

Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 18th June 2018 at 8p.m. in Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.

Present: Chair Cllr A Milton
 Councillors Cllr L Ginger, Cllr R Scott, Cllr W Elbourn
 Clerk Angela Bridges
 Members of the Public 1 present

1. **Election of the Chair of the Planning Committee** – Resolved: Cllr A Milton was elected as Chair
2. **Election of the Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee** – Resolved: Cllr R Scott was elected as Vice Chair.
3. **Apologies for absence** – None received.
4. **Disclosure of interests – receipt of Disclosures of Interest from Cllrs for items on the agenda** – none declared.
5. **Approval and signing of minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 15th January 2018** – Resolved: the minutes were signed.
4. **Planning Application S/1656/18/FL, 15 Bridge Street, Whaddon, SG8 5SG, Change of use of paddock land to residential garden:**
 - 4.1 **Comments from the public**: a member of the public (the applicant) explained that they were seeking to change the use of their paddock to residential land to give their house increased privacy and security and to give them more space to enjoy. The applicant described how animals would be stopped from entering the garden by a wooden panel fence being erected on the inside of the existing hedge. The hedge would remain the same, therefore the view to other residents would remain unchanged in the summer months and would be just visible when undergrowth had died down in winter.
 - 4.2 **Consideration of applications and agreement of Parish Council (PC) recommendation and comments** – the planning application was discussed. It was clarified that South Cambridgeshire District Council would remove any development rights to the land. It was also noted that two residents, who had no objections to the proposal, wanted to ensure that the fence would be erected inside the existing hedge and that any new hedges or trees planted on the border would be native to the UK. This would ensure that the character of the surrounding area remained in keeping with the rural outlook. The applicant confirmed once more that this would be done and that one fence would be erected.
Resolved: that the PC support the application.
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 recommendations.
5. **Items for the next meeting – noting of requests for agenda items**: none requested.
The meeting closed at 8.16p.m.