

**Minutes of a Meeting of Little Chalfont Parish Council Planning Committee
Held on Tuesday 7 October 2008 in the Village Library at 9.10 pm**

Present: Cllr M Dale, Cllr B Drew, Cllr C Gibbs, Cllr C Ingham (Chairman), Cllr D Marshall, Cllr A Tate and Cllr F Wilkinson.

In attendance: Mrs J Mason, Clerk and Ms C Burslem, Local Area Co-ordinator, Buckinghamshire County Council

Members of the Public: Mr M Warren; Mrs L Warren; Mr G Balian; Mrs P Dearing; Mr P Dearing; Ms L Hunt, Ms T. Green and Mr P Chappell.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Smith
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September:** It was agreed that the approval and signing of these minutes be deferred until the next meeting.
3. **Suspension of standing orders enabling members of the public to speak:** It was agreed that standing orders be suspended. Thanking the Committee for the opportunity to speak Mr. P Chappell, a resident of Beechwood Close, summarised his objection to planning application CH/2008/1519/FA. He was aware that the owner of the property had already addressed the Council in support of the application at the Council meeting earlier the same evening. Mr Chappell, whose home is the neighbouring house to that of the applicant, felt that the proposals were inappropriate and, in particular, would spoil the very pleasant street scene by blocking the gap between the houses where trees and sky were the dominant feature. He added that another neighbour had also objected and asked the Committee to object also. In any event he would request the opportunity to make his case to CDC's Planning Committee.

Mrs Hunt who lived at number 30, spoke in support of the application and expressed disappointment that her own application to carry out similar work had been objected to at the Planning Committee meeting held on 23 September.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their contributions and reinstated standing orders.

4. **To consider and make recommendations on the following application:**

CH/2008/1519/FA	43 Beechwood Close Little Chalfont HP6 6QX	Part first floor, part three storey side extension, single storey rear extension and two rear dormers.
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There was a detailed discussion following which a vote was taken. As a result it was resolved that Little Chalfont Parish Council object to the application for the following reasons:

- The first floor extension would hide much of the view of greenery or sky above garage level which is an attractive feature between all the houses in Beechwood Close.
- If this extension were permitted and widely repeated in the road, the street scene would be changed from a leafy to an urban appearance.
- The first floor extension would significantly close the gap with number 44 at that level, with some loss of light and an overbearing appearance

5. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday October 23 2008 in the library.

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