

**Draft Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.32p.m. in Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.**

Present:           Chair                           Cllr R Scott  
                   Committee members   Cllr L Ginger, Cllr A Milton  
                   Clerk                               Mrs G van Poortvliet  
                   District Councillor   N Cathcart  
                   Parishioners               3 present

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr K French.
2. **Disclosure of interests** – the Clerk is a neighbour of the applicant from 122 Bridge Street (agenda item 4). The Clerk takes no part in the decision making and there were no objections from the applicant (present at the meeting) or the Cllrs.
3. **Approval and signing of minutes from the Planning Committee meetings of (i) 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and (ii) 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014** – resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.
4. **Planning Application S/1403/14/FL – 122 Bridge Street, SG8 5SN for extension and alterations to garage:**
  - 4.1 **Comments from the public:** none made.
  - 4.2 **Discussion and agreement of Parish Council (PC) recommendation and comments** – 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.
5. **Planning Application S/1693/14/FL – New Farm, Old North Road, Whaddon, SG8 5SR for demolition of existing amenity blocks and site wardens house, change of use of undeveloped land to allow redevelopment of the travellers site, provision of an additional pitch and construction of 16 new amenity blocks:**
  - 5.1 **Comments from the public:** none received. District Cllr Cathcart answered questions and confirmed that the residents of New Farm had been consulted and the majority were very happy with the proposals being made. It is planned to do the work in two stages so that most residents can remain on-site whilst it is being done. Some residents have chosen to move off-site whilst the work is being carried out and will move into housing or stay with relatives. There will not be a warden living on-site and hasn't been one living there for the past six months. However, a warden is on-site most days and is available in emergencies. This has been found to work well.
  - 5.2 **Discussion and agreement of PC recommendation and comments:** the application was discussed. Resolved: that the PC recommend approval of the planning application. Actions: the Clerk to advise SCDC of the PC's recommendations. District Cllr Cathcart to ask SCDC's Gypsy and Traveller Site Team Leader to keep the PC informed of progress and provide details of the works schedule.
6. **Items for the next meeting** – none requested.

**The meeting closed at 7.45pm.**