

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

13th June 2022 at 8pm

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – District Councillor S A Hart.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 9th May 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 confirmed that the road resurfacing has just taken place, which should greatly improve the road through the village.
Cllr Hart agreed to book a date for defibrillator training for residents, at the Village Hall, which will be confirmed shortly.
The Chairman stated that a reminder about using the defibrillator had been sent around the village and that the outside light was confirmed to be working correctly.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors**
County Councillor van de Ven spoke of the need for local volunteers for the Ukraine Scheme in the area due to high numbers of new families arriving in South Cambridgeshire.
District Councillor Hales invited all residents to attend the ‘Health at the Hub’ event on the 25th June, from 10am to 2pm at the Melbourn Hub. This is primarily for patients of the Meridien Primary Care Network (Melbourn, Royston Health Centre, Roysia Surgery, Orchard Road Surgery, Comberton & Eversden Surgeries and Harston Surgery), but all other residents are welcome to meet NHS professionals.
District Councillor Hales also confirmed there was a Covid Vaccine walk-in clinic at the Hub on 27th June from 10am-6pm.

- 6. Public Participation** - none
- 7. LHI Bid update** – no further updates.
- 8. Whaddon Jubilee celebration** – The Parish Council thanked the Jubilee Working Group for all their hard work for a successful weekend, enjoyed by many. The crochet group was also thanked for their beautiful display on the Village Hall. Councillors also wished to place on record, their thanks to Lorna and Richard Green at the Golf Range, for their hard work at the beer festival over the weekend, which complemented the Jubilee activities.
- 9. Meldreth Road telephone box** – The Parish Council thanked the handyman, Jonathan Burgess for all his hard work and dedication refurbishing the telephone kiosk. The future use of the telephone kiosk will be discussed at the July Parish Council meeting.
- 10. CCC Transport Engagement Survey** – The Chairman stated that he would complete the online survey on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 11. Discussion and approval of the SCDC Code of Conduct policy** – agreed by all.
- 12. To discuss co-option for the vacancy on the Parish Council** – The Clerk to confirm with SCDC and CAPALC when the Parish Council may have to formally advertise to co-opt a new member and if a non-Parish Councillor has voting powers, if elected to join the Planning Committee.
- 13. Correspondence:** noting receipt of significant items of correspondence
- CCC Transport Strategy Stakeholder Engagement Survey 2022 – 2/6/22.
 - Complaint regarding the overgrown permissive paths around Pickering Wood and top of Bridge Street.
- 14. Finance:**
- 14.1 Staff wages and expenses – £414.96
 - 14.2 Internal audit fee - £50
 - 14.3 Grass cutting - £78
 - 14.4 SLCC membership - £85.50
 - 14.5 Grass seed for residents Jubilee gift - £320.95 (refunded to clerk)
 - 14.6 Whaddon News printing - £153.50
 - 14.7 Added payments to avoid late a late fee:
 - SCDC election fees - £105
 - Grass cutting x 2 at £78 per recreation ground cut
 - Handyman wages and expenses - £763.19
 - 14.8 To consider Queen’s Jubilee commemorative bench options – to be confirmed at July meeting.
 - 14.9 To consider a pre-paid card for the Parish Council – It was agreed by all that the Parish Council should apply for a Unity Bank Trust Multiway card, for future purchases.

Cllr Hart left the meeting at 9.29pm

15. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update

Cllr Birch spoke of the recent AGM on the 16th May, where there was one resignation. The Vice Chairman is yet to be confirmed. Cllr Birch expressed her thanks was to the crochet group and the Jubilee Working Group for all their hard work.

Cllr Birch confirmed there will be a small increase in hire charges for all users of the Village Hall.

Lastly, Cllr Birch informed the meeting that the Trust had been successful in applying for funding, from SCDC, for a commentative picnic bench for the recreation ground.

16. Village Upkeep and Maintenance

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

The Clerk informed the meeting that the permissive paths were very long, especially around Pickering Wood.

The Clerk asked Cllr Birch is the Village Hall Trust could store a small, locked filing cabinet for Parish Council documents in the hall and the Clerk agreed to get dimensions.

Cllr Strudwick spoke of the gate into the recreation ground, which required attention.

Cllr Elbourn confirmed that he would speak to the contractor.

Cllr Townsend spoke of a scheme being introduced at Guilden Morden to encourage residents to share food items with others in the village.

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

The meeting ended at 9.45pm