

## Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:-	Chairman	Mr E Webb
	Councillors	Mr P Neale, Mrs M Peyton, Mr L Ginger,
	County Councillor	Mrs L Oliver
	District Councillors	Mr D McCraith
	Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
	Parishioners	6 present

**1.0 Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors Mrs C Byatt (Vice Chairman), Prof. Tony Milton and District Councillor Mr N Cathcart.

### **2.0 Approval of minutes**

All councillors agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record and the Chairman (Mr E Webb) signed them accordingly.

### **3.0 Matters arising**

#### **3.1 Whaddon Car Park Sign**

Mr Roger Huffer has been endeavouring to obtain a replacement sign and has so far found out where they are made.

#### **3.2 Permissive Bridleways (Defra)**

The Parish Council has written a report in support of Mr Huffer's request for continued funding for the Bridleways. The Chairman urged users to also write and said that information would be put on the village notice boards showing the extent of the bridleways.

#### **3.3 Neighbourhood Watch Report**

Few crimes have been reported in the village apart from isolated vandalism. If any parishioner has a problem, please phone 0845 456 456 4. The Neighbourhood Watch group intends to have a presence at the Church Fete on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

### **4.0 Parish Plan Progress**

#### **4.1 Whaddon Design Statement**

The Chairman has approached Melanie Baker of ACRE who will put together an information pack for the group. She would like to come to the first meeting of this project.

#### **4.2 Byway 22**

A meeting has taken place with Ms Kate Day and she agreed to have planings put down in the worst areas of damage. It was agreed that it was being used as a short cut but she did not feel that she could recommend a TRO at this stage.

#### **4.3 Childrens' Play Area**

Mr Neil Gallery outlined the Group's ideas for the proposed play area. The three quotes received were in the region of £28,000 to £42,000 plus VAT. As the Parish Council is obliged to provide 10% of the total cost in order to qualify for grant help, the Group formally requested £4,000 from the Parish Council. The Chairman said that the Parish Council would hold a meeting to discuss this request. A meeting was arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> April with the Play Area Group invited to join the meeting later. It was hoped this meeting would reach agreement on Parish Council funding. The Play Area Group was reminded that the Parish Council has a small precept of £15,000 and much of this sum has already been budgeted for.

### **5.0 New Correspondence**

A letter has been received from SCDC with reference to emptying the litter and dog bins in the village. A range of new proposals has been offered for the Parish Council to consider. A letter has been received from SCDC in connection with Gypsy and Traveller development plans.

## 6.0 Planning

Application No. S/0859/06/F for Mr Elbourn, Colledge Farm. Appeal refused.

Application No. S/0449/07/F for Mr W Burchett, 7 Bridge Street, for an extension.

**O<sub>2</sub> Mast.** A meeting has been arranged for 26 April between O<sub>2</sub> and the Parish Council.

Chairman Webb and Councillor Ginger will attend

The Clerk has written to the Cambridge CC re: the proposed landfill at Eternit. The Parish Council has no objections, provided that the lorries do not travel through the village.

## 7.0 Finance

### Cheques to be signed tonight

Cheque No. 100540 £42.13 to Mr E Webb for telephone/broadband

Cheque No. 100541 £117.91 to CALC for Parish subscription

Cheque No. 100542 £65.00 to SLCC for 'Clerk' magazine subscription

Cheque No. 100543 £137.77 to W Burchett for material for picnic table installation.

### Money Received

£40.00 from Mike Radford for advert in Whaddon News

£7500 as first payment of Parish Precept

## 8.0 Village Hall Report

The drawings have been completed and the application forms are still to be filled in. It was hoped to arrange a meeting with the planners to discuss the project.

### Village Hall Boundary Wall

Councillor Peyton stated that she considered the wall to be unsafe and consideration should be given for a safety barrier to keep the public away from the wall. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr O'Connor for an update on the status of the insurance claim.

## 9.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the public asked if a more prominent notice could be fixed to the Village Hall to warn people of the risk of climbing on the corrugated roof.

A request was made for the Recreation Ground grass to be cut as a matter of urgency.

It was suggested that the newly installed picnic bench should be mentioned in the next edition of the Village Newsletter. Thanks were expressed to Roger Huffer for the use of his digger and his generous provision of three loads of planings for the base of the picnic table.

## 11.0 Any Other Business

**Councillor Oliver** said that plans were being discussed into training people of the village in the use of 'speed guns' in conjunction with the local constabulary. She also said that changes have been proposed to the local train services with a reduction in trains stopping at Royston.

**Councillor Ginger** stated that the proposed improved bus service through Whaddon is still being negotiated.

**The Clerk** has approached the SCDC regarding the relocation of the new bus shelter to a new safer position and has had confirmation that SCDC is in agreement with the Parish Council's proposal to move the shelter further away from the road.

**There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.**

**The date of the next meeting is 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 at the earlier time of 7.00pm  
Followed by the Village AGM at 8.00pm**