

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 4th December 2007 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

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

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

7.1 **Absent** none. Cllr Darken arrived at 8:15 p.m.

7.2 **Declarations of interest** None.

7.3 **Democratic 10 minutes.** There were no comments on agenda items.

7.4 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 5th November 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record.

7.5 **Matters arising**

7.5.1 **Cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End.** Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that there had been no progress on the matter – Ms Hardinge at the planning office had received no communication from the developers. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that the site was still in a poor state and a number of residents had complained about the flapping plastic sheeting. Cllr Skidmore proposed that the Clerk should write to the planning office asking for action to secure the site and to consider compulsory purchase. Agreed. Cllr Fairchild asked that the letter be copied to Cllrs Tindale and Bayes, the Chief Exec of EHC and Oliver Heald MP. Agreed.

7.5.2 **Bury Green Farm** Cllr Darken said that Romehold had arranged for an exhibition of their different schemes for the Bury Green Farm site. The exhibition would be in the Gate House on 13th and 14th December from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The architects would be present to answer questions and there would be an opportunity for people to express their opinions. It was agreed that councillors should attend, if they wished, as individuals rather than as a formal group. Cllr Darken said that it was the responsibility of Romehold to publicise the exhibition.

7.6 **Planning applications considered by the Council**

7.6.1 2406/07 Hartsfield House, Westland Green. Two storey rear extension and new bay window. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Purvis.

Cllr Skidmore proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

7.6.2 2413/07 The Gatehouse, Hadham Hall. Internal alterations to provide WC and shower facilities at ground floor level, relocation of staircase, replace oak panelled door under archway with glazed sections, lower level of the ground floor at eastern end of building and provide mezzanine level above. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Mrs Piccolo. Cllr Skidmore said that the plans were for careful internal rearrangement of the listed building. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

7.6.3 2170/07 Stockbriggas, Church End. Two storey side extension (amended scheme to approved application ref 3/06/0970/FP). Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Mrs Piccolo.

Cllr Skidmore said that these were slight alterations to approved plans. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

- 7.6.4 2475/07 The Hatch, Westland Green. Demolition of a two storey and single storey extension and replaced with a new two storey extension. Considered by Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Purvis.
Cllr Fairchild said that this was for replacement of an extension on a listed building. Following EHC policy, under the guidance of the conservation officer, the proposed extension differentiated between the old and new building. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.
- 7.7 **Planning decisions received from EHDC – to note.**
- 7.7.1 1962/07 1 Clinton Hall Cottages, Bury Green. Two storey side extension and rear bedroom extension. Granted.
- 7.7.2 2069/07 Millglen, Albury Road. Single storey side conservatory. Granted.
- 7.7.3 2108/07 Orchard Bungalow, Bury Green. Demolish existing bungalow and erect new two storey dwelling with associated garage. Granted.
- 7.7.4 2167/07 Fieldview, Acreman Street. Demolition of existing garage and erection of double garage with storage room and bedroom/games room above in new location. Refused.
- 7.8 **Withdrawn application – to note.**
- 7.8.1 1930/07 Thatched Cottage, The Ford. Replacement double garage with storage at first floor.
- 7.9 **Appeal Decision – to note.**
- 7.9.1 1861/06 3 Baud Close, Hadham Hall. Amended scheme for two-storey extension. Appeal allowed.
- 7.10 **Dept for Communities & Local Government consultation on “Homes for the future”.**
Cllr Skidmore outlined the main points of the government green paper: plans for three million new homes by 2020; more social housing; greener and affordable homes; new targets up to 2016 of 240,000 new homes a year – including a target for affordable housing in rural areas; brownfield sites to be used where possible; implications in the green paper of bypassing the Plan Making and Development Control processes; funding for infrastructure of £300 million over the next three years; funding of £8Bn for making houses more affordable.
Cllr Skidmore outlined the EHC response to the green paper; EHC welcomed the housing planning Delivery Grant; they thought housing delivery should be part of the approved development plan (East Herts Local Plan); they had concerns about bypassing the planning process; they welcomed the plan to increase funding for affordable and social housing; they thought government should acknowledge and respect the democratic, legal and service delivery role of local authorities.
Cllr Fairchild said that EHC were concerned that the local voice would be lost on planning matters and EHC would be bullied into accepting unwanted planning decisions.
Cllr Skidmore proposed that the Council should note the green paper and EHC’s response and the Planning Committee should monitor the progress of the paper in discussion with EHC with updates to the Council at six monthly intervals. Agreed.
- 7.11 **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 5th February 2008.**
- 7.12 **Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:32 p.m.**