

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council Planning Committee (2015-2019 Session) held on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:	Mrs M Wilkinson	Chair
	Mr C Bhatt)
	Mr A Hoodless)
	Mrs E Lloyd-Williams) Councillors
	Mr G Tooke)
	Mr W Wright)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 15 members of the public.

13.1. Absent Cllr Pearson [unwell].

13.2. Declarations of interest. None.

13.3. Democratic 10 minutes.

Mr Bill Bampton of Pelham Structures gave a presentation on planned developments at Ashcroft Farm, Stortford Road. The plan was for five new homes – four large and one relatively small. The plan would include a donation of a piece of land to the village school for use as a playing field. The land would be graded, drained and turfed. This land would make it possible for the school to expand to one form entry and for the car park to be reorganised. Mr Bampton said that the plans would have to meet sustainable drainage rules and he had employed a hydrology engineer to ensure the risk of surface water flooding would be lower after the new houses were built than before. Past flooding at the site had been due to the ditch past the school and the site overflowing. The ditch would be cleared and placed in a culvert. He said the sewer through the village was sufficient to cope with the new homes. The surcharging of the sewer in heavy rain was due to homes having their rainwater runoff being unlawfully connected to the sewer which was the water company's problem. Speaking of the dangerous access via Ashcroft Lane, Mr Bampton said the road would be widened by removing the footpath and the sight line to the left at the end of the lane improved by clearing a corner at the front of Ashcroft Farmhouse. A resident said that new houses increased runoff into the river which caused flooding downstream. Mr Bampton said there would be permeable surfaces and storage on site so that rain water was released slowly. The designs would be agreed by the Environment Agency or HCC.

A resident asked why there was no affordable housing. Mr Bampton said the donated land would enable school expansion.

Cllr Bhatt said he was worried about flooding. Mr Bampton said the drainage pipe was sufficient for 100% more than the predicted 100 flood. Cllr Bhatt noted that the 100 year flood had happened 3 times in 5 years.

A resident said that plans that would affect the whole village like these should be publicised to the whole parish – perhaps through the Parish News.

13.4. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

13.5. Matters arising from the minutes. None.

13.6. Planning applications considered by the Council.

13.6.1. 1215/16 1 and 3 Huguenot Cottages, Albury Road. Extension of existing drop kerb and new driveways. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Pearson and Cllr Tooke.

Cllr Wilkinson said she had concerns about the changes to the street scene of the conservation area. The hedge in front of the houses would be removed. There would be a danger from fast cars when home owners were driving into or out of their front gardens. When their cars were parked in front of their homes they acted to calm the traffic. Cllr Tooke said he had no objection. The scene was not much changed as several houses had off road parking. He thought cars parked on the road were a danger to parents and children using them. It was agreed not to object.

- 13.6.2.** 1261/16 The Old Vineyard, Bury Green. Listed building consent for Demolition and replacement of porch. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Hoodless and Cllr Wright. Cllr Hoodless said the new porch was similar to the existing. He proposed no objection. Agreed.
- 13.6.3.** Proposed Base Station installation at Millfield Lane, Stonehouse Farm for Telefonica [O2 mobile]. Consultation before formal application. It was agreed that most residents would welcome an improvement to the very poor mobile reception in the parish. However, the Clerk was asked to write to the company asking if something could be done to make the tall mast less prominent.
- 13.6.4.** 2016/16 The Old Cottage, Bury Green. Erection of shed. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Hoodless and Cllr Wright. Cllr Hoodless proposed there be no objection. Agreed.
- 13.7. Planning decisions received from EHC.** None.
- 13.8. Planning decision sent to appeal.**
- 13.8.1.** 0328/16 Folly Cottage, Bury Green. Erection of detached triple garage.
- 13.9. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th September 2016.**
- 13.10. The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:36 p.m.**