Minutes of Whaddon Planning Committee meeting held on 18th August 2009 at 8.00p.m. in the Village Hall

Present:	Committee members	Mr W Burchett, Mrs M Peyton, Mr C Rose, Dr N Strudwick
	Parish Clerk	Mrs G van Poortvliet
	Parishioners	0 present

The Clerk opened the meeting.

1. **Election of the Chair of the Planning Committee –** it was agreed to postpone the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee until the meeting on 14th September 2009 when it was hoped that all Committee members would be present. Mrs Peyton was elected as Chair for the purposes of this meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence** – received from Mr P Neale.

3. **Disclosure of interests** – none declared.

4. **Signing of minutes from the last Planning Committee meeting** – the Planning Committee agreed that the minutes from the Planning Committee of 29th July 2009 were a true record and the Chair signed them accordingly.

5. **Discussion of Planning Application S/1024/09/F, 129 Church Street, for roof extension to form pitched roof –** the application was discussed. It was felt that there were often problems with flat roofs which the proposed changes should improve. The creation of a valley gutter could potentially cause an issue.

6. **Comments from the public** – none.

7. **Agreement of Parish Council recommendations for S/1024/09/F -** the Committee agreed to **approve** the planning application. No comments from the Parish Council to be added.

8. **Consideration of SCDC Chairman's Delegation Meetings –** the Parish Council had received a letter from Comberton Parish Council outlining concerns about the way planning matters are handled by SCDC in relation to small villages. They asked for support in raising these objections at the review of the Chairman's Delegation Meetings (CDM) being undertaken by SCDC at a meeting on 1st September 2009. A discussion took place. It was commented that it was difficult to find information about the CDMs, that discussions were held behind closed doors and no minutes were published. Concerns were raised about potential freedom of information issues. Due to the timeframe, it would not be possible to consult the Parish Council or write on their behalf. It was agreed to draft a letter of support from the Planning Committee.

9. **Items for next meeting –** it was suggested that the Design Statement be considered by the Committee. The Parish Clerk informed the Committee that a letter had been received from Andrew Lansley MP asking for comments on the proposed extension of the travellers' site at Old North Road, Whaddon. This would be brought up at the Parish Council meeting on 14th September.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.