

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council Planning Committee (2015-2019 Session) held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mr W Wright</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<b>Mr C Bhatt</b>	)
	<b>Mrs E Lloyd-Williams</b>	) <b>Councillors</b>
	<b>Mr G Pearson</b>	)
	<b>Mr G Tooke</b>	)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 10 members of the public including County Cllr Graham McAndrew.

- 14.1. Absent** Cllr Hoodless [on business]; Cllr Wilkinson [unwell].
- 14.2. Declarations of interest.** None.
- 14.3. Democratic 10 minutes.**  
There were no questions or comments on items on the agenda.
- 14.4. Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 14.5. Matters arising from the minutes.** None.
- 14.6. Planning applications considered by the Council.**
- 14.6.1.** 1641/16 Land At Stonehouse Farm. Installation of a 15 metre high slimline monopole supporting 3no. antennas and 2no. dishes, 3no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Hoodless and Cllr Wright. Cllr Wright thought it was not an appropriate location for the aerial. It would be in a very prominent position with no trees to conceal it. Cllr Bhatt said the bear minimum had been done to make the aerial less prominent. However, the poor mobile signal in the village would not improve without new aerials. After some discussion Cllr Wright proposed that the council object to the application because of its visual prominence. Agreed. [Appendix 1]
- 14.6.2.** 1834/16 5 Farm Place, Bury Green. Erection of shed. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Hoodless and Cllr Wright. Cllr Wright proposed there be no objection. Agreed.
- 14.6.3.** 1874/16 Westfield Hall, Westland Green. Installation of register plate within the chimney stack; alterations to bathroom to include creation and replacement of walls and doors; replacement of solid fuel stove and timber mantel; replacement skirting boards; replacement of modern plasterboard with lath and lime plaster; replacement of external render with lime render. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Bhatt and Cllr Pearson. Cllr Wright proposed there be no objection. Agreed.
- 14.7. Planning decisions received from EHC.**
- 14.7.1.** 1215/16 1 & 3 Huguenot Cottages, Albury Road. Extension of existing drop kerb and new driveways. Granted.
- 14.7.2.** 1261/16 The Old Vineyard, Bury Green. Listed building consent for Demolition and replacement of porch. Granted.
- 14.7.3.** 1282/16 The Old Cottage, Bury Green. Erection of shed. Granted.
- 14.8. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**
- 14.9. The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:12 p.m.**

**Appendix 1 Letter concerning the proposed base station at Millfield Lane.****Re. 3/16/1641/TEL Installation of a 15 metre high slimline monopole supporting 3no. antennas and 2no. dishes, 3no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development. Stonehouse Farm, Millfield Lane, Little Hadham.**

The proposed planning application was considered at the Council meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

The Council is aware that mobile reception in parts of the parish is very poor and many residents will be grateful for any measures that will improve this. However, councillors agreed to object to this application. The 15m aerial would be situated at the top of a steep hill and would extend 7m beyond the top of a nearby tree. The aerial would be clearly visible for several miles around and would be a permanent eyesore for all residents.

There is a very similar T-Mobile aerial relatively nearby at the side of the A120 at the end of Millfield Lane. This is beside high trees that serve to make the aerial less obvious. The Council believes that the phone company should work harder to find a less prominent site. The documents sent to the Council by the company, list a number of possible sites they considered. Apparently the owners of the sites were written to but did not reply – the Council feels that some of these might agree to siting the aerial were the company to speak to them.

If no other site can be found, the Council would ask that the company find ways of making the aerial less prominent. A grey aerial standing over 8m above the trees at the top of a hill will be very conspicuous. The Council understands that there are some aerial designs that look a little like trees. Could these not be considered for this site?