

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20th March 2006 in the Village Hall

Present- Chairman	Mr E Webb
Vice Chairman	Mrs C Byatt
Councillors	Mr P Neale, Mrs M Peyton, Prof. A Milton, Dr. N Strudwick and Mr L Ginger
County Councillor	Mrs Linda Oliver
District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart and Mr D McCraith
Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
Parishioner	5 Present

1.0 **Apologies for absence from Councillors** – all councillors present.

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 Whaddon Gap Car Park.

The new waste bin is now in position. South Cambs District council are clearing the other rubbish from the car park on a regular basis.

3.2 Parking at Ridgeway Close

District Councillor McGraith has made enquiries, and felt South Cambs District Council were not very keen on the idea of using the allotments for car parking. He will continue to pursue the matter and also to find out who is using the garages.

3.3 Village Street Lighting

A letter has been received from South Cambs District Council offering a partnership for lights which are kept on, which would include priority renewals and replacements. Therefore the Parish Council would not have to take out extra insurance. The Councillors voted to keep the 2 lights in Ridgeway Close, but will not be keeping the lights at New Farm. The Clerk will notify Mr Quigley of the decision.

4.0 **Correspondence**

South Cambs District Council: – Community Facility Grant. Whaddon Parish Council have been awarded a grant of £5000 toward connecting the Village Hall to mains drainage, with certain conditions.

Cemex: – the proposed planning application has been suspended.

South Cambs District Council: – there are proposed election changes. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.0 **County Councillor Report**

Illegal signs on highways will be taken away as they are a distraction to drivers. They will be collected and taken to Whittlesford Depot - £20 charge to collect.

Concessionary Bus Travel tickets will not enable free travel outside the district.

Change in the Primary Care Trust will aim to support a bigger, single, ambulance trust (regionalisation).

The meeting was now opened to the public for any County Council questions.

Questions were asked about the new footway being built at Bassingbourn to replace an existing one, particularly as we are still waiting for completion of promised footway for Whaddon. County Councillor Oliver will chase up the status of the Whaddon footway. Councillor Peyton stated that a cyclist had been ordered off the Bassingbourn footway by the police. Councillor Oliver will check the legality of cycling on this footway.

The meeting was now closed to the public.

6.0 Planning

District Councillor Cathcart will enquire into the North Road, planning application (re: listed building).

7.0 Finance

Cheque No 100497 - £31.71 – Dr N Strudwick – expenses relating to setting up of website.

Cheque No 100498 - £47.50 – Mr K Charles – for printing Village newsletter

Cheque No 100499 - £15.53 – Mr E Webb – Chairman's expenses

Cheque No 100500 - £598.91 – Mrs Y Alberty – 14 weeks salary £559.30, exp £39.60 includes printer cartridge.

A Cheque for £40 has been received from Whaddon Golf Club for Advertising in the Parish Newsletter.

8.0 Website

The site has been moved to a new internet server and will soon be operational. Councillor Strudwick had brought a laptop computer to the meeting and was able to show the Councillors and members of the public what the Website might look like.

9.0 Parish Plan

Councillor Byatt – The final list of corrections has been made and approved. The Parish Plan will shortly be going to the printers and when the Plan is finally distributed, it was mentioned that a letter is to be included, inviting people to the Annual General Meeting in May.

The meeting was now opened to the public.

10.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the public suggested a litter pick as there is a lot of rubbish around the village. It was agreed that this would take place on Monday 3rd April at 10.00am meeting at the Whaddon Gap Car Park.

The matter of the recent blockage of the sewage in Bridge Street was raised and after reading the Parish Newsletter a member of the public asked why they should pay an extra charge when their property was not on mains drainage. The Chairman stated that general costs such as these are usually shared by everybody.

It was also stated from the floor that the church gates would be re-stained.

The meeting recommenced.

11.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Peyton mentioned that there was ivy on the tree by the recreation ground.

Burglary last week in Whaddon reminder to villagers to be extra vigilant about locking up property etc.

There have been reports of illegal shooting on land in the area, the police have been involved.

Councillor Cathcart stated that there is a sports centre being proposed at Bassingbourn near the College.

The Chairman mentioned that the village handyman has resigned and an advert has been inserted in the Newsletter for the vacancy to be filled.

The date of the next meeting is 24th April 2005 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.