

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council Planning Committee (2011-2015 Session) held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mrs M Wilkinson</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>Mr C Bhatt</b>	)
	<b>Mr J Forgham</b>	)
	<b>Mrs E Lloyd-Williams</b>	) <b>Councillors</b>
	<b>Mr G Pearson</b>	)
	<b>Mr G Williamson</b>	)
	<b>Ms W Woodgate</b>	)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 29 members of the public.

- 32.1. Democratic 10 minutes.**  
There were no comments or questions on agenda items.
- 32.2. Absent** None.
- 32.3. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Williamson said he was unable to comment on planning applications as he was a member of the EHC Development Management Committee.
- 32.4. Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 32.5. Matters arising from the minutes.**
- 32.6. Proposed changes to the conservation areas at the Ashe, Ford and Bury Green.**
- 32.6.1.** Cllr Mrs Lloyd-Williams read a draft copy of the response previously circulated to councillors [appendix 1]. She proposed it be sent as the Council response. Agreed.
- 32.7. Draft East Herts District Plan**
- 32.7.1.** To consider the Council's response. Cllr Mrs Wilkinson proposed that the Council response, previously circulated to councillors, be retrospectively agreed. Agreed.
- 32.8. Planning applications considered by the Council.**
- 32.8.1.** 0758/14 Manor Farm Barn, Standon Road. Re-thatching of roof with flush ridge. Considered by Cllr Mrs Wilkinson and Cllr Bhatt. Cllr Mrs Wilkinson proposed there be no objection. Agreed
- 32.8.2. Planning decisions received from EHC.**
- 32.8.3.** 0647/14 Ashmeads, The Ford. Single storey side extension. Granted.
- 32.8.4.** 0664/14 Nag's Head, The Ford. 1 set of individual letters , 1 logo & letters, 1 Hanging sign & 4 amenity boards (all externally illuminated) 1 door plaque & 1 opening times board (all non-illuminated). Granted.
- 32.9. Notification of appeal decision**
- 32.9.1.** 2102/13 Woodsfield, Stortford Road. Proposed new access. Appeal allowed.
- 32.10. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.**
- 32.11. The Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:08 p.m.**

## **Appendix 1. Re. Little Hadham Parish Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans Draft**

The Conservation Area Appraisal was discussed at the Council meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and it was agreed to make the following comments.

Little Hadham Parish Council appreciated the efforts of John Bosworth and colleague who came out to Little Hadham on the 1<sup>st</sup> May to inform residents of the proposed changes being made to the Conservation Areas in The Ashe, The Ford and Bury Green. The event was well attended and most left reassured that changes being made are unrelated to the Draft District Plan Consultation currently underway. Equally reassuring was the emphasis that this exercise does not increase likelihood of building on areas removed from conservation areas (and that indeed appropriate building within conservation areas is often to be encouraged).

Suggested corrections are as follows:

- The Conservation Area Appraisals largely affects the Ashe and the Ford hamlets in the parish – in the Draft for Consultation these are wrongly called ‘Little Hadham’ and ‘Hadham Ford’ (apart from when The Ford is listed in relation to specific properties).
- point 6.49. This paragraph wrongly refers to a small 20<sup>th</sup> century housing development as being called The Croft. It is in fact called The Grove.
- Picture 19 - South Barn at Lower farm is not converted for ancillary residential use, in fact this usage is not permissible under listing. The barn is an extension to the main dwelling.
- Point 6.13 “Thatched outbuildings at Ford Hill” are now a house, converted about 2007/8.
- Point 6.54 - We believe that 'Homecroft' was not previously known as 'The Vineyard' as stated. Vivienne Jones who lives in the current 'The Vineyard' informed us that when her property was built in 1960, the then 'The Vineyard' changed its name to 'The Vineyard Cottage', and is now known as 'The old Vineyard'. 'The Vineyard' is built on what was previously the grounds of ‘The old Vineyard’. She is happy to discuss further the histories of all three properties as she remembers it.

The Parish Council were encouraged by evidence on the maps showing the wealth of the Parish in terms of its important buildings, features, green spaces and wildlife and felt that it could only be a good thing that the plan proposing contacting property owners about the possibility of maintaining and preserving these features.

Bury Green is highlighted as an excellent example of an unspoiled/uncluttered Green. The report therefore suggested that long term work be done to bring uniformity to the boundaries of the green. The Parish Council would like to take John Bosworth up on his kind offer to talk with the Council about this further.

In the section of the report referring to The Ashe points 6.72 and 6.73 discuss the Windmill Tower which unfortunately burnt down in 1981. As a result of this damage the report suggests, point 6.91, that the area in close proximity to the windmill be excluded from the conservation Area. This proposal has raised concerns within the local community who in response propose a restoration project. As a result of this the Parish Council request that the windmill stay within marked conservation area.

In Conclusion Little Hadham Parish Council would like to thank the team for their work and, in general, offer their support for these proposed changes (with the exception of the windmill ruin site). We also look forward to talking with John Bosworth further, particularly regarding Bury Green.