

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 21 November 2005 in the Village Hall

Present- Chairman	Mr E Webb
Councillors	Mrs M Peyton, Prof. A Milton, Dr N Strudwick, Mr L Ginger, Mr P Neale
County Councillor	Mrs Linda Oliver
District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart, Mr D McCraith
Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
Parishioners	3 Present

1.0 Apologies for absence

Vice Chairman Mrs C Byatt

2.0 Approval of previous minutes

All councillors present agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct and the Chairman (Mr E Webb) signed them accordingly, including one copy for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters Arising**3.1 Affordable Homes**

The Councillors were concerned about the re-routing of the bridleway in the area of the proposed affordable homes. The Clerk rang Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association (BPHA) and spoke to Mr Paul Barham, who stated that it was a Highways decision to re-route the bridleway. County Farms who are the owners of the land are not happy about the proposed change and are in discussion at present with Highways. BPHA will know at the end of February if funding for the project has been granted.

3.2 Bridge Street Trees

The contractor has carried out the work as agreed with the parish council.

3.3 Byway 22

A meeting was held with Mr Steve Tabbitt, Mr Jack White, Chairman of Bassingbourn P.C., Mr Ted Webb chairman of Whaddon Parish Council. Councillors Mrs Peyton and Mrs Byatt attended also Mrs Shaw. The outcome was that it is unlikely to get a Traffic Regulation Order. It has been suggested to build up a dossier of misuse of this By-way.

3.4 Village Lighting

SCDC will not be paying for the footpath lights after April 2006 as part of their cut backs due to being capped. The Parish Council have decided not to pay for the 6 footway lights that come under Whaddon Parish Council. It was agreed that the New Farm Caravan Site should be notified, also Ridgeway Close.

3.5 Wall adjoining the Village Hall

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk to the Council would arrange a meeting with the owner of the property on the other side of the wall.

CCC Linda Oliver who had to attend another parish council meeting, had previously requested to be able to speak at this point of the meeting. She has spoken to County Farms regarding litter bin at Whaddon Gap car park and they have agreed to replace it. Various meetings are taking place regarding the CEMEX proposals. The proposals have not yet gone to planning. Cambs.CC will possibly be putting up Council Tax by 5% as no extra funding is available from the Government despite the growth in the area. She was asked by Chairman Webb if the library bus could stop at Cardiff Place, it will be looked into.

4.0 Correspondence

Letters were received from Police, Fire Service and Council with the suggested council tax rises and reasons.

5.0 Planning

S/2185/05/F 114 Church Street – Mr J Cooper – Erection of 2 dwellings and Garage/Workshop/Store Block, following demolition of Existing dwelling and out buildings.
S/352/05/A Sign on A1198 – K L Green (Retrospective)

Permission Granted

S/2057/05/F North Road Farm – C J Brown, change of use of agricultural buildings to light agricultural retail.

S/2092/05/LB College Farm, Mr & Mrs Elbourn, replacement of unauthorised doors and balustrade.

Withdrawal

S/1943/05/F 105 Cardiff Place Bassingbourn, A D Gurney, Crabtree Conservatory (Retrospective).

6.0 Finance

Cheques already paid:

22/11/05	100485	£43.97 - Mr J Docwra - fuel
	100486	£14.68 - Chairman Mr E Webb - Telephone
8/12/05	100487	£32.00 – Mini Basketball England Printing Parish Magazine
	100488	£47.50 - CALC Admin Book (Chairman)
	100489	£544.23 - Mrs Y Albery, Clerk, including exp. £24.88
	100490	£21.55- Chairman Mr E Webb – Expenses
19/12/05	100491	£42.00 - Mr Pinner
	100492	£70.00 - Mr R L Green – Hire equipment
07/01/06	100493	£460.00 - S J H Tree Surgery (Bridge Street)
16/01/06	100494	£793.15 – R G Oliver & Son, Grass Cutting
	100495	£103.00 - Whaddon Village Hall, signs for the Village Hall

Precept

The Precept was voted for in three parts

Part 1 £7032 to administer and keep Whaddon in good order. All Councillors present were in favour.

Part 2 £3950 purchase of Litter Bin and Picnic Bench and repairs to Bus Shelter etc.

4 Councillors voted in favour, 2 councillors against, and wished it to be minuted that they were voting against the bus shelter money.

Part 3 £4000 this is money allocated for the start of the Village Hall Improvements.

All Councillors present were in favour of this sum.

All Councillors then agreed that the precept for 2006/2007 should be set at £15,000.

A vote was then taken that the Parish Council should accept the wishes of the majority of the parishioners to retain the Village Hall and refurbish. All Councillors agreed. Information relating to the Precept will be displayed on all notice boards.

7.0 Cemex at Barrington

Councillor Neale outlined the implications. Proposals include a chimney at 100 feet tall; burning of toxic materials; many more movements of lorry traffic which will include night time deliveries; more traffic on local roads,

8.0 Village Hall Management Committee

Councillor Strudwick outlined the business of the last Committee meeting:-

Two hand-dryers are to be purchased, the committee are willing to put £6000 towards connecting to the main sewer. Quotes have been received which are in the region of £12,000, however it is hoped to get grant aid towards the project. Further enquiries for exterior lighting have been sent out. The new Village handyman will be asked to assist with small jobs for the Village Hall.

The meeting was opened to the public – no comments.

9.0 Any Other Business

The matter of retrospective planning was brought up and District Councillor Cathcart explained the procedure. Any specific matters of this nature would receive his personal attention.

Councillor Ginger stated that complaints have been received regarding the black bin collection over the Christmas period where there were 22 days without a black bin collection.

Councillor Strudwick mentioned that not every household received a South Cambs magazine the last time they were delivered.

Councillor Byatt although not at the meeting, left a note asking the council to look at the village sign where the varnish is flaking off the seat. Chairman Webb will investigate. She also stated that litter is still being left at the Whaddon Gap car park and on the road at the entrance to the 'permissive' bridleway.

Councillor Neale said the water leak in Bridge Street has not been repaired properly.

Chairman Webb stated that cars are being parked on grass verges at Ridgeway Close. It was suggested that recently removed trees should be replaced. This matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: – 13 February 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30pm