

**Minutes of a Meeting of Little Chalfont Parish Council Planning Committee
Held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 24 February 2009 at 8.00pm.**

Present: Cllr B Drew, Cllr L Hunt, Cllr C Ingham (Chairman), Cllr G Smith and Cllr F Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Mrs J Mason (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** These were received from Cllr M Dale, Cllr C Gibbs and Cllr A Tate.
2. **Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on Tuesday 20 January 2009 and Tuesday 3 February 2009.** These were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Suspension of standing orders enabling members of the public to speak;** There were no members of the public present.
4. **Declarations of interest:** None
5. **To approve and note items suggested for Any Other Business (item 13):** The following were agreed for discussion under item 13: (i) whether or not the Committee should discuss applications for tree work and (ii) the possible need for a short Planning Committee meeting on 10 March.
6. To consider the following applications:

Application number and Address	Summary of proposed Works	Recommendation
CH/2009/0090/FA Willow Trees Park Grove Little Chalfont Chalfont St Giles Buckinghamshire HP8 4BG	Demolition of existing extensions and detached garage, erection of two storey front extensions, single storey side and rear extensions and part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension incorporating double garage	No objection
CH/2009/0073/FA 71 Chessfield Park Little Chalfont Buckinghamshire HP6	Single storey side/rear extension	No objection

CH/2008/1790/FA 12 Birkett Way Little Chalfont Buckinghamshire HP8 4BH	Single storey rear extension	No objection
CH/2009/0041/SA 19 Latimer Close Little Chalfont Buckinghamshire HP6 6QS	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to a single storey side extension....	No objection
CH/2009/0031/FA Wynchwood Doggetts Wood Lane Little Chalfont Buckinghamshire HP8 4TH	Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extensions (amendment to planning permission).	No objection
CH/2009/0030/FA The Leys Harewood Road Little Chalfont Buckinghamshire HP8 4UA	Two storey front extension, two storey rear extension, single storey side/rear extension to link with garage to be converted.	The Parish Council object. Although the latest application proposes a single-storey rather than a two-storey side extension, it still appears to reach to the boundary of the neighbour's property, giving a cramped appearance and removing the clear visual separation which now exists. This would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the property and the locality. There is no design and access statement to explain the reasons for the latest proposal. We understand that building work has already begun and appears well advanced. This seems inappropriate where an application, not dissimilar to one recently refused, is as yet undecided.
CH/2008/2013/FA 15 Latimer Close Little Chalfont Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6QS	Single storey side/rear extension	The Parish Council object to this application in case it is the intention that the proposed new side entry door will allow the property to be used as two separate dwellings. We understand there is a caveat forbidding the use of any plot in the road for more than one dwelling. A breach of this principle would change and damage the character of the road. Any permission granted should specify that such use will never be allowed.

CH/2008/1964/FA Cokes Green Lodge Cokes Lane Chalfont St Giles Buckinghamshire HP8 4TG	Single storey extensions to north east elevation, first floor roof extension to north east elevation...	No objection
CH/2009/0152/FA 5, Latimer Close, Little Chalfont HP6 6QS	First floor/roof extension to create two storey dwelling and single storey rear extension	The Parish Council object. The first floor level of the extension at the side would be obtrusive and overbearing, and would reduce light to the neighbour's living room.

7. **To receive decisions of Chiltern District Council's Planning Committee:** An updated list was circulated.
8. **To receive appeal notices and decisions:** An updated list was circulated. Arising from the list circulated at the 20 January meeting, the Clerk confirmed that a date had not yet been set for the local hearing relating to the three applications for Thatched house and Little Thatch (CH/2008/0712, 1499 and 1420). It was noted that Vodafone were appealing against CDC's decision to refuse planning permission for application CH/2008/1686/RM. Representations have to be with the Planning Inspectorate by 30 March and it was agreed that the Clerk would send these on behalf of the Committee before this deadline.
9. **Licensing:** the Clerk reported that there were no current licensing applications for Little Chalfont. Since the last meeting she had received further information from CDC and undertook to prepare a summary of the Government Guidance on the licensing process and circulate it to the Committee.
10. **Enforcement issues:** (i) Rowood Farm: The Clerk had been advised that an application for lawful development had been received by CDC. However, the site location plan was incomplete so the applicant's agent had been given a few more weeks in which to correct this omission. (ii) Advertising Hoarding on Chalfont House: There was no progress to report from CDC.
11. **Burtens Wood: Register of Common Land and Town or Village Greens:** the Clerk had requested advice from both the SLCC and BALC. The ownership and upkeep of such land is a complex legal issue and the Clerk was asked to report further at the next meeting.
12. **Wards (updated February 2009):** To follow.
13. **Any other business:** (i) Planning Applications for Tree Work: It was agreed that the Committee would in future not comment on such applications because Councillors were not qualified to make the necessary technical assessment; this was best left to the professionals at the District Council. (ii) Possible Planning meeting 10 March 2009: It was agreed that if necessary, a short meeting would be held on 10 March 2009.
14. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 24 March 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed..... Date.....