

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the nineteenth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

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

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 7 members of the public including County Cllr Mary Bayes.

Before the meeting Mr David Kitching, a local police community volunteer, spoke about the Herts Policing Plan and how it affected the parish. The plan covering the period to 2012 would be published soon. 80% of PC and PCSO time would be spent on patrol. The views of local neighbourhood action panels would be used to satisfy local needs such as reducing speeding on specific local roads. Mr Kitching mentioned a number of incidents of vehicles driving into local businesses and then driving off. These visits were often followed by burglaries. Local people could request a pager as part of the RIGS system. As part of Operation Agrarian the police regularly stopped vehicles travelling in rural areas late at night. Mr Kitching listed the small number of crimes reported in the parish during the past three months. Cllr Fairchild said the Parish Plan proposed a local information network using email. Mr Kitching said that anyone could join OWL – Online Watch Link which was part of Neighbourhood Watch.

19.1 Democratic 10 minutes.

Speaking as a resident, Cllr Williamson spoke of the barn conversion at Ford Hill House. He said that local residents were concerned that the conditions in the planning consent were not being followed. He said the archaeological and bat surveys did not appear to have been carried out and a dormer window that did not appear on the approved plans was being constructed facing the road. The ancient wall that had been partially demolished by the developers had not been properly reinstated. He asked for the Council's support in ensuring that the development control office kept closer control of the development.

19.2 Absent Cllr Skidmore [recovering from surgery].

19.3 Declarations of interest. Cllr Fairchild and Cllr Williamson declared a prejudicial interest in Ford Hill House as they were near neighbours. The councillors left the room when this was discussed.

19.4 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.

19.5 Matters arising

19.5.1 Current planning applications for The Ford. Cllr Morris said that the development control meeting had decided to refuse the planning application for Elfering Bank. Cllr Tindale had given his active support to the objections. Cllr Morris said that the application for a new house at Ford Hill House would go to the April meeting of the development control meeting if the planning officer decided to recommend acceptance.

Cllr Morris proposed that the Clerk should write to the planning office asking that it ensure that all the conditions in the planning consent for the barn conversion at Ford Hill House be followed. Agreed.

Cllr Morris said that a planning officer would decide the application for a 1.8m wall at Ashdene, the Ford.

19.5.2 Planning applications in conservation areas. Cllr Fairchild said that he was in discussion with the chairman of the development control committee and with the planning office. He hoped to arrange an informal meeting for councillors in order to gain a clearer understanding of the planning rules and procedures.

19.6 Planning applications considered by the Council

19.6.1 0151/09 Hawkstone, Standon Road. Demolition of existing garage to be replaced by 2 storey side extension. Considered by Cllr Morris and Cllr Purvis. Cllr Morris said the extension would have the same footprint as the garage but would be two stories. He proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.

19.6.2 0135/09 Sunfield, Bromley Lane, Wellpond Green. Erection of electric gates, brick piers, walls and railings. Considered by Cllr Morris and Cllr Purvis. Cllr Morris said that the gates, wall and railings were similar in style to other nearby properties. He proposed that there be no objections. Agreed.

19.7 Planning decisions received from EHC – to note.

19.7.1 2067/08 Willowgate, 2 Baud Close, Hadham Hall. Garden room. Granted.

19.7.2 2023/08 Elfering Bank, The Ford. Extension to existing bungalow and conversion of the enlarged roof space. Erection of cart-lodge. Refused.

19.7.3 2021/08 Elfering Bank, The Ford. Construction of replacement dwelling and cart lodge. Refused.

19.7.4 2022/08 Elfering Bank, The Ford. Demolition of existing bungalow. Granted.

19.8 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th April 2009.

19.9 Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:33 p.m.