

**Minutes of a Meeting of Little Chalfont Parish Council Planning Committee
Held at the Library on Tuesday 01 December 2009 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr B Drew; Cllr C Gibbs; Cllr L Hunt, Cllr C Ingham (Chairman); Cllr G Smith and Cllr P Martin.

In Attendance: Mrs. K Sterling (Assistant Clerk),

Member of Public: Cllr M Tett (BCC)

1. **Apologies for absence:** These were received from Cllr M Dale.
2. **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2009:** These were approved as a correct record and duly signed by Cllr L Hunt (Vice Chairman).
3. **Suspension of standing orders enabling members of the public to speak:** County Cllr Tett, at the Chairman's invitation, addressed the meeting to explain his concerns regarding the impact of Chiltern District Council's Local Development Framework Core strategy on Little Chalfont. A disproportionately high number of new homes had been allocated and action was needed to persuade Chiltern District to reduce the figures.
4. **To receive declarations of interest:** None.
5. **Items suggested for Any Other Business:** (i) Visual Coalescence
6. **To consider the following applications:**

Application number and address	Summary of Proposed Works	Little Chalfont Planning Committee Recommendation
CH/2009/1596/SA Canton Maplefield Lane Little Chalfont HP8 4TY	Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to a single storey side extension	No objection
CH/2009/1509/FA 127 Chessfield Park Little Chalfont HP6 6RX	Two storey side extension.	No objection
CH/2009/1599/FA St Bees 25 Church Grove HP6 6SH	Single storey front and rear extensions, two storey rear extension and first floor/roof extension incorporating two dormer windows in both front and rear elevations to provide two storey dwelling	No objection

7. **Decisions of Chiltern District Council's Planning Committee:** An updated list was circulated.
8. **Appeal notices and decisions:** An updated list was circulated.
9. **Licensing applications:** An updated list was circulated.

10. **Enforcement issues:** None
11. **Core Strategy:** Summarising the key statistics Cllr Ingham reminded Councillors that Chiltern District Council (CDC) is allocating Little Chalfont an increase of 26% on the current number of homes whereas in neighbouring towns and parishes increases range from 3.3% -14 %. Confirmation has been received from Carol Castle that the Strategy will not now be published before the beginning of February, giving time to mount a public campaign which could include delivering a leaflet to all residents outlining the impact of the proposals. A draft was circulated. This approach was agreed and following discussion three main options were identified.
1. Mount a joint campaign between the Parish Council and Little Chalfont Community Association (LCCA)
 2. Encourage the LCCA to mount a campaign and support it as a Parish Council
 3. The Parish Council and LCCA to both mount campaigns and separately mail residents.

It was agreed that these options, together with the proposed leaflet, would be put to the Council for a decision at the 9 December meeting. This would enable the views of the LCCA to be considered following their meeting scheduled for 8 December.

12. **AOB:** (i) Visual Coalescence – it was agreed that in some circumstances visual coalescence is a valid argument and we should continue to use it when appropriate.
13. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 29 December 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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