

**Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.20p.m. in the Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, nr Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.**

Present:           Chair                           Cllr M Peyton  
                   Committee members   Cllr C Rose, Cllr P Neale  
                   Clerk                               Mrs G van Poortvliet  
                   Parishioners                 3 present

The meeting started five minutes later than advertised to allow sufficient Cllrs to be present to meet quorum requirements.

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr L Ginger.
2. **Disclosure of interests** - none declared.
3. **Signing of minutes from the last Planning Committee meeting (31<sup>st</sup> May 2011)** – Resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.
4. **Planning application S/1158/11, 53 Bridge Street, Whaddon for a two storey front and rear extension:**
  - 4.1 **Comments from the public** – the members of the public preferred to respond to what the Planning Committee had to say – the Chair would bring them into the discussion (4.2 below). Cllr Ginger, who could not attend, had commented that the adjacent house was owned by SCDC and that, presumably, SCDC would need to comment on the impact of the proposals on their dwelling.
  - 4.2 **Discussion (and Public Comments)** – the application was discussed. In response to Cllrs comments and observations, two members of the public (the applicants) stated that:
    - The proposals would only increase the property size by one bedroom.
    - The property had already been extended and the proposals would square off that extension.
    - In their view there would be no adverse impact on the light in the adjacent property due to the direction of the sun.
    - SCDC had intended to extend the other adjacent council-owned properties but had run out of money.
  - 4.3 **Agreement of Parish Council recommendation and comments** – Resolved (unanimously): that the Parish Council recommend refusal of the application. Parish Council comments to be that refusal was recommended on the basis of size and scale of the proposed extensions in relation to what was already there and that the Whaddon Design Statement did not want semi-detached properties to be different on either side.

The applicants expressed their upset at the decision made by the Parish Council.
5. **Items for next meeting** – none requested.

**The meeting closed at 7.35pm.**