

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

on 14th October 2024 at 7.30pm

Present:	Chairman	N Strudwick
	Councillors	W Elbourn, A Birch, D Townsend & B Fairclough
	Members of the Public	One
	Parish Clerk	A Culver

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Parish Councillors L Ginger and J Hart. County Councillor S van de Ven and District Councillor Hales.
- 2. Approval of minutes** – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 9th September 2024. These were agreed and signed.
- 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.**

Cllr Strudwick stated that there was a possible volunteer to take over the village newsletter and this will be confirmed soon.

There remains parking of residents on the turning bay at the top of Bridge Street. Cllr Townsend agreed to post the email circulated on the village email group to residents of that area, for those who may not have received it. This reminds residents to not park in this area as it is needed for passengers to get on and off the bus safely.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors** – Cllr Hales said that there remained frustration with Anglian Water, as there had been no updates or follow up as promised by the company since the meeting.

Residents were also reminded to ask for support applying for benefits with SCDC Benefits Team, to ensure that full support is given to those who are entitled to it.
- 6. Public participation** – none.
- 7. Correspondence:** noting receipt of significant items of correspondence – none.
- 8. Parish Plan review** - Cllr Birch asked for the document to be reviewed in terms of possible Parish Council involvement. This was suggested to be reviewed in the January meeting. Cllr Fairclough asked if those items were identified in priority in terms of the level of public support and this was agreed to be a good idea to help focus potential projects.
- 9. Sustainable Whaddon update** – the next meeting is on October 23rd.
- 10. MVAS update** – Cllr Towsened asked if the Police could be requested to have speed checks along the A1198 and it was felt that these occurred in accident hotspots only.
- 11. Finance to approve:**

- Staff wages and expenses - confidential
- Herts & Cambs Ground maintenance rec grass cutting - £438 (5x invoices)
- Simple Solutions payroll – £61
- Catalyst2 - £42
- Morely Manufacturing - £70
- PKF (external auditors) - £252
- CAPALC – councillor training - £75
- EE Plumbridge (2 Whaddon News printing - £376

These were approved and agreed.

12. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update – no further updates.

13. Village upkeep and maintenance – the road repairs at the top of Bridge Street have not yet been completed.

14. Items for next meeting – noting of requests for agenda items. Cllr's Birch and Fairclough gave their apologies for the November meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm