

**Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 8.00p.m. in Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.**

Present: Chair Cllr K French  
 Committee members Cllr W Elbourn, Cllr LGinger, Cllr A Milton, Cllr R Scott  
 Clerk Mrs G van Poortvliet  
 Members of the Public 1 present

1. **Apologies for absence** – none received, all present.
2. **Disclosure of interests** – none declared.
3. **Approval and signing of minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015** – resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.
4. **Planning Application S/0540/15/VC re former 132 Meldreth Road, Whaddon, SG8 5RP for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in respect of outline planning permission S/2500/11 (variation of condition 1 of reserved matters consent S/0046/13/RM in respect of revision to appearance of the two storey dwelling):**
  - 4.1 **Comments from the public:** the member of the public (the applicant) apologised to the Planning Committee because:
    - The Planning Committee had not been informed that the previous planning application (S/0285/15/VC) had been withdrawn until after a meeting had been held to discuss this.
    - The version of the plans for former 132 Meldreth Road that the builder had been using (as provided by the architects) were not the same version that had been approved by the Parish Council and by SCDC. This was a mistake and was the reason why a revised planning application, reflecting what had actually been built, was now being submitted. The Cllrs asked the applicant to explain what the differences were on this version of the plans from earlier versions. The applicant explained that the differences were now quite small (the application for a games room had been withdrawn due to the impact on neighbours). The roof height above the garage was now higher following earlier approval to raise the height of the garage door, there were some additional roof windows (these did not overlook anyone) and the external door above the garage had been bricked up.
  - 4.2 **Discussion and agreement of Parish Council (PC) recommendation and comments** – the application was discussed. The Cllrs expressed dissatisfaction with the process that had been followed and questioned why the fact that a different version of the plans had been used had not been picked up earlier. Resolved: that the PC recommend approval of the application (Cllr Milton abstained from the vote). Action: the Clerk to advise SCDC of the PC's recommendations. The Chair to email SCDC Planning to comment on the process that had been followed.
5. **Items for the next meeting** – none.

**The meeting closed at 8.17 pm.**