

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council Planning Committee (2015-2019 Session) held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mr W Wright</b>	<b>Acting Chair</b>
	<b>Mr T Hoodless</b>	)
	<b>Mr G Pearson</b>	) <b>Councillors</b>
	<b>Mr G Tooke</b>	)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 11 members of the public including District Cllr Geoff Williamson.

- 30.1.** **Absent** Cllr Lloyd-Williams [on holiday], Cllr Wardrop [on holiday], and Cllr Wilkinson [unwell].
- 30.2.** **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Pearson said his new post with the Police prevented him from commenting on planning applications. Cllr Tooke said he had an interest in the application for Ashcroft Farm as he lived in a house next to the site. He took no part in discussion concerning this application.
- 30.3.** **Democratic 10 minutes.**  
There were no questions or comments on matters contained in the Planning Committee agenda.
- 30.4.** **Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 30.5.** **Matters arising from the minutes.** None.
- 30.6.** **Planning applications considered by the Council.**
- 30.6.1.** 0403/18 Acremore, Acremore Street. Outline application for the erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with all matters reserved except access. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Tooke and Cllr Hoodless. Cllr Tooke this was an unsuitable site as access along Acremore Street was narrow and dangerous. Cllr Hoodless said that the AECOM report had found the site unsustainable. It was outside the defined boundary of The Ford. Cllr Wright proposed the Council object on grounds of location and access. Agreed. [Appendix 1].
- 30.6.2.** 0515/18 Old Dairy, Green Street Tooke and Cllr Hoodless. Cllr Wright proposed there be no objection. Agreed.
- 30.6.3.** 0540/18 Ashcroft Farm, Stortford Road. Erection of 8 dwellings, change of use of land to school playing fields and associated works. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Wright. There being only two councillors able to consider the application, the Clerk recommended that the matter be differed to the next meeting. If EHC considered this too late, the Committee should consider an extra-ordinary meeting. Agreed.
- 30.7.** **Planning decisions received from EHC.**
- 30.7.1.** 0975/17 Land Adj To Stanemedde, Albury Road. Outline planning for the erection of up to 18 dwellings, all matters reserved apart from access. Withdrawn. The appeal has also been withdrawn
- 30.7.2.** 0039/18 Fox House, The Ford. Repair and renewal of existing external render. Granted.

- 30.7.3.** 0059/18 Windmill Croft, Albury Road. Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side extension. Granted.
- 30.7.4.** 0071/18 2B The Grove, Bury Green. Insertion of 2 no. rear dormer windows. Refused.
- 30.7.5.** 0134/18 Green Street Cottage, Green Street. Repair and replacement of render to the front elevation. Granted.
- 30.7.6.** 0197/18 Stumbledon, The Ford. Single storey rear / side extension, enlargement of ground floor side window and removal of rear internal wall. Granted.
- 30.7.7.** 0221/18 The Gatehouse, Hadham Hall. Creation of 4 additional staff parking spaces, new outdoor lighting and installation of electric vehicle charging facilities. Granted.
- 30.8.** **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**
- 30.9.** **The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:09 p.m.**

## **Appendix 1**

### **Re. Planning application 3/18/0403/OUT Acremore, Acremore Street, Little Hadham**

This planning application was considered at the Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd April 2018. The Council agreed to object to the application on the grounds of location and access.

The proposed site is outside the boundary of the hamlet of The Ford as shown on the map included with the draft local plan and is in a Cat 3 area which assumes no developments.

The site is over 1.2km from a bus service down a steep single-track road. The nearest shop is over 3.5km and the nearest doctor over 3.5km. The Council believes the site to be unsustainable. Any resident would be obliged to use a motor vehicle.

Acremore Street, which leads to Ford Hill, is a single-track road with many blind bends. Ford Hill is particularly dangerous. It is a very steep, narrow, muddy road with a number of bends and there have been numerous accidents and near misses. To make things worse, the pond at the entrance to the site means that the road is permanently covered by running water. In winter this becomes a very dangerous ice patch. Despite what Herts Highways says, the Council believes the road to this site is totally unsuitable for the increased traffic generated by any new homes – including residents' vehicles, grocery deliveries and parcel deliveries.

The Council asks that EHC refuses consent to build any new homes at this site.