

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Little Hadham **Parish Council Planning Committee** (2015-2019 Session) held on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:	Mrs M Wilkinson	Chair
	Mr T Hoodless)
	Mrs E Lloyd-Williams) Councillors
	Mr G Tooke)
	Mr N Wardrop)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 6 members of the public.

- 33.1.** **Absent** Cllr Pearson [family matter] and Cllr Wright [business].
- 33.2.** **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 33.3.** **Democratic 10 minutes.**
There were no comments or questions on agenda items.
- 33.4.** **Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 33.5.** **Matters arising from the minutes.**
- 33.6.** **Planning applications considered by the Council.**
- 33.6.1.** 1310/18 Congregational Church, Chapel Lane, The Ford. Installation of two air source heat pumps and timber enclosure to east elevation, of existing residential property (3/14/0126/FUL). Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Tooke and Cllr Wardrop. Cllr Wilkinson said the pump would create 50dB of noise – about the same as a quiet conversation. Cllr Lloyd-Williams said the documents included with the application were very technical and hard to follow. She noted that the Environmental Health Officer had recommended that noise attenuation methods be applied. Cllr Tooke said a number of residents had expressed concerns about noise. Cllr Wardrop agreed that, although the application said the noise would be acceptable, the technical report was hard to follow. He proposed that the Council should not oppose the application but that it should ask the planning office to investigate whether the noise levels were likely to be intrusive to neighbouring properties, especially at night. Agreed. [Appendix 1]
- 33.6.2.** 1354/18. Blakeney, Stortford Road. Proposed ground floor rear extension. Considered by Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Tooke and Cllr Wardrop. Cllr Wilkinson said the development could not be seen from the road. She proposed there be no objection. Agreed.
- 33.6.3.** **Planning decisions received from EHC.**
- 33.6.4.** 0657/18 Bury Green Farm House, Bury Green. Change of use of land to residential garden. Granted.
- 33.6.5.** 0726/18 2B The Grove, Bury Green. Insertion of rear dormer window and 2 no. front rooflights. Granted.
- 33.6.6.** 0970/18 Thatched House Westfield Farm Lane, Westland Green. Proposed single storey rear and side extension. Granted.

33.7. Other matters

33.7.1. Cllr Lloyd-Williams asked about the request from the owners of the land next to the Grove, Bury Green. They had asked the Council's opinion about their plans for building 7 new homes on the land. It was agreed that Cllr Lloyd-Williams would invite them to give a short presentation at the Democratic 10 minutes at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

33.8. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th September 2018.

33.9. The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:20 p.m.

Appendix 1 Letter to the Planning Office.

Re. Application 3/18/1310/HH Congregational Chapel, Chapel Lane. Installation of two air source heat pumps and timber enclosure to east elevation, of existing residential property (3/14/0126/FUL)

This application was considered at the Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd July 2018.

The Council wishes to convey the concerns of many residents, living near the chapel, about the potential noise from the heat pump fans. At night, Chapel Lane is a quiet country lane and there are many homes relatively close to the chapel. Persistent noises late at night can seem particularly intrusive even though the decibel level may be low.

The technical details provided with the planning application are very difficult for councillors and chapel neighbours to understand. The Council asks that the Planning Office take careful consideration of the noise from the proposed heat pump and the effect of this noise on nearby residents. Will the fact that the chapel is on a steep hill above many of the nearest homes affect the noise levels?