

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

10th January 2022 at 8pm

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – County Councillor van de Ven, District Councillor Hart and Cllr Elbourn gave their apologies.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** - approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 8th November 2021. These will be signed after Cllr Strudwick has given his suggested alterations to the Clerk.
- 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.**
Cllr Hart confirmed that she had potted the trees that were given to Whaddon Parish Council by the '6 Free Trees' scheme run by SCDC. This will increase their size and increase survival rates for planting at the end of 2022.
The Chairman confirmed that the discarded fridge has been reported as fly tipped to SCDC, as it has been left on the pavement of Meldreth Road.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors**
Cllr Hales stated that green bin collection will resume in South Cambridgeshire on January 12th.
Cllr Hales spoke of the Household Support Fund, which is emergency support for families who may be isolating. This is available from Cambridgeshire County Council, who will contact households identified as being eligible.
Cllr Strudwick confirmed that because of the latest Covid peak, the train timetable had been reduced to a basic hourly service. He had, however, helped to secure an extra morning peak weekday train to Cambridge from Meldreth that is designed to help those needing to commute, particularly school children.

6. Public Participation - none

7. LHI Bid update

Cllr Strudwick confirmed that the project manager for the initiative had left the Highways department. The safety audit needs to be completed before work can commence, and this will look at the new houses opposite Whaddon Gap. The Chairman confirmed that the planning application for further houses in this site has not yet been dealt with by south Cambs but that County Highways had signalled concerns about the entrance.

Cllr Strudwick confirmed that funding for the A1198 improvements will be available in the next financial year, if the work is delayed. Action: The Clerk to update Bassingbourn Parish Council and request confirmation that their contribution of £1,000 can be carried to the next financial year if required.

8. Correspondence: noting receipt of significant items of correspondence:

- CAPALC bulletin (9/11/21)
- SCDC Parish E Bulletin update (30/11/21)
- Refuse collection update from Greater Cambridge Shared Waste (8/12/21)
- Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference from SCDC (5/1/22)
- Parish Council Elections for 5th May 2022 – SCDC (6/1/22)

9. Discussion on proposed recycling unit in Whaddon

Cllr Strudwick confirmed that SCDC have offered two 140L bins for recycling without a charge and that he was waiting for confirmation from the WVH&RCT on the most suitable location for these. Cllr Strudwick also spoke of the need to secure the bins by the Village Hall, which can be done by the Handyman. Cllr Birch suggested that the bins could be located by the entrance of the village hall, so that they are visible to residents, and this would be confirmed after the WHVT&RGT meeting next week.

10. Finance:

10.1 Staff wages and expenses - £815.36

10.2 Church yard grass cut for public footpath 2021 - £90

10.3 Grass cut for recreation ground - £78

10.4 Whaddon News printing - £117

10.5 Consideration of recommendations from Precept Meeting.

It was suggested that Band D contributions would stay at £79.98, which is the same rate as last year. There are an increased number of Band D homes in 2022/23 according to SCDC, which means a slight increase in the overall precept received.

10.6 Agreement and approval of 2022/23 precept.

All agreed to keep the rate the same as 2020/21, at £17,629.

10.7 Consideration of charitable donation of £100. This will be discussed in the February meeting when Cllr Elbourn can update the Parish Council on the Palmer Trust.

10.8 Bank reconciliation approval

This was signed and approved by Cllr Birch.

11. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update -

Cllr Birch updated the Parish Council by confirming that a new cleaner has been appointed. The annual electrical and lighting check have been completed, with replacements needed on some emergency and external lights.

Cllr Birch spoke of the very successful Christmas tree lighting event, with had over fifty residents attending with a large number of children and was an enjoyable event for all.

12. Village Upkeep and Maintenance

i) Reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions

Cllr Hart spoke of the increased mud around the gate to the recreation ground making it very slippery.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Townsend for organising the very successful Christmas lunch at the Village Hall. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Hart for running the popular coffee mornings, Cllr Birch for her work on the Village Hall Trust and Cllr Strudwick for running the village website and email group.

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

Queens Jubilee celebration ideas.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm