

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the first meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Wednesday 9th May 2007 at 8:13 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

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| Mr T Skidmore | Chairman |
| Mr M Fairchild |) |
| Mr N Darken |) |
| Mr A Morris |) Councillors |
| Mrs C Piccolo |) |
| Mr J Purvis |) |
| Mr G Williamson |) |

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 6 members of the public.

1.1 **Absent** – None

1.2 **Democratic 10 minutes** There were no comments.

1.3 **Declarations of interest** Cllrs Fairchild and Williamson declared prejudicial interests in Fordhill House, The Ford as they lived next door and opposite respectively. They left the meeting when this was discussed.

1.4 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 2nd April 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record.

1.4.1 **Matters arising**

1.4.2 Cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that she had spoken to the enforcement officer at EHDC, Mr Glynn Day. Mr Day said that there was a new developer though connected to the previous one. The developer's agent insists that outstanding payments are made to him before he will continue with negotiations. Mr Day says that listed building and planning consent have been granted. A prosecution is still possible but all efforts would be made to avoid this to save the cost on the council tax payer. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said Mr Day would keep her up to date each month.

1.5 **Planning applications considered by the Council**

1.5.1 0748/07 Oak Lodge, Cradle End. Proposed garage with games room above. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Mrs Piccolo. Cllr Skidmore said the plans were virtually the same as those refused earlier that year. The District Council policy on allowing garages with accommodation was that the accommodation must be usable as part of the main dwelling – usually because they are linked or at least very close. Cllr Skidmore proposed that the Council object to the application as it was little different to plans already refused and that the new building was so far from the main dwelling that it was essentially a new dwelling in a Cat 3 area in which there was a presumption of no development. Agreed.

- 1.5.2 0493/07 Fordhill House, The Ford. Proposed barn conversion and extension to barn. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Darken.
Cllr Skidmore said that this was a 3 bedroom development of a currently unoccupied barn. Cllr Skidmore proposed that the Council object to the application as this was in a Conservation area and a Cat 3 area of the Local Plan in which there was a presumption of no development. Cllr Morris said that it seemed clearly outside the policy. Agreed.
- 1.6 **Planning decisions received from EHDC – to note.**
- 1.6.1 0068/07 The Mill House, Albury Road. Replacement garage and ancillary facilities. Granted.
- 1.6.2 0229/07 Windmill Croft, Albury Road. Ground floor extension and porch, together with new roof to provide first floor accommodation. Granted.
- 1.6.3 0338/07 1 & 2 Ford Cottages, The Ford. Replacement of single storey bathroom extensions. Granted.
- 1.6.4 0483/07 3 South Cottages, The Ford. Two storey rear extension. Granted
- 1.6.5 0245/07 Lime Kiln Bungalow, Albury Road. Proposed store and workshop. Granted.
- 1.7 **Notice of Appeal**
- 1.7.1 1697/07 Moredown, Standon Road. Outline application for 13m x 10m x 7.5m high detached chalet bungalow.
Cllr Skidmore said that the Council had not objected to the original plans except to comment about a culvert that passed through the site and was liable to flood. He proposed that the Council make no further comment. Agreed
- 1.8 **Date of next meeting – Monday 4th June 2007.**
- 1.9 **Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:32 p.m.**