

**Minutes of the Heydon Parish Council Meeting on 26 April 2016,  
The End Cottage, 75 Fowlmere Road, Heydon**

Chairman: Diana MacFadyen  
Parish Councillors: Carroll, Janson Jones, Smith, Shaw  
District Councillors: Barratt, Hales  
Clerk: Yvonne Harris  
Other: Philip Gough

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Actual Start: 19:00

**1. Apologies**

There were none.

**2. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests of Councillors**

There were none declared.

**3. Planning**

**S/0845/16/FL**

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two detached dwellings,  
allocated garaging and access improvements  
Woodstock, 63 Fowlmere Road, Heydon

After considering the plans, the Council decided to recommend refusal of the application on the following grounds:

Access: The Council questions whether the drive will be sufficiently wide enough to cater for three houses, particularly as SCDC recently stipulated a 5.5m drive for two houses in Chishill Road. In any event, the new configuration of the driveway will result in a marked change of street scene.

Sewerage: The applicant wishes to change to mains drainage (Woodstock has a septic tank). Will this be achievable as the Bran Ditch (a Scheduled Monument) runs across the driveway and pavement and must not be excavated?

Surface water: The applicant wishes the surface water to be diverted by soak away. Should new builds be using a sustainable drainage system? Surface water must not be diverted to the Bran Ditch.

Design: Both houses are identical (aside from positioning of the garages) and close together which is not in keeping with the rest of the village. Viewed from New Road, Great Chishill, the mass will compromise the existing vista.

Subsidence: In the past Woodstock has had subsidence issues and the Council is concerned that the new properties and that of the near neighbour will suffer the same problems.

Clerk and Chairman to draft a response to SCDC to be circulated to councillors for sign off.

**4. To Accept Notices and Matters For The Next Agenda**  
None.

**5. Date and Venue for Next Meeting**  
No further planning meetings arranged.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.20.  
Our thanks to Diana MacFadyen for her hospitality.