

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

11th July 2022 at 8pm

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	N Strudwick, J Hart, W Elbourn & A Birch
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	Members of the Public	One
	District Councillor	J Hales
	County Councillor	S van de Ven

- 1. Apologies for Absence** - Cllr D Townsend
- 2. Approval of Minutes – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 13th June 2022.** These were agreed by all.
- 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 firstly spoke of the recent road resurfacing, which has now been completed, with some remaining white lines to be painted. Cllr Elbourn questioned the untreated road towards Whaddon Gap. The Chair had asked Highways to confirm that this section is just as durable as the road throughout the village. He had also pointed out a major issue with the surface at the side of the road opposite the drive to Rectory Farm as far as Green Farm.

Cllr Hart agreed that she will book a date for the defibrillator training, to take place at the end of the summer holidays.

The Chair reported that David Grech had agreed to be a non-Parish Councillor member of the Planning Committee, as agreed by Minute 8 of the APCM on 11th May. Mr Grech would not have voting rights on the Committee.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor van de Ven spoke of the A10 Awareness Walk and Ride, which aims to highlight the cycle path between Cambridge and Melbourn on 25th September, and all are welcome.

Cllr Hales spoke of the great success of the recent 'Health at the Hub' event and confirmed that a future menopause clinic, in conjunction with the PCN, would also be held at the Melbourn Hub.

The Chair asked Cllrs Hales and van de Ven to take up, with some urgency, the issue of the delay to the introduction of the LHI project at Whaddon Gap. He stated that this vital road safety scheme had been delayed for too long and that the developer is now clearly in breach of planning conditions.

6. Public Participation

The member of the public asked for a Speedwatch update and the Chairman confirmed that the new Speedwatch leader had now been trained and it is hoped to be up and running soon.

The member of the public also asked about the overgrown grass along public footpath number 11 and 12. The Chairman agreed to ask the contractor to cut this additional public footpath, which runs from the A1198 to Bumkins Nursery.

The member of the public lastly confirmed that the Parish Plan questionnaire was set up online and they were waiting for the printed copies, to distribute to those who requested this format. Early indications are that the on-line response is good.

7. Confirmation of future use of Meldreth Road telephone kiosk

Cllr Birch reminded the meeting that a history of the village display had been previously suggested and that the telephone box would be an ideal place for this to be placed. It was also suggested that it could contain more up to date information as well. It was agreed to investigate this idea further.

8. Queen's Jubilee bench decision

It was agreed by all to purchase the wooden commemorative bench from Mencap for £965 including VAT.

9. To discuss co-option for the vacancy on the Parish Council

It was agreed by all to advertise to co-opt for the Parish Council vacancy, after notification from SCDC.

10. Correspondence: noting receipt of significant items of correspondence

- Think Communities - South Cambridgeshire Place Team - Summer Newsletter from Cambridgeshire County Council (5/7/22)

11. Finance:

Payments agreed

- 11.1** Staff wages and expenses – £414.96
- 11.2** Grass cutting - £372
- 11.3** Printing letter for the Parish Plan - £48
- 11.4** Additional payment of grass cutting £78

12. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update

Cllr Birch confirmed that fire and lighting checks in the hall have just been completed. Cllr Birch also expressed her thanks to the Whaddon cricket club who helped clear the garage.

13. Village Upkeep and Maintenance

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

Cllr Hart stated that the gate to the recreation ground appeared stuck and Cllr Elbourn agreed to speak to the contractor.

14. Items for next meeting to be held on Monday 5th September – noting of requests for agenda items

None

The meeting ended at 9.28pm