

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 2nd September 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 8 members of the public.

Before the meeting the gathering stood for a minute's silence in memory of the former Cllr Tom Feather who died near the end of August 2008.

14.1 Absent None.

14.2 Declarations of interest Cllr Morris declared a prejudicial interest in Bridge End, Albury Road, as he owned the property. Cllr Morris left the room when this matter was discussed.

14.3 Democratic 10 minutes.

A resident noted that Vineyard Cottage, Bury Green should be called The Old Vineyard.

14.4 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record.

14.5 Matters arising

14.5.1 Cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that the original developers had again failed to appear at the magistrates' court. The next hearing was planned for the 17th September. The new developers had been given permission by the planning office to continue with the work on the cottages. Cllr Fairchild asked Cllr Mrs Piccolo if she could find out the legal position concerning failure to appear in court over a planning matter.

14.5.2 Scrub clearing at Bury Green. Cllr Skidmore said that, after discussion with himself, Cllr Mrs Piccolo and Mr Tony Allen, Romehold had agreed to purchase and plant at their expense 11 trees and 7 shrubs. These would be planted in October in places agreed by the Council. There would be a meeting with Romehold on 3rd September 2008 to agree such matters as the fence line, water leaks and any further shrub clearance. Cllr Skidmore proposed that the Council support the actions taken and planned by him and Cllr Mrs Piccolo. Agreed.

14.5.3 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 Mrs Piccolo said she had spoken to the Forestry Commission about the Millennium Wood but they had been unable to find it in their files. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that she had spoken to a member of the cricket club. The club had a verbal agreement with Romehold that it could continue to use the Bury Green cricket field. Romehold was unlikely to give a commitment on paper. It was possible that a new owner of the 'major developed site' might want to buy the whole farm. In this case Romehold would attempt to lease the undeveloped part of the farm. Cllr Fairchild asked Cllr Mrs Piccolo to clarify the position with the Forestry Commission and to start a draft wish list of what the Council and residents would like to happen to the Millennium Wood and cricket field.

14.5.4 EHC Local Development Framework seminars. Cllr Morris reported on briefings he had attended concerning the Local Development Framework [LDF]. This would guide planning decisions from 2011 to 2021. Cllr Morris said that sites for possible future development within Little Hadham had been identified including the area behind Little Hadham Garage, the lime pits on Albury Road and a number of gardens. Cllr Skidmore said that he would consult with EHC and report to the next Council meeting on implications for Little Hadham, in particular potential development sites and the likelihood that they could be the subject of planning applications. Cllr Fairchild thought the LDF was related to the EERA Regional Plan.

14.6 Planning applications considered by the Council

14.6.1 1146/08 Moredown, Stortford Road. Erection of detached bungalow. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Morris. Cllr Morris proposed that there be no objection but that the Council should repeat its comments about possible flooding from the culvert passing through the site. Agreed.

14.6.2 1201/08 The Hatch, Westland Green. Demolition of two storey extension and single storey extension and replacement with new one and a half storey and single storey extension. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Purvis. Cllr Purvis proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

14.7 Notification of appeal against a planning decision

14.7.1 0030/08 Bridge End, Albury Road. Detached double garage. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Mrs Piccolo. Cllr Skidmore said he thought the garage would not be detrimental to the conservation area as the garage would be screened by trees. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

14.8 Planning decisions received from EHC – to note.

14.8.1 0593/08 Bury Green Farm, Bury Green. Two data centre buildings containing data handling computers, associated plan areas, technical support services and ancillary office areas. Two external compounds, substation building and associated site works. Granted. Cllr Skidmore spoke of some of the conditions. Cllr Fairchild thought many were fairly stringent and would help minimise the effect of the development on Bury Green.

14.8.2 0634/08 and 0853/08 The Old Vineyard Cottage, Bury Green. Replace 2 rotten windows; reinstate French windows; black featheredge boarding to extension; replace kitchen window. Timber cladding to single storey rear / side extension. Both granted.

14.8.3 0978/08 Ford Hill House, The Ford. Garden shed. Granted. Cllr Fairchild asked the Clerk to enquire as to why the Council's objections had been overridden.

14.8.4 0999/08 2 Capel Court, Hadham Hall. Loft conversion with conservation rooflights in east and west roof slopes. Refused.

14.8.5 1071/08 Woodsfield, Stortford Road. Erection of detached bungalow - amended scheme. Granted.

14.9 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th October 2008.

14.10 Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:40 p.m.