**Good evening everyone. I was asked to chair this Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting in Marcus’ absence although I now understand that he might actually make the meeting. Anyway, let’s make a start.**

**Although, before we do start there is something that I want to say:**

**Last week we heard the sad news that Gill Tatum, our wonderful and valuable Parish Clerk will leave her post as of the end of February and although her plans are exciting the loss of our ever-efficient and hard-working Clerk will be a blow to the entire Council and to the Parish. Thank you Gill for all you have done.**

**1. Absence, apologies, declaration of interests**

**2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 13th December last.**

**3. Adjournment and Welcome to the Public – Welcome everyone to this Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting occasioned by our having to respond quickly to Wiltshire Council on the Planning Application for Queen Anne’s Cottage in Hilcott.**

**If members of the Public would like to raise questions please accept that we will place a time limit of about 3 minutes per question and that we will allow not more than 20 minutes in all for this.**

**Are there any questions from parishioners?**

**4. As stated, we are here to discuss Planning Application PL/2021/08949 which has been re-submitted (with changes) and to agree NNPC’s response to Wiltshire Council.**

**This application is for a new proposed dwelling at St Anne’s Cottage, Stitchings Lane, Hilcott**

**The proposed building would be built in the garden of the existing St Anne’s Cottage.**

**When the previous submission was considered by NNPC the majority decision was to Object due to concerns over the question of whether the proposed building was considered ‘infill’, the scale and height of the proposed house and its position on the skyline and whether the development within the Hilcott conservation area and North Wessex Downs AONB was appropriate or even allowable. The access via Stitchings Lane and the maintenance thereof was also a consideration.**

**The revised plans show a reduction in roof height to just below a neighbouring dwelling.**

**The views of some that this is a three story building appear incorrect, in fact, this is a proposal for a 1 ½ story building with dormer windows on the upper floor.**

**I will also mention that any covenants that may be in place will not be considered in the Planning Process but would be mentioned in the Planning Officer’s report and could ultimately effect the ability of the applicant to proceed.**

**I had hoped to speak to the planning officer today but, unfortunately he was not available.**

**I have here the revised sketches submitted with the application.**

**I would therefore like to open this up for discussion**