

Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 28th August 2012 at 8.00p.m. in the Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.

Present: Chair Cllr K French
 Committee members Cllr L Ginger, Cllr A Milton, Cllr M Peyton, Cllr R Scott,
 Clerk Mrs G van Poortvliet
 Parishioners 3 present

1. **Election of Chair of the Planning Committee (PC) – Resolved:** that Cllr K French be elected as Chair of the Planning Committee. Cllr French signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair of the Planning Committee.
2. **Apologies for absence** – none received (all Planning Committee members present).
3. **Election of Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee – Resolved:** that Cllr L Ginger be elected as Vice-Chair.
4. **Disclosure of interests** – Cllr M Peyton declared an interest as a personal friend of the applicants.
5. **Approval and signing of minutes from last Planning Committee meeting of 21st June 2012** – this item was postponed until the next Planning Committee meeting. Draft minutes were given to Committee members who had been present at the meeting of 21st June for review.
6. **Planning applications S/1247/12/FL and S/1247/12/LB, part demolition of existing lean to and new two storey extension, 100 Church Street (Rose Cottage), Whaddon:**
 - 6.1 **Comments from the public** – Cllr Peyton (exercising the right to speak as a member of the public) commented that the application was a good one, adequately covering conservation concerns such as preservation of the original chimney. In addition, the existing lean-to was in poor condition so the proposed changes were likely to improve the aspect when approaching Rose Cottage from the direction of the church. (Cllr Peyton left the meeting). A member of the public (the applicant) explained that the lean-to had been condemned by their architect and needed removal or replacement. The upstairs of the cottage had previously been poorly partitioned and the changes proposed would help return some of the original character. It was asserted that the extension could help protect the end of the building from wind damage. The plans would make the building more suitable for elderly residents. Finally, the applicants had spoken with their neighbours who had not voiced any objections.
 - 6.2 **Discussion and agreement of Parish Council (PC) recommendation and comments** – a Cllr queried whether one of the planning documents had mentioned a change of use of the property to Bed and Breakfast. The applicants stated that this was definitely not the case and that they would check the plans. The application was discussed. Resolved: that the PC recommend approval of the planning application. Action: the Clerk to advise SCDC of the PC's recommendation. Cllr Peyton returned to the meeting and was informed of the PC's recommendation.
7. **Items for next meeting** – approval of minutes from the meeting of 21st June.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.