

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the thirteenth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

**Present:**

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

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

**13.1 Absent** None.

**13.2 Declarations of interest** Cllrs Williamson and Fairchild declared prejudicial interests in Ford Hill House as they were near neighbours and Cllr Skidmore declared a prejudicial interest in 2 Capel Court as he was a near neighbour. The councillors left the room when the particular items were discussed.

**13.3 Democratic 10 minutes.**  
There were no questions or comments.

**13.4 Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**13.5 Matters arising**

**13.5.1 Cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End.** Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that she had spoken to Ms Hill at EHC planning. All conditions bar two had been resolved. One of the two, involving landscaping, was in the post and likely to be met while the other, involving the roof structure, was being considered by Mr Welburn the conservation officer. Ms Hill thought work might start within a month.

**13.5.2 Scrub clearing at Bury Green.** Cllr Skidmore reported an informal meeting held at the Green between several residents, Cllr Mrs Piccolo, the Clerk and himself. The Clerk had written to Mr Roberts of Romehold listing the repairs the Council requested. The Clerk would contact Mr Roberts to arrange a meeting between Cllrs Skidmore and Mrs Piccolo and the Clerk. Cllr Fairchild said that he understood from Mr Allen at the Green that Romehold had agreed to straighten the fence where it had strayed onto the Green.

**13.5.3 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 spoken to Mr Roat of Romehold. Romehold's plans depended on planning consent for the developed site. A new owner might wish to buy the rest of the farm. Romehold hoped to keep control of the rest of the farm either by owning or leasing it. The contract with the Forestry Commission concerning the Millennium Wood runs out in 2010. Romehold asked that the community prepare a wish list of how it would like the Wood to continue into the future. Cllr Fairchild proposed that Cllr Mrs Piccolo draft a plan after consultation with residents. Agreed. Cllr Fairchild said that the agricultural ties had been removed from the older houses at The Grove. The houses were to be refurbished before being sold on the open market. Covenants aimed at preserving the visual status of the Grove would be imposed as conditions of the sale. The new houses at The Grove would remain as 'affordable'.

Cllr Fairchild asked Cllr Mrs Piccolo to make enquiries of the cricket club as to their hopes for the future of the Bury Green cricket field.

**13.5.4 The major developed site at Bury Green Farm.** Cllr Skidmore said that the EHC planning office had prepared a report on the application for a data centre to be considered by the Development Control Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008. EHC reported that no residents had written to comment on the application. The report recommended the application be granted provided a more detailed flood risk assessment was submitted and the developers agreed to a s106 agreement to contribute £20,000 towards a Herts Highways scheme to provide more sustainable means of commuting. Cllr Morris said that he had tried to have £5,000 of this used to fund an investigation into rat running but it was deemed to be too late.

### **13.6 Planning applications considered by the Council**

**13.6.1** 0634/08 Vineyard Cottage, Bury Green. Listed building consent to replace 2 rotten windows; reinstate French windows; black feather edge boarding to extension; replace kitchen window. Considered by Cllr Mrs Wilkinson and Cllr Mrs Piccolo.

**13.6.2** 0853/08 Vineyard Cottage, Bury Green. Timber cladding to single storey rear / side extension. Considered by Cllr Mrs Wilkinson and Cllr Mrs Piccolo.  
Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that the owners had not given permission for councillors to visit the site. She said that she agreed that the rotten windows and kitchen window should be replaced and that the French windows should be reinstated. However she proposed that the Council object to the application to fit timber cladding to the existing extension as this would clash with the original listed building – the extension had a rendered finish that matched the old building. Agreed.

**13.6.3** 0999/08 2 Capel Court, Hadham Hall. Loft conversion with conservation rooflights in east and west roof slopes. Considered by Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Mrs Wilkinson.  
Cllr Fairchild said that only the roof lights would show outside and a number of other houses on the site already had roof lights. He understood the neighbours did not object. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

**13.6.4** 0978/08 Ford Hill House, The Ford. Garden shed. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Piccolo.  
Cllr Skidmore said that it was a very large shed at the end of a garden that sloped steeply up from the listed thatched barn that was being converted. The shed would be clearly seen from the road. It would be close to neighbours who strongly objected as it would restrict their view. Cllr Skidmore proposed that the Council should object to the application on the grounds that the shed was too large and dominant for the proposed site. Agreed.

**13.6.5** 1071/08 Woodsfield, Stortford Road. Erection of detached bungalow – amended scheme. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Piccolo.  
Cllr Skidmore said that the application was to enlarge a bedroom and garage at the back of the new bungalow. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

### **13.7 Planning decisions received from EHC – to note.**

**13.7.1** 0641/08 Chasedene, Millfield Lane, Bury Green. Demolish existing bungalow and garage and construct new bungalow and garage on preferred location within site. Granted.

**13.8 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008.**

**13.9 Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:34 p.m.**