

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the ninth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2011 - 2015 Session) held on Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

Mrs C Piccolo	Chairman
Mr J Forgham)
Mr R Gregory) Councillors
Mrs M Wilkinson)
Ms W Woodgate)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 16 members of the public including EHC Cllr Tindale.

- 9.1. **Democratic 10 minutes.** There were no comments or questions.
- 9.2. **Absent** Cllr Williamson.
- 9.3. **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 9.4. **Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 9.5. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
 - 9.5.1. **EHC Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA).** Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that there was nothing new to say.
 - 9.5.2. **Church End Farm.** Proposed change of use of part of an industrial building (used for B1, B2 and B8) to use as sui generis (processing of End of Life Vehicles). Cllr Gregory said that the current application would probably be withdrawn as the owners were preparing a bigger, more wide ranging application – about twice the size of the current application. A meeting had been held at Hadham Hall including representatives of the Environment Agency and HCC. Residents complained of the high level of noise pollution and extra HGVs carrying vehicles to the site and removing the recycled materials. The Environment Agency had issued a temporary licence for the breaking of 12 vehicles as a trial. Clearly many more than this had been processed. The E.A. was profoundly dissatisfied and had issued a ‘stop’ order. All work had to stop by Friday 9th March and the equipment moved. E.A. and HCC were intent on stopping things for now. Cllr Gregory said that the entire parish, not just Hadham Hall and Church End, was affected. There would be increased traffic and risk of accidents at the A120 traffic lights and the turning into Church End Lane. There would be a real risk of pollution from the remains of the broken vehicles. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that Hadham Hall residents had set up a working party that would be able to respond quickly to any developments at Church End Farm.
 - 9.5.3. **Church End Farm.** Retrospective application for change of use of unit for the production of hot/cold food and hot/cold food delivery (sui generis) and the installation of an extract flue in roof. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that a letter of objection from the Council had been sent to EHC.
 - 9.5.4. **Neighbourhood planning.** Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that she was slowly plodding through the paperwork. Eventually she hoped to set up a work party to start work on preparing a plan for the parish.
- 9.6. **Planning applications considered by the Council**
 - 9.6.1. 0149/12 Church End farm. The installation of a 16 metre vehicle weighbridge with a shed to house the control unit. Considered by Cllr Mrs Piccolo and Cllr Gregory. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said the application was from Mr Mark Collins who had recently withdrawn plans

for a composting site. She feared that this could be a prelude to resubmission of the composting plans. Cllr Gregory said there was already a weighbridge on site and it was difficult to understand why a new one was required. Cllr Mrs Piccolo proposed the Council object. Agreed. She said that she would circulate a letter to councillors for their approval.

9.6.2. 0249/12 Barrons, Bury Green. Proposed single storey and first floor extensions and internal alterations. Considered by Cllr Mrs Piccolo and Cllr Williamson. Cllr Mrs Piccolo proposed there be no objection. Agreed.

9.6.3. 0210/12 Church End Farm. Units 5a & 5b, Hadham Industrial Estate. Change of use from B1 (Business) and B8 (Wholesale warehouse) to B1 (Business), B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Wholesale warehouse) – Retrospective. Considered by Cllr Mrs Piccolo and Cllr Gregory.

Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that she did not want to see the spread of B2, general industrial use. Cllr Gregory agreed. He was puzzled why a unit manufacturing spiral staircases had been in use for two years without EHC enforcing the planning rules. No-one seemed to have a holistic picture of what is going on. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said the Council needed to actively work against all developments. She said she would try to organise a meeting with planning officers. Cllr Tindale said that planning officers were concerned that there was no overall view of the site. EHC have to work on each application separately. Cllr Tindale said he was willing to facilitate a meeting between councillors and planning officers. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that the Council and local residents need to work together whenever there was an application for the Farm. Cllr Mrs Piccolo proposed the Council object to the application. Agreed. She said that she would circulate a letter to councillors for their approval.

9.7. Planning decisions received from EHC

9.7.1. 2207/11 Ashcroft House, Stortford Road. Change of use of land to garden/amenity use in connection with Ashcroft House. Refused.

9.7.2. 0014/12 Hadham Barn, Bury Green. Regularisation of works to include internal alterations, insertion of windows to east and south elevations and external doors to north elevation. Granted.

9.7.3. 0017/12 Hadham Barn, Bury Green. One additional window and removal of modern internal partitions. Granted.

9.7.4. 0044/12 7 Stable Cottages, Hadham Hall. Loft conversion involving changing the existing hipped roof to a gable construction with dormer window to the rear elevation. Additional rooflight to the rear elevation and 2no. non-opening, obscure glazed windows to the side elevation. Granted

9.8. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd April 2012.

9.9. The Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:39 p.m.