

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

on 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	C Hales, W Elbourn, A Birch & J Hart.
	Members of the Public	Two
	County/District Councillor	J Hales and S van de Ven.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges

- 1. Apologies for absence** – D Townsend and N Strudwick and District Councillor S A Hart
- 2. Approval of minutes** – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 12th February 2024. These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- 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 location of the MVAS will be established on the A1198 and asked Cllr van de Ven for highway road use statistics for the A1198 from Cambridgeshire County Council, which were recorded in the last five years. Cllr Ginger to consult with the Highways Officer for Whaddon to decide on the exact location of the MVAS camera.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors** - Cllr van de Ven confirmed that she will be meeting Anglia Water next week to discuss foul water discharge in Meldreth and Whaddon and neighbouring villages.
- 6. Public participation** – The member of the public informed Cllr van de Ven that some residents are not receiving the SCambs magazine. Cllr van de Ven asked if these could be reported to SCambs.
- 7. Planning update - 24/00611/S73** - S73 to vary condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 23/02175/HFUL (Single storey front extensions, internal and roof alterations) to increase the size of the extension by 1.3m to the front. 4 Bridge Street, Whaddon. This was agreed by the Parish Council.
- 8. Correspondence:** noting receipt of significant items of correspondence – none.
- 9. Finance to approve:**
 - 9.1** Staff wages and expenses – £492.61
 - 9.2** Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance - rec roll/spike - £696
 - 9.3** Orwell Mencap – commemorative bench (paid for by resident) - £838.10.

- 10. Annual Parish Meeting** – 22nd April was agreed.
- 11. Sustainable Whaddon update** – Paul Evans spoke of the first public meeting, which highlighted alternative energy provision, trees, a cycling route to Meldreth station and sustainable gardening. This will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. Other ideas included a seed swap in the telephone kiosk on Meldreth Road and a stall at the village fete. The group are in the process of setting up their own email address and designing a logo.
- The Parish Council discussed stating a climate emergency and what this would mean for Whaddon residents. Cllr van de Ven spoke of the increased workload of climate change, for example flooding problems, and that declaring a climate emergency should be prioritised to show commitment to helping environmental issues.
- 12. Riparian rights** – reminder to residents which will be sent via email, to clear ditches around their property to ensure that water can run freely. This is especially important due to yearly high rain fall.
- 13. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update** – The Chairman spoke of the proposal for solar panels on the village hall and the Parish Council agreed that this would be beneficial and agreed in principle. The garage in the recreation ground was also highlighted as needing renovation.
- 14. Reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions** The large beech tree by St Mary's Close has an overhanging branch which is being hit by tall vehicles. Cllr Hart to speak to Shires Tree Surgery.
- 15. Items for next meeting** – noting of requests for agenda items. Climate Emergency declaration.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm