

## **HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN GT HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2010 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present:                      John Haselden (Chairman)                      David E Ginn  
   Charlotte Benson                                      John D Kilby  
   Robert E Denham  
Officer present:              Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)  
Members of the Public:        10 (Chris Rogers, 8 residents of Half Acre Lane, 1 non-parishioner)

#### **1033 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Jackie King and Cllr Peter Pryor.

#### **1084 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr David Ginn declared an interest in all matters relating to the Village Hall.

#### **PLANNING**

##### **1085 Church End Cottage, Horse Shoe Lane, Gt Hormead - 3/09/2068/FP**

Construction of new garage and games room

**Resolved:      No objections**

##### **1086 Hormead Village Hall, Gt Hormead – 3/10/0034/LC**

Demolition of the original 1905 hall following completion of the extension and refurbishment of the 1060's building.

A planning application had been submitted by the Village Hall Committee for refurbishment works to the Village Hall. This application had not yet been received from East Herts Council by the Clerk and therefore could not be formally considered. The part of the application referring to the Demolition of the 1905 hall had been received, but it was considered not appropriate to comment on this part of the application without the full refurbishment application being before the Council. The Clerk was asked to contact East Herts Planning and ask for an extension of time for the receiving of comments on the demolition application, and that it run concurrently with the full planning application for the refurbishment.

**Resolved:      Clerk to ask for extension of time in order that all parts of the application relating to Hormead Village Hall can be considered concurrently.**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public in order to receive comments from the Half Acre Lane residents present. The Chairman first asked Chris Rogers (Village Hall Committee member and architect) to explain the plan. Chris Rogers gave a brief planning history of the site (planning approval for a larger hall had now expired) and the reasoning behind the current design which had been conceived as a way of phasing the development thereby allowing for continuous use of a hall for the village and also for achievable phases of funding.

Half-Acre residents raised points relating to the application that included a lot of concern about the reduced car parking area, the height of the southern end of the new hall, and the loss of a tree. Concerns not relating to the design of the application were expressed about how the funding would be found, and whether the Village Hall Committee had acted in accordance with the Charities Act and the Management Trust Agreement. Members of the Village Hall Committee responded.

The Chairman of the Parish Council asked that the Village Hall Committee hold a public meeting so all parishioners had a further opportunity to comment on the application. It was suggested that 16 February might be a suitable date. It was agreed that the Parish Council call a planning meeting for Thursday 18 February to consider a newly received application from the School and to consider the full planning application for the Village Hall which East Herts Planning had indicated was in the post to the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Chris Rogers for the work and careful thought he had put into the plans.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council planning meeting will be on Thursday 18 February 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

**Signed**                      \_\_\_\_\_

**Date**                        \_\_\_\_\_