

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

at Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, SG8 5RY.

8pm on November 8th, 2021.

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	N Strudwick, J Hart, A Birch, W Elbourn D Townsend
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	Members of the Public	One
	County Councillor	None
	District Councillor	J Hales

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – As a result of moving away from the area, Cllr Milton has given his resignation from the Parish Council, which takes effect from 8th November. The Clerk to update SCDC. It is unlikely that a replacement councillor will be elected as the whole council will have to be re-elected in May 2022.
District Councillor Hart and County Councillor van de Ven sent their apologies.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 11th October 2021.
- 3. Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda** - none
- 4. Reports from Clerk and Councillors – verbal updates about progress on resolutions and actions from previous Parish Council meetings**
The Chairman confirmed that the final grass cut of the year had been completed on the verges and possibly the recreation ground. The hedge has also been cut back along cut at the Church Street/Town Farm Close entrance, giving more room on the footpath. Cllr Strudwick stated that he has contacted Bassingbourn Parish Council to discuss Byway 22 from Dyers Green and is awaiting a reply.
Community Speedwatch will resume in the spring and residents' views on speeding vehicles will be sought in the upcoming Parish Plan questionnaire.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors** – Cllr Hales discussed the recent meeting with Anglia Water, who confirmed that they will conduct a survey on the drainage system in Meldreth leading to Meldreth Road in Whaddon. This will ascertain the major areas that require attention when there is excess rainfall.
Cllr Hales spoke of SCDC attending Melbourn Hub on November 13th for an information event on the Local Plan consultation, which is currently in progress. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council will formally respond to the consultation.

There are no further updates on the Thakenham situation although it was noted that a large Thakeham stand was observed on TV at the recent Conservative Party Conference!

6. Public Participation

None.

7. LHI Bid update – no further updates.

8. Correspondence: noting receipt of significant items of correspondence

- Greater Cambridge Local Plan - Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (14/10/21)
- Parish/Cabinet Liaison Meeting - Monday, 29 November 2021 information – SCDC (19/10/21)
- Annual precept information from SCDC
- COVID-19 community update - Friday 22 October 2021 – SCDC (22/10/21)
- Zero Carbon Communities Green Connect Event- SCDC (29/10/21)
- Cambridgeshire County Council - Climate Change Strategy Webinar (29/10/21)
- Greater Cambridge Local Plan: consultation now open - Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (2/11/21)
- COVID community update - 4 November 2021 (SCDC)
- Post-Covid Community Support Workshop – SCDC (5/11/21)

9. Planning updates - none

10. Finance:

- 10.1** Staff wages and expenses - £407.68
- 10.2** Printing for September Whaddon News - £112
- 10.3** Noting of handyman wages from June – September 2021 (paid September) - £207.50.
- 10.4** Chair's expenses (July-October 2021) - £50
- 10.5** 2022-23 Precept Planning – agreement of date for Precept Meeting and noting of potential projects requiring funding – This was arranged for 6th December at 7.30pm via Zoom.

11. Consideration of the 'Six Free Trees' for Parish Councils from SCDC – Three Oaks and three Rowan trees have been ordered from SCDC, to be delivered in early December. It was agreed that the Parish Council will plant the Oak trees on the recreation ground, where they are near a water supply and the Rowan trees in the Ridgeway Close area.

12. Parish Plan update – The first of Whaddon's Parish Plan team meetings will be held on Monday November 22nd.

13. Whaddon Gap Car Park – The Chairman spoke of an increase in anti-social behaviour at the car park, including dumping of waste, stolen vans and materials. The councillors were

reminded that this is owned by County Farms (CCC) and the Parish Council have requested that the car park should be removed, due to persistent issues since it was constructed in the mid-1990s. Those wishing to use the permissive paths for walking to and through would be able to park at the village hall car park as an alternative.

14. Discussion on recycling items excluded by SCDC –

Cllr Strudwick discussed recycling medicine blister packs and other items in the village. It was suggested that a collection bin could be put on the village hall wall and the Parish Council would ensure that these are collected and recycled regularly. This will be discussed by the Village Hall Trust.

15. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update –

Cllr Birch confirmed that a new trustee was appointed at the beginning of November and that two trustees had completed ACRE training, focusing on volunteer recruitment. Cllr Birch reminded the meeting that the first film night is on 20th November, and all are welcome to attend. The Trust are also holding a family Christmas tree decoration afternoon, at the village hall, on Sunday 5th December at 4.30pm.

Cllr Strudwick requested that the WHV&RGT minutes could be sent to the Clerk and circulated to the Parish Council members.

Cllr Strudwick also asked for an update regarding the Co-Op grant which was unused and Cllr Birch confirmed that there had been no response from the Co-Op following her correspondence.

16. Village Upkeep and Maintenance

Reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions –

Cllr Townsend stated that she had reported the broken bollards opposite St Mary's Close and slippery surfaces on the bridges on the village footpaths. It was agreed that the handyman could attach wire netting to the wooden surface on the bridges to increase grip for walkers when they are wet.

It was also confirmed that the recent pothole road work had finished, ready for resurfacing the road in early summer next year.

17. Items for next meeting – noting of requests for agenda items

End of meeting 9.12pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 10th January 2021 at 8pm