

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

on 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm

| | | |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Present: | Chairman | N Strudwick |
| | Councillors | W Elbourn, D Townsend & A Birch |
| | Members of the Public | One |
| | County/District Councillor | S van de Ven and SA Hart |
| | Parish Clerk | A Culver |

- 1. Apologies for absence** – J Hart and L Ginger.
- 2. Approval of minutes** – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 13th May 2024. The minutes 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.
No updates other than items on the agenda.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors** – County Councillor S van den Ven stated that the Council have cancelled any controversial meetings due to pre-election purdah. District Councillor S A Hart asked for the Parish Council to distribute the warning from SCDC about putting batteries in the main rubbish collections. A number of recent fires had been started in refuse vehicles, due to batteries which had crushed or been damaged and caught fire. These can be recycled but must kept in separate bags to the main recycling or waste.
Cllr Van de Ven spoke about the outcome of the recent meetings with Anglia Water and they confirmed they would investigate the effectiveness of the pumping station.
Cllr Strudwick spoke about the report which identified speeding along the A1198. S van de Ven confirmed she went to a recent meeting with Bassingbourn Barracks, who thanked Whaddon PC for its work on A1198 speed limit reduction, but that speeding was still occurring. The clerk of Bassingbourn PC will be contacting Whaddon PC so that the two PCs can work together, each with their own MVAS, on their sides of the A1198.
Cllr Strudwick also asked Cllr Van de Ven about the situation with weedkilling on the kerbs in the village. She confirmed that the situation had been reviewed and that Whaddon will remain on the weedkilling rota and the this will now be done twice a year in June and October; the next visit is expected on 24th June.
- 6. Public participation** - none
- 7. Planning update - 24/01973/HFUL.** Single storey rear extension with Solar PV panels to roof following demolition of existing conservatory and alterations to

windows and doors. 20 Bridge Street Whaddon. This was approved by the Planning Committee.

8. **Correspondence:** noting receipt of significant items of correspondence – none. Cllr Strudwick mentioned that two letters had been received from villagers about the grass verges and weeds in the village.
9. **Finance to approve:**
 - Staff wages and expenses – £492.61
 - Herts & Cambs Ground maintenance rec grass cutting – £202
 - Zurich – insurance for Parish Council - £366.73
 - Internal auditor - £99
10. **Sustainable Whaddon update** – no further updates.
11. **MVAS update** - no further updates.
12. **Parish Council vacancy** – Cllr Strudwick stated that there were potential residents who may apply for the vacancy, and this should be on the July agenda.
13. **Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update – no further updates.** Cllr Strudwick suggested that updates need be provided if possible only at PC meetings when a meeting of the Trust has recently taken place.
14. **Village upkeep and maintenance** – Cllr Townsend stated that some of the road signs were obscured by overgrowing trees and it was agreed that Cllr Townsend should ask the handyman to cut back any overhanging branches.
15. **Items for next meeting** – noting of requests for agenda items.
Update of bank signatories.

Meeting ended at 8.27pm