Minutes of a Meeting of Little Chalfont Parish Council Planning Committee Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19 January 2010 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs K Sterling (Assistant Clerk) Members of the Public: Ms H Williams

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on held on Tuesday 29 December 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 who wished to speak.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Approval of Items for Any Other Business (item 12): None

6. To consider the following applications:

Application number And address	Summary of Proposed Works	Little Chalfont Planning Committee Recommendations
CH/2009/1809/FA Long View 20 Church Grove Little Chalfont HP6 6SH	Part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension, dormer structure in front elevation, front porch and alterations to fenestration within the existing elevations of the application property	The Parish Council object. Although the earlier proposal rejected by the LPA has been slightly reduced in size at the front east corner, and the crown height of the roof has been slightly reduced, the proposed extension remains greatly out of proportion to the existing house. The design is out of keeping with the style of the nearby houses. It would appear bulky and overbearing, damaging the character and appearance of the street scene.
CH/2009/1893/SA Orchard Rise Village Way Little Chalfont HP7 9PU CH/2009/1814/FA 8 Elizabeth Avenue Little Chalfont HP6 6QB	Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to a single storey side/rear extension Single storey side extension	No Objection No Objection

CH/2009/1827/FA	Part two storey, part single storey	The Parish Council object to the
CH/2009/1828/HB	extension to north west elevation	proposed alterations to the
Hances Cottage	with single storey glazed extension	existing barn adjacent to Snells
Snells Lane	across rear elevation, single storey	Lane. The Council do not object to
Little Chalfont	extension to south east elevation,	its conversion into a detached
HP7 9QW	front porch, external alterations to	annexe in principle, but on the
	existing dwelling and alterations to	grounds of both aesthetics and
	front boundary wall. Alterations to	historic interest would regret the
	existing barn adjacent to Snells Lane	destruction of a substantial part of
	to create detached annexe.	the existing structure.
		The Parish Council object to the proposed alterations to Hances
		Cottage. While the proposed extensions would be sympathetic
		in appearance to the Cottage
		itself, they represent significant
		additions to the Cottage and it is
		difficult to see how they could be
		regarded as sufficiently
		subordinate to it to satisfy either
		listing requirements or those pertaining to extensions of built
		residential form into the Green
		Belt.
		The Parish Council note that the
		Design and Access Statement
		points to the fact that the overall
		base area of buildings on the
		existing site would be reduced
		under the application's proposals.
		The Council believe, However,
		that to try to equate the footprint
		of low level outbuildings used
		essentially for nursery purposes with, at least in part, two-storey
		residential accommodation is
		misleading, and that the
		extensions would be harmful to
		the openness of the Green Belt.
CH/2009/1898/FA	Part two storey side, part single	The Parish Council object. A two-
Tile House Cottage	storey extensions to north-west and	storey extension to the south-east
Nightingales Lane	south-east sides, two metre high	of the house has been permitted

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Chalfont St Giles	fencing to front and side boundaries	on appeal. The further extension
Buckinghamshire	and front vehicular entrance gates	proposed at the north-west would
HP8 4SL		be disproportionate to the size of
		the existing building and
		inappropriate in the Green Belt
		and the AONB. It would also look
		out of proportion to the small size
		of the plot, and thus out of
		keeping with nearby properties.
		In application 2008/0080 there
		were objections because a brick
		wall on the boundary with Tile
		Garth was to be replaced by a
		wooden fence. If this is still the
		case, we would prefer the brick
		wall to be retained to protect the
		amenity of Tile Garth and
		appearance in the AONB.
CH/2009/1903/FA	Erection of detached dwelling with	No Objection
36 Elizabeth Avenue	associated hardstanding served by	
Little Chalfont	new access onto Elizabeth Avenue	
HP6 6QG		
CH/2009/1914/SA	Application for a certificate of	The Parish Council object. The
32 Beechwood Close	lawfulness for a proposed operation	proposed large flat-roofed dormer
Little Chalfont	relating to the erection of a hip-to-	at the rear, reaching to crown
HP6 6QX	gable roof extension and rear	level, is out of keeping with other
	dormer window	houses in the surrounding area. It
		will appear overbearing from most
		angles. Large flat roofs are not a
		characteristic of the area and
		should not be permitted. The new
		window at third floor level will
		create additional overlooking of
		neighbouring gardens, damaging
		the privacy and amenity of
		neighbours.

7. To receive decisions of Chiltern District Council's Planning Committee: an updated list was circulated.

8. To receive appeal notices and decisions: None.

9. Licensing applications: None

10. Enforcement issues: (i) 122 Elizabeth Ave – the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr Drew, wrote to CDC Planning Department requesting that the apparent breach of planning consent be investigated. A reply has been received from Tracey Francis (CDC principal Planning Officer -Enforcement) confirming that the Council is aware of the alleged breach and explaining that planning legislation allows for a retrospective application to be submitted. Once all the information has been received LCPC will be notified and given the opportunity of commenting.

(ii) Rowood Farm - a formal complaint has been made by a Member of the Public to CDC about the lack of enforcement action by CDC in relation to activities at Rowood Farm. Tracey Francis has responded to the complaint and in her letter states that the Rowood farm appeal will be considered under Public Inquiry on the 12th May 2010 at the Council's Offices.

11. Core Strategy: Cllr Ingham was thanked for his update on the Draft Core Strategy for the Local Development Framework, distributed by the Clerk before the meeting, which gave a comprehensive summary of the current situation. It was also noted that the number of dwellings proposed for the Donkey Field was now down from 90 to 60. It was agreed that Cllr Ingham and Cllr Drew would write another letter to CDC acknowledging the improvements that had been made but stating that we were still opposed to the overall number of houses allocated to little Chalfont.

12. Any other business: None

13. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10 February 2010 at 7.30pm

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