

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the twenty-third meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council **Planning Committee** (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 7th July 2009 at 8:35 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

Mr A Morris	Chairman
Mr M Fairchild)
Mrs C Piccolo)
Mr J Purvis) Councillors
Mr T Skidmore)
Mr G Williamson)
Mrs M Wilkinson)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation given by Mr Trevor Watkins, Waste Services Manager, Environmental Services, East Herts Council, concerning the introduction of alternate week refuse collection (ARC) and changes to the collection of recyclable waste.

23.1 Democratic 10 minutes.

A resident asked about a house being built in Millfield Lane, Bury Green. The house appeared to be very large. The Clerk said he had the approved plans which the resident was free to examine.

23.2 Absent None.

23.3 Declarations of interest. Cllr Morris declared a prejudicial interest in Bridge End, Albury Road, as he owned the property. Cllr Morris left the meeting when this item was discussed.

23.4 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.

23.5 Matters arising.

23.5.1 Cllr Skidmore asked about the latest application for Ashcroft Farm. Cllr Morris had asked Cllr Tindale to represent the Council at the Development Control Committee meeting. Cllr Morris said that the application had been granted without being discussed by the committee. He had spoken to the responsible officer who had told him that housing needs surveys had shown the need for the affordable homes as well as the homes for private sale. The large private homes were allowed for in guidance notes in the Local Plan. Cllr Fairchild said the Council should ask EHC how the need for the private houses had been assessed. Cllr Morris said that Herts Highways had raised no objections on grounds of safety. Cllr Fairchild said that the matter should be taken up with Cllr Tindale as the Council's views, particularly those concerning road safety and over development, appeared to have been ignored. It was agreed that Cllr Fairchild would contact Cllr Tindale. Cllr Fairchild was concerned that the affordable homes should be offered to local people. Cllr Skidmore said that EHC had told him that there were a number of local residents on the waiting list and the new affordable homes would be offered to them first.

23.6 Local Development Framework. 'Call for sites'. Cllr Skidmore said that EHC had received 50 suggestions of potential development sites in East Herts. The LDF Committee would consider the list at its meeting on 27th August 2009. He said that he and Cllr Morris hoped to attend.

23.7 Planning applications considered by the Council

22.1.1 0926/09 Bridge End, Albury Road. Proposed new single garage/store. Considered by Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Mrs Piccolo. Cllr Skidmore said the new application was for a smaller garage in a less prominent position than in the previous refused application. He proposed there be no objection. Agreed.

22.2 Planning decisions received from EHC

23.7.1 0384/09 Ashdene, The Ford. Proposed garden wall and entrance gates. Granted.

23.7.2 0506/09 Chalk Cottage, Stortford Road. Alterations of external openings in existing rear kitchen projection. Granted.

23.7.3 0624/09 3 Clinton Hall Cottages, Bury Green. Two-storey side extension. Granted.

23.7.4 0525/09 Bramley, The Ford. Part two-storey & first floor front extension & single storey rear extension. Provision of new roof 700mm higher than existing roof and dormer window window/rooflights front and rear. New garage adjacent to front boundary. Withdrawn.

23.7.5 0526/09 Bramley, The Ford. Demolition of front wall and removal of existing roof. Withdrawn.

23.7.6 0696/09 Bushes Croft, Cradle End. Two storey and single storey rear extensions, extension to existing porch and alteration to external appearance of dwelling house including pitched windows. Refused.

23.7.7 0618/09 Ashcroft Farm, Stortford Road. Erection of 3 detached market dwellings and 2 semi-detached affordable dwellings and associated garaging. Granted.

23.8 Appeal decision – to note.

23.8.1 1146/08 Moredown, Standon Road. New detached bungalow. Appeal dismissed.

23.9 EHC Tree Preservation Orders – to note.

23.9.1 Bury Green Farm. Preservation orders have been issued for a beech tree and a yew tree in the garden of Bury Green Farmhouse.

Cllr Piccolo said that she had tried to get a preservation order for the large horse chestnut at Bushes Croft, Cradle End. However, Mr Ames, EHC Arboricultural Officer, had told her that the tree was nearing the end of its natural life and was in decline. It was unlikely to survive much more than 10 years.

23.10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st September 2009.

23.11 Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:58 p.m.