

# WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	W Elbourn, A Birch, Cllr Townsend.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	Members of the Public	One.
	County Councillor	S van de Ven
	District Councillors	J Hales and SA Hart

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr C Hales, Cllr J Hart and Cllr Strudwick gave their apologies.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.** These were approved and signed at the end of the meeting.
- 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.  
All items to be updated will be discussed in the meeting.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors** – this item was moved to become **item 15** as the councillors were not yet present.
- 6. Public Participation**  
The member of the public spoke of their concern about the change of planning obligations on the St Mary's Close application which was being discussed in the meeting.
- 7. Planning update:**
  - i) Minutes of Meeting 10th May
  - ii) **23/01952/LBC** - Listed Buildings consent 153 Bridge Street. This was approved.
  - iii) **23/01751/S106A** - Modification of planning obligations contained in Section 106 agreement 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 – 2-7 St Mary's Close. This item was adjourned pending the arrival of District and County Councillors later in the meeting (item 16).
- 8. Correspondence:** noting receipt of significant items of correspondence – none.
- 9. LHI Bid** – The Chairman confirmed that the LHI road works at Whaddon Gap will finally commence in mid to end of August. The surface dressing repairs along Meldreth Road, are scheduled to be carried out imminently.
- 10. Parish Plan** – This was agreed to be discussed at the July agenda when all Parish Councillors are present to discuss.
- 11. PC endorsement of Palmer Trust trustees** – It was confirmed that C Coningsby and W Elbourn will continue as trustees for the next four years, until April 2027.
- 12. Quote for supply of strengthening supports for Recreation Ground railings.**

The quote from Morley Manufacturing to manufacture, paint and install railing vertical stays along the recreation ground for £650, was agreed. Due to safety concerns this will be done as soon as possible, and no further quotes will be sought.

**13. Finance to approve:**

- 13.1** Staff wages and expenses – £492.61
- 13.2** Litter/dog waste bin collection from SCDC – £211.20
- 13.3** Grass cutting - £78
- 13.4** Whaddon News printing - £129
- 13.5** Internal auditor fee - £50

**14. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update**

Cllr Birch stated that a new cleaner had been appointed and that the playground works, identified in the RoSPA report, have now been completed.

**15. Cllr S van de Ven entered the meeting at 8pm and item 5 (Reports from District and County Councillors) was moved to this point to be discussed.**

Cllr van de Ven spoke of the Civil Parking Enforcement which is being introduced in Cambridgeshire in November. The scheme will see traffic wardens able to enforce illegal parking and lines are being repainted where parking enforcements are in place.

The member of the public asked Cllr van de Ven about the lack of white lines around Whaddon and surrounding areas and it was agreed that they were insufficient and needed to be repainted for safety reasons.

(Cllr SA Hart and Cllr J Hales entered the meeting at 8.15pm.

Cllr van de Ven also confirmed that Whaddon residents are now able to use Royston recycling centre so long as they show an ID document.

**16. Item 7 iii) was moved to this point in the meeting, to discuss with the District Councillors. 23/01751/S106A - Modification of planning obligations contained in Section 106 agreement 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 – 2-7 St Mary's Close.**

The Chairman spoke of the concerns that the application could potentially lead to a situation where the affordable homes in the village could be sold or let at market rates. He confirmed that one of the homes has already been sold on the private market in Spring 2019. It was agreed that the original planning agreement had stated that five non-market rental properties and three shared ownership homes were built to give affordable housing.

Cllr Hales agreed that this was a great concern and felt it needed further investigation. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not have enough information to consider the application and a request an extension to explore this further. Cllr Hales suggested that the Parish Council should write to the Planning Officer and James Fisher, who is the S106 officer at SCDC, to express their concerns.

Member of the public and the District and County Councillors left the meeting at 9pm.

**17. Village Upkeep and Maintenance – no updates.**

**18. Items for next meeting –** noting of requests for agenda items – The Parish Plan was agreed to be discussed at July's meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.03pm