

**Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.10p.m. in the Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, nr Royston, Hertfordshire.**

Present: Chair Mrs M Peyton  
Committee members Mr W Burchett, Mr P Neale, Mr C Rose,  
Dr N Strudwick  
Parish Clerk Mrs G van Poortvliet  
Parishioners 0 present

1. **Apologies for absence** – all present.
2. **Declarations of interest** – none declared.
3. **Signing of minutes from the last Planning Committee meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009)** – this item was postponed until the next meeting.
4. **Discussion re Planning Application S/1578/09/F Minstrel Court, for conversion of a residential extension to a function room** – the committee members examined the plans and discussed the proposed works. The impact on the neighbouring bungalow at the farm was considered in terms of noise and proximity to the proposed car-park. Listed-building consent had not been applied for even though the building falls within the curtilage of a listed building. The entertainments licence was unlimited, allowing events to go on after midnight. No arrangements for storage and collection of waste had been made by the applicant. Potentially, all guests could be arriving and leaving at a similar time, causing traffic issues.
5. **Comments from the public** – none.
6. **Agreement of Parish Council recommendation for S/1578/09/F Minstrel Court** – the Planning Committee agreed to make **no recommendation** for this planning application but to ask for the following considerations to be made:
  - 1) The noise impact on the neighbouring bungalow at North Road Farm should be considered
  - 2) The car park is in close proximity to the bungalow
  - 3) Could the licence (24 hours) be reviewed and not extended beyond midnight for a single event?
  - 4) No arrangements have been made for the storage and collection of waste
  - 5) Listed building consent has not been sought even though the site falls within the curtilage of a listed building.
7. **Dates for future planning committee meetings** - many planning applications were being received and it was often difficult to get the Planning Committee together in time for the response deadline. It was agreed to schedule meetings at regular intervals and cancel them if they were not needed. Action: the Clerk to schedule meetings until the AGM (May).
8. **Items for next meeting** – none.

**The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.**