

**Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting
at Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, SG8 5RY**

July 12th 2021, at 8pm

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	A Birch, W Elbourn, D Townsend and A Milton.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	Members of the Public	Two
	County Councillor	None
	District Councillor	None

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Strudwick and Cllr Hart gave their apologies.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 24th May 2021. Resolved: the minutes were approved and signed.
3. **Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda** – Cllr Elbourn abstained from item 7 due to being a landowner in the area.
4. **Reports from Clerk and Councillors** –
The Chair reported that the grass cutting is up to date with regular cuts on the recreation ground.
The Parish Council submitted a formal reply to the recent EWR consultation and the Government consultation into remote meetings.
5. **Reports from District and County Councillors** – a written report received.
This gave further information about the South Cambs. Community Safety Partnership; the Community Chest Grant and The Zero Carbon Grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council. It was also reported that Thakeham have confirmed that it commissioned recent surveillance work on its ‘proposed site’. The Chair reminded all concerned residents to join the South West Cambridgeshire Action Group.
6. **Public Participation** – None.
7. **South West Cambridge planning proposal update** – there were no formal updates.
8. **LHI Bid update** – The Chair confirmed that Cambridgeshire County Council have formally agreed the budget and the parish council are awaiting the first draft of the new design scheme for the road layout.
9. **Correspondence**: noting receipt of significant items of correspondence

- May 2021 parish e-bulletin (SCDC 27/5/21)
- East West Rail Consultation (3/6/21)
- Meridian Integrated Neighbourhood Partner Event (Cams and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust 14/6/21)
- South Cambridgeshire Virtual Roundtable agenda and invite (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 28/6/21)
- Zero Carbon Communities Grant (SCDC 28/6/21)
- Receipt of documents – notification of exempt status for Annual Return 2021 – SBA (3/7/21)
- CAPALC July bulletin (7/7/21)
- News from Anthony Browne MP (7/7/21)

10. Planning updates: Application **21/01646/HFUL**, Single storey front extensions, first floor extension and revised roof profile. 4 Bridge Street Whaddon SG8 5SQ. Application withdrawn.

11. Finance:

- 11.1** Staff wages and expenses - £762.84
- 11.2** Handyman wages and expenses - £272.54
- 11.3** Grass cutting x 8 recreation ground cuts and one verge cut - £840
- 11.4** Payment for cutting permissive path 2020/21 - £200
- 11.5** Progress against budget review - up to June 30th 2021

12. Handyman - consideration and agreement of pay increase – It was agreed by all to increase the hourly wage of the handyman.

13. Consideration of Village Hall car park repair works – The Chair confirmed that part of the drainage system in the Village Hall car park is broken and quotes are being collected for repairing the damaged section. It was proposed that the Parish Council and the VH&RGT pay half the costs of the repair each. All agreed.

14. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update – The Chair confirmed that the proposed mobile fish and chips caterer had been given permission by the Trust to come to the village car park. This was dependant on ensuring that there is no litter left. Vandalism has been recently reported in the playground and the handy man will repair this.

The Chair also spoke of the recent village consultation for fencing around the playground and confirmed the majority of the 56 responses (84.5%) objected to the proposal and therefore the Trust had agreed that the fence proposed for the small children's playground will not now be installed. The Chair reported that Cllr Strudwick had asked him to register his extreme disappointment at this outcome, as he had worked hard to raise the money to pay for the fence with a grant from the Coop. Cllr Birch said that the Trust will be writing to the Coop offering to return the grant money.

15. Village Upkeep and Maintenance

- i) Reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions – Cllr Townsend spoke of the bushes along Church Street growing across full access to the footpath at the rear of houses in Town Farm Close.
- ii) Discussion and agreement of donation to end of lockdown party – it was agreed by all present that the Parish Council contribute up to half the external costs of the event.

16. Items for next meeting – noting of requests for agenda items. None.
Meeting ended at 9.07pm

Date of next meeting - Monday 9th August 2021 at 8pm.

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