

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the twelfth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 3rd June 2008 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

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

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 12 members of the public including County Cllr Mrs Bayes.

- 12.1 Council vacancy** Cllr Fairchild welcomed Mrs Mary Wilkinson who had been recently co-opted to the Council by an election of the councillors. Cllr Mrs Wilkinson signed the acceptance of office form.
- 12.2 Absent** None.
- 12.3 Declarations of interest** None.
- 12.4 Democratic 10 minutes.**
There were no questions or comments.
- 12.5 Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 12.6 Matters arising**
- 12.6.1** Cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that the original developers had again failed to appear before the magistrates on the 21st May 2008. They were summoned to attend on 9th of July 2008. If they failed to show this time the magistrates might issue an arrest warrant.
- 12.6.2 Scrub clearing at Bury Green.** Cllr Skidmore read a paper he had earlier circulated to councillors. Cllr Mrs Piccolo had met Mr Roberts of Romehold on Tuesday 20th May 2008 to discuss the replanting of the recently cleared area at Bury Green. Mr Roberts agreed to replant 6 (possibly 8) new trees in the area to go with the trees that remain: Chestnuts, Silver Birch, Ash and Red Gage. Mr Roberts wanted to carry out further clearance work including clearing the overgrown ditch, and replacing the hedges with appropriate Shrubs.
Discussions had involved Bury Green residents who would be involved in the selection of the types of trees and shrubs to be planted in September this year.
The Council had to be mindful that it leased the Green from Gascoyne Cecil Estates and had the responsibility of preserving the nature of the Green.
Cllr Skidmore thought the Council should endorse the action taken and to authorise Cllr Mrs Piccolo to continue to liaise with Romehold and local BG residents to ensure that the replanting programme is carried out as agreed.
Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that substantial trees would be planted though they would not create much of a screen. Romehold wanted to sow grass now and plant the trees later. They wanted to clear more thorn and brambles. Romehold expected to erect a white picket fence to the left of the northern entrance similar in length to that on the right. A stained fence similar to the existing would go along the rest of the boundary. Mr Roberts had agreed to do no more work without the Council's agreement.

From the floor a resident said that the scrub was part of the Green and a white fence would stand out. Another resident said he was keen that the scrub not be cleared from the front of his home. He thought the scrub was a nature reserve. Former Clerk Mr Gibson said that the existing fence had been erected with a section straying about 10 feet onto the Green. Cllr Skidmore proposed that a working party be set up to discuss the matter with the residents and Romehold. Agreed.

12.6.3 The future of Bury Green Farm excluding the major developed site – including the Millennium Wood, the cricket field, the polo pitch and the rest of the farm.

Cllr Fairchild said that he had written to Mr Roberts to ask for meeting, including Cllr Mrs Piccolo and the Clerk, to discuss Romehold's plans for the rest of Bury Green Farm. Informally Mr Roberts had said that he intended to ask the new owners to cut the grass on the Green.

12.7 Supplementary Planning Documents to the East Herts Local Plan 2007

Cllr Skidmore spoke of the lengthy document that included a detailed character assessment of the East Herts District. This would be used to guide the application of the Local Plan up to 2011. He proposed the Council note the report. Agreed.

12.8 Planning applications considered by the Council

There were no applications.

12.9 Planning decisions received from EHC – to note.

12.9.1 0453/08 Lower Farm, Bury Green. Alterations to existing consented scheme ref 3/05/1956. Lower link roof and window / door alterations. Granted.

12.10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st July 2008.

12.11 Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:28 p.m.