

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the twenty-fifth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2003 – 2007 Session) held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

**Present:**

<b>Mr M Fairchild</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr T Feather</b>	)
<b>Mr A Morris</b>	) <b>Councillors</b>
<b>Mr T Skidmore</b>	)
<b>Mr S Stigwood</b>	)

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

Before the meeting Cllr Skidmore spoke of the sad death of Miss Ruth Hughes. He said that Ruth had attended almost every Council meeting over very many years and she had always shown a lively concerned interest in parish affairs. She had returned her questionnaire saying what new equipment she would like to see in the playground. Ruth had a detailed knowledge of the parish and was always well informed about planning matters. She would be missed.

25.1 **Absent** – Cllr Foreman [away on business] and Cllr Mrs Gibson.

25.2 **Democratic 10 minutes**

**Church End Lane:** Cllr Fairchild reported that the planning application for the realignment of Church End Lane had been granted. There were a number of conditions and the decision notice clearly stated that it did not grant entitlement to rights of way. The Council had asked that the decision be deferred and the PCC still had a number of concerns. Cllr Fairchild said that he thought the Council had done all it could and urged the PCC and the landowners to reach full agreement before any work was started. He suggested that EHDC might be approached to provide a mediator.

The Clerk said that residents had reported that outbuildings were being cleared from Vineyard Cottage, Bury Green – a listed building in a conservation area. He said that he had checked with the enforcement office at EHDC and an inspector had visited the site. The owners were working to plans granted in 2004.

Cllr Fairchild said that the government white paper based on the Barker review on planning policy could make the Green Belt more vulnerable. An independent inspector would decide planning matters. He proposed that Cllr Tindale, or possibly Mr Oliver Heald MP, be invited to speak to the Council. Agreed.

There were no comments from members of the public..

**Cllr Fairchild opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.**

25.3 **Declarations of interest** None

25.4 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record.

25.4.1 **Matters arising** Cllr Fairchild said that he had spoken to Mr Glynn Day the EHDC enforcement officer about the cottages next to May Cottage, Cradle End. The owners were required to secure and tidy the site, replace loose tarpaulins and preserve usable timbers before the Council would consider a new planning application. There had been some improvements. The legal department was still considering the possible prosecution.

25.5 **Planning applications considered by the Council**

25.5.1 0229/07 Windmill Croft, Albury Road. Ground floor extension and porch, together with new roof to provide first floor accommodation. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Fairchild. Cllr Fairchild proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

25.5.2 0254/07 Lime Kiln Bungalow, Albury Road. Proposed store and workshop. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Fairchild. Cllr Fairchild thought the development would improve the site. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

25.5.3 0338/07 1 & 2 Ford Cottages. Replacement of single storey bathroom extensions. Considered by Cllr Feather and Cllr Morris. Cllr Morris said that the new extensions were similar to those replaced. He proposed that there be no objection. Agreed.

25.6 **Planning decisions received from EHDC – to note.**

25.6.1 2251/06 Tithe Barn, Hadham Hall. Removal of existing rooflight and insertion of 2 conservation rooflights and addition of internal staircase. Granted.

25.6.2 2419/06 Church End Farm House, Church End Lane. Realignment of access road and new church access. Granted.

25.7 **Any other business.** Cllr Fairchild said that he had investigated why the application to build an extension to Hadham Water had been granted despite the planning officer recommending refusal. Several members of EHC planning committee had spoken in favour of the development including Cllr Tindale, who proposed it be approved. The committee voted in favour on the basis that was an important local industry that could not be resited elsewhere.

25.8 **Date of next meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007.**

25.9 **Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:16 p.m.**