

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 7th October 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)
Mr G Williamson)

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

- 15.1 Absent** Cllr Mrs Wilkinson – attending councillor training course.
- 15.2 Declarations of interest** Cllr Skidmore declared a prejudicial interest in 2 Capel Court as he was a near neighbour. Cllrs Fairchild and Williamson declared a prejudicial interest in Ford Hill House as they were near neighbours. The Councillors left the room when the relevant topics were discussed.
- 15.3 Democratic 10 minutes.**
There were no comments.
- 15.4 Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 15.5 Matters arising**
- 15.5.1 Cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End.** Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that the original developers had appeared at the magistrates' court and had pleaded not guilty to charges concerning alleged breach of the planning regulations. The matter would proceed to trial at the county court. The new developers had indicated to the planning office that they intended to proceed with the development. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that she would find out the details of the latest planning consent.
- 15.5.2 Scrub clearing at Bury Green.** Cllr Skidmore reported a meeting held on 18th September 2008 between Mr Tony Allen, Cllr Mrs Piccolo and himself. Mr Allen had circulated a list of 9 trees and 7 shrubs to residents. It was planned to plant them in mid-November and residents would be invited to the 'staking out' on or about 14th November. The broken water pipe had been repaired. Cllr Skidmore asked the Council to note the report. Agreed.
- 15.5.3 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 again to the Forestry Commission about the Millennium Wood. It had confirmed that the contract with Romehold would end in 2010. However the Commission would have to be consulted before any serious work, such as clearing some of the trees, could be carried out. Cllr Mrs Piccolo agreed to talk to Mr Roat of Romehold. She would consult with local residents and draft a wish list of what the community would like to happen to the wood. When the list had been confirmed the Council would write to Romehold.
- 15.5.4 The granting of planning permission for a garden shed for Ford Hill House, The Ford.** Cllr Skidmore said that residents had complained that the planning officer had stated that the Council had raised no objection to the application. However a letter of objection had been sent on 4th July 2008 – weeks before the deadline. The Council had

strongly objected to the omission of its objections from consideration.

Cllr Skidmore noted that the consent notice had included a 'tree retention' condition.

However the developers had cut down a large chestnut tree. Cllr Skidmore said that he had reported the matter to Mr Martin Plummer, the responsible planning officer, who had said that he would initiate an enforcement order to replace the tree.

Cllr Skidmore proposed that the Clerk should write to the planning office noting the action to be taken concerning the trees and to reiterate the Council's concern that its objections had not been taken into consideration. Agreed.

- 15.6 EHC Local Development Framework.** Cllr Skidmore reported on a meeting he had had with EHC planning officers. He said that he would prepare a paper to be discussed at the November Council meeting.
- 15.7 Rural Housing Trust.** Cllr Skidmore said that the planning officers had advised him that there was no need to talk to the trust as the Council had already carried out a housing needs survey.
- 15.8 Planning applications considered by the Council**
- 15.8.1** 2 Capel Court, Hadham Hall. Loft conversion with conservation roof lights and window to south gable, window under arch (north). Considered by Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Mrs Wilkinson. Cllr Fairchild said that an earlier application, to which the Parish Council had not objected, had been refused as it included too many roof lights. The latest application took Planning's comments into account and he proposed there be no objection. Agreed.
- 15.8.2** Copper Beech, Standon Road. Conversion of half of the existing double garage to provide study / playroom with window to front and a single garage up and over door. Considered by Cllr Morris and Cllr Mrs Piccolo. Cllr Morris said that the development would not be visible from the road and proposed there be no objection. Agreed.
- 15.8.3** Sunfield, Bromley Lane, Wellpond Green. Conversion of existing barn to provide living accommodation for disabled person. Considered by Cllr Morris and Cllr Purvis. Cllr Morris proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.
- 15.9 Planning decisions received from EHC – to note.**
- 15.9.1** 1201/08 The Hatch, Pigs Green, Westland Green. Demolition of two storey extension and single storey extension and replacement with new one and a half storey and single storey extension. Granted.
- 15.10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th November 2008.**
- 15.11 Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:29 p.m.**