

**Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.50p.m. in Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.**

Present:	Chair	Cllr A Milton
	Councillors	Cllr L Ginger, Cllr N Strudwick
	Clerk	Mrs G van Poortvliet
	Members of the Public	3 present
	District Cllr	Cllr N Cathcart
Absent:	Committee members	Cllr Elbourn, Cllr A French, Cllr R Scott

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee, Cllr A Milton was elected as Chair of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr W Elbourn (holiday) and from Cllrs K French and R Scott who would have had to declare interests, as neighbours, in the application being considered.
2. **Disclosure of interests – receipt of Disclosures of Interest from Cllrs for items on the agenda** – none declared.
3. **Approval and signing of minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017** – this item was deferred to the next meeting as only one Committee member had been present at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November.
4. **Planning Application S/4438/17/FL, 23 Bridge Street, Whaddon, SG8 5SG, roof extension:**
  - 4.1 **Comments from the public:** none received. A member of the public requested that the Parish Council ask for a planning condition preventing construction vehicles from parking on Bridge Street. The road is narrow at that point and easily becomes congested. The member of the public also commented that the plans were nice and that the extension would affect the solar panels on the neighbouring house (no 21).
  - 4.2 **Consideration of applications and agreement of Parish Council (PC) recommendation and comments** – the planning application was discussed. One Cllr thought that the term ‘Roof Extension’ was misleading when the application was for an additional storey. Concern was expressed about a further reduction in the stock of small properties in Whaddon. Although the application would not change the footprint of the property, it would still be a large increase to the overall dwelling size. Resolved: that the PC support the application. Comments to be added requesting a planning condition to prevent construction vehicles from parking on Bridge Street and to bring to SCDC’s attention the PC’s concerns relating to the increase in size of properties/reduction of the stock of smaller dwellings in Whaddon.
  - 4.3 **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:** approval of the minutes from the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**The meeting closed at 8.01p.m.**