of the PCC, said that Cllr Fairchild had given a fair description of the situation concerning Church End Lane. His biggest worry was that the work would go ahead without agreement with the church. The southern access

road would be blocked and hearses attending funerals would be unable to reach the church.

A parishioner thought the lane would become accessible to more and larger lorries and that more farm buildings would be converted to industrial units. Cllr Fairchild said that an original condition, that the buildings could only be used by Hadham Water, had been removed despite the recommendation of the planning office. This meant the site could be sold in the future to a business that might generate more traffic than Hadham Water.

Cllr Fairchild opened the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

- 24.3 **Declarations of interest** Cllr Skidmore declared a prejudicial interest in Church End Lane as he was a member of the PCC. Cllr Skidmore left the room when this was discussed. Cllr Foreman declared an interest in Harley House, Westland Green.
- 24.4 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 6th November 2006 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 24.4.1 **Matters arising** Cllr Fairchild said that he had considered what the Council could do to bring an end to the problems with the cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End. He was aware that a local resident was considering reporting the district council for maladministration. Cllr Fairchild proposed that he, perhaps accompanied by the local parishioner, should attend a surgery held by Mr Oliver Heald the local MP. He would ask Mr Heald to apply pressure on EHDC in an effort to get something done. Agreed.
- 24.5 **Planning applications considered by the Council**
- 24.5.1 2248/06 9 Lloyd Taylor Close. Proposed infill extension. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Morris. [Application already granted]. Cllr Feather proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 24.5.2 2403/06 Lydenes, Albury Road. Single storey side extension. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Fairchild. Cllr Fairchild proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 24.5.3 2419/06 Church End Farm. Realignment of access road and new church access. Considered by Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Stigwood. Cllr Fairchild proposed that the Council object to the application and ask that EHDC defer a decision until there was a formal agreement between the PCC and the landowners. Cllr Fairchild summarised a draft response letter listing the topics needing agreement: the preservation of road access to the south of the church; legal access to the proposed new car park for the church; details over the capacity and maintenance of the car park and agreement and funding for a roadway across the graveyard. Cllr Fairchild proposed that the letter be sent as the formal Council response. Agreed.
- 24.5.4 2251/06 Tithe Barn, Hadham Hall. Removal of existing rooflight and insertion of 2 conservation rooflights and addition of internal staircase. Considered by Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Stigwood. Cllr Fairchild proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 24.5.5 2505/06 East Cottage, Hadham Hall. Single Velux window into roof right of building. Store room over existing garage accessed by internal stairway with door to front. Considered by Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Stigwood. Cllr Fairchild proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 24.5.6 2447/06 Sunfield, Bromley Lane. Single storey rear extension. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Foreman. Cllr Feather proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.

- 24.5.7 2311/06 Green Street Farm, Green Street. Re-locate stables from applicant's home to field. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Morris. Cllr Feather proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 24.5.8 0068/07 The Mill House, Albury Road. Replacement garage and ancillary facilities. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Fairchild. Cllr Feather proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 24.5.9 0018/07 Hoop House, Green Street. New back door, bay window to sitting room, cellar and revised proposal for garage building and minor variations to approved first floor side extension to dwelling. Revision to scheme approved ref. 3/06/1450/FP. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Morris. Cllr Feather proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 24.5.10 0087/07 Glentara, Albury Road. Replacement of existing garage and extending 1.5m forward to become a single garage and utility room. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Fairchild.
- 24.5.11 2227/06 Harley House, Westland Green. Two storey rear extension and replacement outbuilding. Considered by Cllr Foreman and Cllr Fairchild. Cllr Feather proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.
- 24.6 **Planning decisions received from EHDC – to note**
- 24.6.1 2248/06 9 Lloyd Taylor Close. Proposed infill extension. Granted
- 24.6.2 2286/06 The Lodge, Stone House Farm. Single storey extension and pitched roof to existing rear extension. Granted.
- 24.6.3 1957/06 Tandle, The Ford. Fitting 2 solar panels on front roof (retrospective). Granted.
- 24.6.4 2049/06 Ford House, The Ford. Single storey greenhouse and open porch. Granted.
- 24.6.5 1994/06 Hadham Water, Church End. Expansion to existing warehouse and factory (B1 and B8). Granted.
- 24.6.6 2403/06 Lydenes, Albury Road. Single storey side extension. Granted.
- 24.7 **Withdrawn application - to note**
- 24.7.1 2104/06 Fox Earth, Little Hadham. Removal of onerous condition 2 of 3/89/0123/FP (Agricultural occupancy).
- 24.8 **Any other business.** None.
- 24.9 **Date of next meeting – Monday 6th March 2007.**
- 24.10 **Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:48 p.m.**