

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007–2011 Session) held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

**Present:**

<b>Mrs C Piccolo</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr J Forgham</b>	)
<b>Mr R Gregory</b>	)
<b>Mr A Morris</b>	) <b>Councillors</b>
<b>Mr J Purvis</b>	)
<b>Mrs M Wilkinson</b>	)
<b>Mr G Williamson</b>	)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 13 members of the public.

**The meeting was preceded by a presentation given by EHC Cllr Mike Carver on the subject of changes to the Local Development Plan.**

Cllr Carver referred to a leaflet produced by HCC that explained that 8,500 extra homes were to be built in the district between 2013 and 2023. This did not include 3,500 homes for which the location had been agreed. EHC had produced a number of options for where the extra homes could be built and was keen to get the views of local residents of which options they preferred. Cllr Carver urged all residents to respond to the consultation either online, using the form attached to the leaflet or by writing a letter to the district council.

## **35.1 Democratic 10 minutes.**

A resident asked about the gully outside Ash Farm on the A120. He said that the gully had overflowed during the recent heavy rain. The Clerk said that Herts Highways had added the gully to the list so that it would be cleared with the other gullies on the A120 as part of the annual schedule.

A resident reported that a gully on the A120 near Stonehouse Farm had been blocked by tarmac during recent road works.

A resident spoke of the work to strengthen the bridge over the Ash on the A120. She understood the work was to allow for heavier lorries which she considered should not be allowed through the village. She thought that strengthening the bridge parapet was unnecessary as there had never been a case of a vehicle losing control on the hill and crashing into the bridge. The resident considered the work a waste of money – money that might have been used for the bypass. Cllr Piccolo said that the Council had not been consulted about the repair but she understood that it was to bring the bridge up to modern safety standards.

## **35.2 Absent None.**

**35.3 Declarations of interest.** Cllr Williamson declared a prejudicial interest in The Moores as he lived next door. He left the meeting when this was discussed.

**35.4 Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 were agreed and signed as a true record.

## **35.5 Matters arising from the minutes.**

**35.5.1 Possible new access road at Church End Farm.** Cllr Gregory said that he had received no new information. He noted that part of the road that had been marked out had now been ploughed. He asked the Clerk to seek a reply to the Council's letter sent to the Chair of the EHC Development Control Committee. Action Clerk

**35.5.2 New homes at Ashcroft Farm.** Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that the homes were near completion. She understood that the affordable homes had been allocated to local people.

The Clerk said that he had attended a site meeting between the Head of the village school, members of the governors, representatives of the developer and officers of HCC. The meeting was to discuss the offer of land for a school playing field made by the developer of Ashcroft Farm.

The Clerk said that he was disappointed to discover that HCC had done little or nothing since being informed of the offer of land at the start of the year. The contractors had offered to use the heavy machinery on the site to level the land at no cost. However, this would not now be possible as the machinery would be removed from the site within a few days. HCC is concerned that it would be responsible for maintaining the new field. Checks had to be made to find if the current play area was large enough for the current school population. There was the possibility that increasing numbers of children in the area might justify adding extra classrooms to the school so that the annual intake could be increased. This would require a larger play area – more than was currently on offer. The HCC officer asked if the developer might be persuaded to increase the area of land on offer. The developer's representative asked that HCC decide whether it was willing to accept the land before he consulted with the owner about extra land.

The Clerk said that governors had arranged another meeting with HCC within a few weeks in the hope that the matter could be decided before the developer lost patience and withdrew the offer.

**35.6 East Herts Core Strategy.** Cllr Mrs Piccolo reiterated Cllr Carvers request that all local people should respond to the EHC consultation on where 8,500 extra homes should be built in the district. She would include the website address in the Parish News. Response could be made online, by post using the printed form or by writing a letter to EHC. It was agreed that the Council should make its own response. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that she and Cllr Gregory would prepare a draft response that she would circulate to councillors for comment so that a response representing the consensus view might be agreed at the next meeting.

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

**35.7.1** 1586/10 The Moores, Ford Hill. Construction of a raised platform. Considered by Cllr Mrs Piccolo and Cllr Forgham. Cllr Mrs Piccolo proposed there be no objection. Agreed.

### **35.8 Planning decisions received from EHC**

**35.8.1** 1096/10 1, Bury Green Cottages, Bury Green. Part single, part two storey side extension to existing listed building including demolition of existing side extension and minor internal works. Granted.

**35.8.2** 1187/10 3 The Gate House, Hadham Hall. A revised application for internal alterations to the building to include extending a mezzanine floor to provide a second floor, disabled WC, re-use of historic stairs and re-arrangement of other rooms to improve space. Granted.

**35.8.3** 1326/10 Ashdene, The Ford. Side extension to existing garage. Granted.

**35.9 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010.**

**35.10 The Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:47 p.m.**