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 PCs recommendation.

5. Items for the next meeting – none requested.

The meeting closed at 8.05p.m.