

Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 10th October 2016 at 7.49p.m. in Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.

Present: Chair Cllr R Scott
 Committee members Cllr W Elbourn, Cllr A Milton
 Clerk Mrs G van Poortvliet
 Members of the Public 2 present

Cllr Milton apologised for late arrival.

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr K French and Cllr L Ginger (holiday).
2. **Disclosure of interests – receipt of Disclosures of Interest from Cllrs for items on the agenda** – none declared.
3. **Approval and signing of minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 12th September 2016** – resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.
4. **Planning Application S/2272/16/FL, 128 Meldreth Road, Whaddon, SG8 5RP, retrospective application to erect a telegraph pole:**
 - 4.1 **Comments from the public:** a member of the public (a neighbour) raised the following points:
 - In his view there were already too many telegraph poles in Meldreth Road.
 - Visual impact – the telegraph pole could be seen from his bedroom, dining room and garden (photographs were shown to the Cllrs).
 - Alternative methods were available to provide an internet connection to the applicant's outbuilding e.g. using underground cabling or extending the internet connection from the applicant's house via a radio link. These would not have been visually obtrusive or required planning permission.

A member of the public (the applicant) explained that his outbuilding had been burgled and that a telephone line was needed for an alarm system. BT had installed a new telegraph pole as there were insufficient lines available on the existing poles. The applicant had not been informed by BT that planning permission was required.
 - 4.2 **Consideration of application and agreement of Parish Council (PC) recommendation and comments** – the planning application was discussed. Resolved: that the PC supports the application.
 - 4.3 **Agreement of whether the PC wishes to request a referral to SCDC's Planning Committee** – the PC did not wish to request referral to SCDC's Planning Committee. Action: the Clerk to inform SCDC of the PC's recommendation.
5. **Items for the next meeting** – none requested.

The meeting closed at 8.05p.m.