

WIDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Widford Parish Council Extraordinary Planning Meeting 7pm, Thursday 11 June 2015 at the School

PRESENT: Cllr Jill Buck, Chairman (JB); Cllr Barbara Edwards (BE); Cllr Glen Parcell (GP); Cllr Paul Riddle (PR);

Eight members of the public

Clerk: Colin Marks, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7pm

15.001 Apologies for absence

ACTION

1. Councillors: Cllr Neil Rogers: away on business
2. Others: None

15.002 Declarations of Interest

None

15.003 Planning Application

3/15/0949/HH Ives Cottage, Ware Road: Raise roof and insert 4 no. flat roof dormers to create first floor accommodation and single storey side extension.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for public comments

The ensuing discussion raised comments about planning applications by previous occupants of the property and that there was a borehole on the site. It was in a conservation area but the building had previously been very run down. Its state and appearance has been much improved by the present owners. Street parking for a single family was not a problem at present, but there would be concerns if the new bedrooms, each with a bathroom, were to become rented flats at a later date.

There was a general consensus among neighbouring residents present that the proposed plans would not detract from the street scene and no one voiced objections to the application. The school did not raise any concerns.

The Parish Council Meeting resumed at 7.32pm

Councillors discussed the following concerns:

- That the school should not be unduly overlooked by the increased elevation and number of new first floor windows. It was noted that the present ground floor windows had frosted glass.
- That the alterations should not be a step towards a change of use from a single family home.
- That due consideration be given by East Herts Planning were there to be any increase in parking requirements as a consequence of the alterations.

Subject to these comments being passed on to EHC Planning, the Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS**

Clerk

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.37pm

Signed.....Dated.....