

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:- Chairman Mr E Webb
 Councillors Mr P Neale, Prof. A Milton, Mr L Ginger, Mrs M Peyton
 County Councillor Mrs L Oliver
 District Councillors Mr D McCraith, Mr N Cathcart
 Parish Clerk Mrs Y Albery
 Parishioners 9 present

1.0 Apology for absence was received from Vice Chairman Mrs C Byatt.

2.0 Approval of previous minutes

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

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 Field Pest Control Meeting

The above Public meeting on 20th December 2006 was addressed by Fire Arms Enquiry Officer Alan Dobson. The meeting went well and each household will receive a copy of the report which will also be published in the Newsletter.

3.2 Bridge Street Bridge Problem

The bridge has now been successfully repaired with thanks going to County Councillor Oliver for her assistance in this matter.

3.3 Transport for Whaddon

With regard to the routing of an improved bus service through Whaddon, Councillor Ginger has arranged a meeting on 16th January 2007 with Ms Anita Crundall. The proposed scheme would incur minimal cost to the bus company. County Councillor Oliver stated that there was to be a complete review of all transport including the possible use of the school buses.

3.4 Children's Play Area

A report was received from Mr Neil Gallery and was read to the meeting. The new Questionnaire recently sent out has had a good response with offers of help. There will be a meeting in the Village Hall on 3rd February to select or choose the most popular type of apparatus suggested in the questionnaires. Quotes will be obtained and funding will be applied for to South Cambs. District Council and other official bodies.

The present target is to secure funds by the end of March and have the new equipment installed by Easter weekend.

4.0 New Correspondence

The new correspondence which has a relevance to the meeting will be discussed under the headings to which it relates.

5.0 Planning

S/0659/06/F College Farm for Mr W Elbourn, with reference to an extension which was refused by SCDC, has now gone to appeal.

S/0659/06/PNT 12.5 Metre high telecoms mast for O₂. The Parish Council wrote to the SCDC Planning Office asking why our objections were returned to the company out of time, and the reply was that it was due to a postal error in one of their departments.

S/2185/05/S Erection of two dwellings in Church Street re: 'Hard landscaping'. The Parish Council has asked the SCDC why the builder was able to construct a wall without consent. No reply has yet been received and the matter is being looked into by District Councillor Cathcart.

S/2232/06/PNA Chapel Field, Whaddon, General Purpose Agricultural Building. The proposal is for an organic farm on the site and Mr F Mounteney the owner of the field was present to answer any questions from the Council or public. He explained the proposed uses of the field and the likely impact on the local area.

6.0 FinanceCheques already paid

Cheque No. 100529 £40.00 to Mr K Charles for printing Newsletter

Cheque No. 100531 £634.50 to R G Oliver & Son for grass cutting

To be signed tonight

Cheque No 100532 £789.49 to Mrs Y Albery for salary and expenses

The Parish Precept must be presented to SCDC by 5th February 2007. A meeting will be arranged before that date.

7.0 Parish Paths Partnership scheme

Councillor Neale has agreed to run this scheme and has been given all available paperwork so far received. He will contact the relevant department at the County Council.

8.0 Highway Matters

County Councillor Oliver reported that the 'Chevron sign' requested by the Parish Council would cost £53.55 for the sign and £150 approx. for erecting the sign. A member of the public offered to install the sign.

Speed reductions checks through the village have been promised. A councillor asked why we seem to be continually 'pushed down the list' of requests for a reduction in the village speed limit. County Councillor Oliver stated that there is going to be a complete overhaul of the allocation of funds relating to Highways.

Byway 22

The state of this path is now such that it is un-walkable. County Councillor Oliver felt that we now had grounds for a TRO to be applied to this byway, but as part of this path was shared by Bassingbourn we should liaise with their Parish Council to jointly put forward the case for a TRO. County and District Councillors would be attending a meeting at Bassingbourn and would be raising the matter at that meeting.

Bus Layby Outside Ridgeway Close Bungalows

County Councillor Oliver said that the Highways Department will visit the site to inspect the situation and assess the merits of a layby on this sharp bend.

9.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the public expressed concern about the likelihood of unpleasant smells if pigs are introduced in Chapel Field.

Another member of the public asked County Councillor Oliver if she was aware of a set of traffic lights on the slip road from the A428 at Cambourne. These appear to be permanently set at green which gives the wrong impression of giving 'right of way' when this is not the case. It is potentially a dangerous situation. She stated that she was aware of this anomaly and had reported it.

10.0 Village Hall Report

The insurance Company is sending a Loss Adjuster to examine damage to the Village Hall boundary wall on 23rd January 2007.

The plans for refurbishment of the hall, are going to be revised to reduce the size of the previous proposal. It has been suggested and agreed that a structural engineer be engaged to give a report on the condition of the wooden floor. The Chairman Mr E Webb will approach ProHelp for the services of a structural engineer to inspect the floor.

11.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Peyton reported that there was rubbish in a layby near the 'Barn Shop' on the A1198. She also requested that the graffiti on the sign at the Whaddon Gap car park be removed.

The Parish Council officially thanked the SCDC for keeping the Whaddon Gap car park clear of litter.

Councillor Neale stated that Cemex meetings are continuing.

Councillor Milton asked if SCDC could take down the notices relating to the change of bin collection to a Friday.

Councillor Ginger stated that he had attended a CALC meeting. He gave a report on planning and council capping.

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

The date of the next meeting is 19th February 2007 at 7.30pm

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:-	Chairman	Mr E Webb
	Vice Chairman	Mrs C Byatt
	Councillors	Mr P Neale, Prof. A Milton, Mr L Ginger, Mrs M Peyton
	District Councillors	Mr D McCraith, Mr N Cathcart
	Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
	Parishioners	5 present

The meeting was opened by the Chairman with a tribute to the late Mrs Mary Course who for many years until she retired represented Whaddon as our District Councillor. She did a great deal for our village and always stood her ground on contentious matters and will be sadly missed by this village. The Parish Council will make a contribution in her memory, to the Cambridge and County Folk museum, which was one of her many interests.

1.0 Apology for absence was received from County Councillor Mrs Linda Oliver.

2.0 Approval of previous minutes

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

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 Waste Collection Notices

The signs have not yet been removed to date and District Councillor Cathcart will pursue this matter.

3.2 Whaddon Car Park Sign

Discussion took place as to who was responsible for the upkeep of the sign, so it was decided to approach the County Council for advice.

3.3 Chevron Sign in Meldreth Road

Steve Thurborn of Highways has visited the site and has agreed that there was a need for a sign but stated that the Parish Council could not put the sign up themselves but would have to pay their Contractor to erect the sign. The Councillors felt that this was the wrong approach and asked the Clerk to contact County Councillor Oliver and ask why, when the County Council was short of money, the Parish could not erect the sign themselves.

3.4 Thanks were extended to Mr Ken Charles for his help in organising and Chairing the Field Pest Control Meeting which took place on 20th December 2006.

4.0 Parish Plan Progress

4.1 Transport for Whaddon

After his recent meeting with the County Council, Councillor Ginger provided an update on his efforts to obtain an improved bus service for Whaddon. The proposals put forward would incur minimum cost and would possibly provide up to five buses per day through Whaddon but consultation would have to take place with other parish councils affected by these changes. Re-tendering is at present taking place, so the earliest a revised service could take place would be early September. It has now been accepted that Whaddon is regarded as a large village not to have a regular bus service.

4.2 Byway 22

The Parish Council now have the backing of Bassingbourn Parish Council with the aim of obtaining a Traffic Regulation Order on this Byway. The condition of the byway remains very poor due to excessive traffic use during the recent wet weather. County Councillor Oliver will continue in her efforts to get this situation resolved.

4.3 Childrens' Play Area

Mr Neil Gallery gave an update on the status of the proposed play equipment suggested for the Play Area. Questionnaires had been sent to all village residents and 80 replies had been received- all wanting improvements to the play area. A meeting to discuss the play equipment was held on 5th February and over 60 people attended. A secret ballot was held to choose the favoured items. He has been talking to SCDC and other funding bodies for financial help. Councillor Peyton suggested that when he has put together a complete package containing the proposed equipment and likely funding, he should give a presentation to the Parish Council who would then decide what level of contribution could be made.

5.0 New Correspondence

SCDC has requested permission to include the Councillors' and Clerk's details on the SCDC website. The Parish Council stated that the inclusion of the Clerk's details was all that was needed and she could pass on any information to the Councillors.

SCDC requested additional information on Discretionary Rate Relief for the Village Hall.

CCC have Invoiced the Parish Council for six village lights instead of the two which we had previously declared that we would fund.

6.0 Planning

S/2232.06/PNA Application for General Purpose Agricultural Building has been withdrawn.

S/1134/06/LB Appeal reference APP/W0530/E/06/2026239/WF. Whaddon Grange, Bridge Street, for Mr Shaw. The appeal to allow raising of Bressumer beam and renovate Bread Oven, has been dismissed.

S/0252/07/F for Mr C Whitehouse of 105 Meldreth Road, for demolition of existing rear extension and building a two storey extension.

O₂ mast. This matter will be discussed more fully under Comments from the Public.

7.0 Finance

Cheque No. 100533 £75.00 to Mr PE Coningsby for Church Grass Cutting

Cheque No. 100534 £15.00 to Mr N Strudwick for fees relating to Website

Cheque No. 100535 £50.00 to Cambridge and County Folk Museum in Memory of Retired District Councillor Mrs Mary Course.

All Councillors agreed to continue with the services of Accountant, Mr Peter Chilvers.

The Parish Precept has been set at the unchanged figure of £15,000 for year 2007/2008. All Councillors present agreed this figure.

All Councillors agreed to raise the Clerk's hours to eight per week.

It is still hoped to replace the Bus Shelter and make a contribution to the new Children's Play Area.

The allowance for general grass cutting, has been kept the same as 2006/2007 at £601.99.

Four quotations were received for the grass cutting contract, and all Councillors agreed to award the contract to Mr Steve Scott, of Hillside Farm, Royston for the next season.

8.0 Parish Paths Partnership Scheme

Councillor Neale has taken on this project and is to progress the application for grant aid. Suggestions of areas requiring grant assistance were made by the Councillors and these included the 'kissing gate' in Meldreth Road, renovation of footpath signs and renovation of the bridge on the footpath to the golf course.

9.0 Village Hall

A surveyor (Mr Fox) has visited the site of the damaged boundary wall and has written saying that the problem is root trespass for which there is no cover on the Village Hall insurance policy. He suggested that the Council write to the owner of the adjoining property asking him to make a claim through his own Insurance Company. The Clerk has already taken this action.

Chairman Webb is intending to set up a meeting for Wednesday 28th February to view the latest plans for the Village Hall.

10.0 Comments from the Public

The Parish Council was asked about the condition of the slide. The Clerk is in contact with the Company which originally installed the slide to seek advice on what should be done with the problem of water collecting at the bottom.

There have been offers of help to install the Picnic Bench by the group involved in the improvements to the Play Area.

The question of the O₂ mast was raised by a member of the public. It was felt that although we could do nothing about the missed deadline for the Planning Application Comments, we should try to highlight this company's attitude to the public in view of their reluctance to negotiate. After general discussion it was decided unanimously by the Councillors to write a Press Release to be sent to local media, which would include Radio Cambridge, The Cambridge Evening News, The Royston Crow and BBC Look East. **Councillor Neale** will draft the Press Release and the Clerk will distribute it to the media as above.

11.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Byatt reminded everyone that there would be a Concert in the Church with proceeds going toward the Organ Fund.

Chairman Webb read an article in the press asking everybody going about their normal business to be extra vigilant and report any unusual activity around the village as this could help prevent terrorism.

There will be a meeting on 28th February at SCDC offices to discuss the Affordable Homes Project with the Land Agent, Planners, Highways representative and BPHA with their architect.

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

The date of the next meeting is 19th March 2007 at 7.30pm

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

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr Lee Ginger and Prof. Tony Milton.

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 Waste Collection Notices

The signs have not yet been removed but District Councillor Cathcart will ensure they are removed this coming week.

3.2 Whaddon Car Park Sign

Attempts have been made to clean the sign but have been unsuccessful. As there is a map underneath the graffiti which could be erased by cleaning, it was decided to ask County Farms to replace the notice.

3.3 Chevron Sign in Meldreth Road

The Chevron direction sign has now been erected.

4.0 Parish Plan Progress

4.1 Whaddon Design Statement

It was agreed that a Committee should be set up consisting of not more than six parishioners and would include one parish Councillor. Councillor Ginger has expressed an interest. Mr Ken Charles has also been approached by the Chairman. Chairman Ted Webb will continue to look for other interested parties.

4.2 Byway 22

A meeting will take place at the bottom of Bridge Street on 20th March with Ms Kate Day (CCC Officer for Paths) and Parish Councillors to view the state of the Byway.

4.3 Childrens' Play Area

A Mr Sanders of 'Playquip Leisure' visited the Recreation Ground on March 15th 2007 to ascertain the problem with the slide. The first thing he noticed was that earth had been raised up at the foot of the slide. This was dug away in order to view the end of the slide. He agreed that the slide was holding water and made suggestions as to how this could be remedied. It was agreed at the meeting that he would visit again and hoped to solve this problem. A full report of the meeting was given to all Councillors and a member of the Play Area group.

4.4 Affordable Homes

A meeting took place on 28th February 2007 in SCDC Offices to discuss the Whaddon Affordable Homes Project. Planning, Highways, BPHA, the Land Agent and three Parish Councillors and the Clerk were present. The meeting discussed the proposed diversion of the bridleway. Access to the development and diversion of the bridleway were unacceptable to the Parish Council in the present design. Highways came up with a better solution which will be included in the revised plans. It was requested that the height of the new houses should be slightly reduced to be more in keeping with the nearby cottage. There will be another meeting before the new plans go before the Planning Committee to which the Parish Council will be invited.

5.0 New Correspondence

CALC are arranging a meeting to take place in June, for Clerks and Parish Councillors to attend and discuss aspects of VAT relevant to parish council matters. A VAT representative will be present to answer questions.

SCDC have plans for another meeting to discuss Gypsy and Travellers sites.

The Parish Council is still receiving bills for the parish lighting. The County Council are continuing to invoice for six lights in the village, whereas the Parish Council has agreed to pay for only two lights and has informed SCDC several times.

6.0 Planning

S/00329/07/CW Land at UK Eternit Whaddon. (Landfill) The Parish Councillors were not against the application provided that lorries are not routed through the village. They also requested that notices be erected at Whaddon Gap stating 'No access to Eternit Site for HGVs'. Another sign should be erected opposite the exit of the Eternit site instructing drivers that there is 'No Right Turn'.

O₂ Mast. A meeting has been suggested by the company to listen to Parish Council's concerns.

7.0 Finance

Cheques to be signed tonight

Cheque No. 100536 £11.99 to Mr N Strudwick for website

Cheque No. 100537 £659.36 to Mrs Y Albery for salary and expenses

Cheque No. 100538 £36.00 to Mr K Charles for Village News Letter

Cheque No. 100539 £1050.00 to Whaddon Village Hall Management Committee. (VAT Refund)

VAT claimed back was £2351.29 on behalf of the Parish Council

8.0 Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (PP3)

The forms have been completed and returned in accordance with the PP3 scheme and have been acknowledged.

Mr Roger Huffer of Leyhill Farm asked for the Parish Council's written support in his application to Defra for funding to assist with maintenance of Permissive Bridleways on his land. The Parish Council is very happy to support him and asked for other members of the parish who benefit from the enjoyment of these bridleways, to also give written support in this matter.

9.0 Village Hall

SCDC has agreed to award 100% discretionary rate relief for the period 2007/2008.

Mr Clive Hough brought the latest plans for the Village Hall improvements. He was asked to make a planning application to SCDC for Outline Planning permission. Chairman Webb stated that those interested would be able to view the drawings after the meeting.

10.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the public brought to the attention of the Chairman that the railing around the Village Fountain had been damaged by a vehicle and was showing signs of rust. The Chairman asked for thanks to be recorded to Mrs Clare Byatt, Mrs Yvonne Albery and Mr Ron Albery for their recent efforts in clearing the wild flower garden at the fountain.

Mr Huffer said that he will contact the Forestry Commission and ask if they would refurbish the sign at the Whaddon Gap car park.

A member of the Play Area Group stated that the remaining quote for the playground equipment was expected at any time now. At the next Parish Council meeting they would be able to give a more accurate figure of final cost.

It has been noted by villagers that some of the 40 mph signs had been recently renewed, but the County Council claim that they do not have any funds to change the speed limit to 30mph as desired by most villagers.

Thanks were extended to the Parish Council and County Council for the prompt manner in which the requested 'chevron' sign was erected at the Chapel corner.

11.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Oliver made the following observations:-

The Police have asked that formal complaints should be made to their Call Centre if antisocial behaviour occurs in the village.

Talks are taking place in connection with the M11 widening scheme and the second runway at Stansted.

The growth in housing in this region is being reviewed and some of the greenbelt will have to be used to meet the demand for extra housing.

Councillor Peyton said that there would be a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 20th March 2007

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

The date of the next meeting is 16th April 2007 at 7.30pm

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16th 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 14th 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 18th 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.

O₂ Mast. A meeting has been arranged for 26 April between O₂ 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 21st May 2007 at the earlier time of 7.00pm
Followed by the Village AGM at 8.00pm**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 21st May 2007 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:-	Chairman	Mr E Webb
	Vice Chairman	Mrs C Byatt
	Councillors	Mr P Neale, Mr L Ginger
	District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart
	Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
	Parishioners	4 present

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from Prof. Tony Milton, Mrs M Peyton and District Councillor Mr D McCraith

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

We are awaiting further information from Mr Huffer regarding another sign.

3.2 Children's Play Area.

A contribution toward the play area had been discussed at a previous meeting and the outcome was that the Parish Council felt able to contribute £3000.00 toward the project. All councillors present at tonight's meeting agreed to ratify this decision. SCDC has asked the Parish Council to indicate it's support for this project and to include reasons for the support. The Clerk to reply to the SCDC.

4.0 New Correspondence

1. Re: Parish Paths Partnership, we have been offered £300 toward the work which is needed to be done. Mr Cooper of CCC has requested a meeting with the Parish Council. Vice Chairman Byatt has offered to help Councillor Neale set up the meeting.

2. Re: Emptying Litter and Dog Bins. The Parish Council were not aware that this was the responsibility of the SCDC. District Councillor Cathcart will investigate the approved locations.

3. A communication has been received from Kate Day asking for the latest situation concerning Byway 22. The Councillors reported that more planings were needed as the ruts were very deep in places

4. An e-mail has been received from Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association that the new drawings have arrived for the Whaddon affordable homes and the architect has sent copies to the Highways Department for comment.

5. It has been recommended by SCDC that a 20mph speed limit be imposed through Papworth Everard, this raised responses from the parish Councillors as follows:- Whaddon should push harder for a 30mph speed limit through our village and with the apparent increase in large lorries passing through, perhaps the time is right to press for a weight limit.

5.0 Planning

Application No. S/0774/07/LB, 132 Church St., for Mr W Knight, for rebuilding of chimney stack and installation of flexible stainless liner.

S/0449/07/F, 7 Bridge St. for Mr W Burchett. Site plans have been received for this application.

Permission granted

S/0252/07/F, 105 Meldreth Road, for Mr C Whitehouse for an extension.

5.1 O₂ Mast.

A meeting took place on 1st May with Mr J Stevenson representing O₂, and with Chairman Webb and Councillor Ginger for the Parish Council. Mr Stevenson listened to the concerns of Whaddon village regarding the siting of the mast and said he would look into the possibility of removing the mast from its present location. The mast is not operational at present and a more suitable location may be found.

6.0 Finance

Cheque No. 100544 for £1054.22, for Allianz Cornhill Insurance for the year 07/08.

We have received a cheque for £601.99 for the grass cutting allowance for 07/08.

7.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the public stated that one of the reasons that so many lorries are now going through the village is the increasing use of Satellite navigation.

It was noted that putting in a weight limit on New Road in Melbourn had greatly reduced the incidence of heavy lorries through Melbourn.

Another member of the public pointed out that toxic material from a nearby industrial works was being burned. It was suggested that perhaps this matter could be reported to the Environmental Health Department.

8.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Neale asked about the grass cutting which did not appear to have the required 'two cuts' in. The chairman will talk to the contractors.

Chairman Webb said that he had spoken to the neighbour regarding the village hall boundary wall and it emerged that the neighbour did not think that he was covered for this type of claim. No decision has yet been made as to the best way to take the matter forward.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

The date of the next meeting is 18th June 2007 at 7.30pm

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 18th June 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:-	Chairman	Mr E Webb
	Councillors	Mr P Neale, Professor A Milton, Mrs M Peyton, Dr N Strudwick
	County Councillor	Mrs L Oliver
	District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart, Mr D McCraith
	Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
	Parishioners	1 present

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from Vice Chairman Mrs C Byatt, Councillor L Ginger

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 including one for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 Children's Play Area.

The Play Area Group is awaiting the final estimate from Lappsett before applying to SCDC for grant aid. The 'Party In The Barn' in aid of fund raising for the project, raised a total of £2,500.00 approximately. Royston Rotary has donated £150.00. Ideas are still being sought for other events. Unfortunately in the same play area, vandalism has already struck the newly installed picnic table. The police have been informed.

3.2 Traffic Problems

County Councillor Oliver suggested to the Clerk that she should contact Mr David Lines to once again request that a 30 mph Speed Limit be applied through the village. Further, it was stated that since the increased use of Satellite Navigation equipment, many more heavy lorries are being routed through the village, therefore a restrictive weight limit should be requested.

3.3 Grass Verge Cutting

The person contracted to cut the grass for the current year, has decided that he does not wish to continue with the contract. Because of this unexpected situation, Chairman Webb has spoken to Mr Ian Oliver who has agreed to take on the contract at a fee of £150.00 per cut, plus VAT.

3.4 Burning of Noxious Material

Chairman Webb visited the Company against which a complaint had been made, and explained the consequences of continuing with this practice, ie. (The Environmental Department would have to be informed).

4.0 New Correspondence

1 The ROSPA annual report has been received and there are no urgent matters requiring attention.

2 Cambridge CC is requesting input from the Parish Council as to usage of the Mobile Library by villagers.

3 An e-mail has been received from the Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association. The Plans are now with the Highways Department and eight units are now proposed in line with the Parish Council's recent meeting with the SCDC planners (5x2-bed units and 3x3-bed units).

5.0 Planning

Application No. S/0970/07/F. for Mr C Whitehouse of 105 Meldreth Road, for a larger extension. S/1057/07/LB, for Mr and Mrs Knight, 132 Church St. for an extension.

S/1058/07/F, ditto as above.

Regarding the O₂ mast, Councillor Ginger sent a report that discussions were still in progress.

6.0 Finance

The sum of £300.00 has been received from CCC toward improvements to the Parish footpaths. The following cheques to be signed tonight:

Cheque No 100545 £70.50 for Playsafe Ltd.(ROSPA report).

Cheque No 100546 £50.00 for D M Charles for Newsletter.

Cheque No 100547 £43.75 for E Webb for Chairman's expenses.

Cheque No 100548 £805.58 for Mrs Y Albery for Clerk's salary including expenses.

The Parish Councillors present, approved the accounts for the year 2006/2007.

Discussion took place regarding expenses on work undertaken on behalf of the Council and further discussion will take place at a later date to establish an expenses framework.

The Chairman welcomed back Councillor Strudwick after his leave of absence in America. Whilst there he continued to run and update the Whaddon Website for the village which many villagers may not have realised. Thanks were extended to Councillor Strudwick for continuing with this work.

7.0 Village Hall

7.1 Boundary Wall

A letter has been received from the Loss Adjuster who has inspected the wall. He will now make his report and will contact the Parish Council on receipt of the Insurer's instructions.

7.2 Other Matters

Discussion took place on providing handles for the bollards. Two handles would cost £100. Making a containment box for the bollards would cost £200. After much discussion the Councillors decided that they would not have a box made and a vote was taken that two bollard handles should be made. Four voted for the proposal and one voted against. The Chairman will look into the matter further. The question of who should pay for this work has not been resolved.

8.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the public raised the subject of traffic jams on the A1198 caused by lack of police presence in the morning at the Arrington round-about on the occasion of the Cereal Exhibition held locally. Councillor Milton stated that another problem associated with the Exhibition was the lack of co ordination with the exhibitor's heavy vehicles which were unable to gain entry to the exhibition site as the gates were locked. This caused hold ups at the peak of the rush hour traffic on the busy A 1198. Councillor Oliver will make a report to the relevant authorities.

9.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Peyton enquired about planings on Byway 22. It was confirmed that they had been delivered and most had been used on the track opposite the Shambles. After much discussion as to whether more planings were needed, it was decided to assess the situation and let the Clerk know, and if so she would contact Mr Dennis Vacher of Highways for another delivery.

Chairman Webb will contact the Village handyman to view the Log Book for the Play Area and discuss the situation with regard to bin emptying. The Chairman also stated that the new Code of Conduct should be discussed and minuted at a future meeting. He also suggested that the positioning of the bus shelter on the green at Ridgeway Close should be decided by the Councillors.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

The date of the next meeting is 16th July 2007 at 7.30pm

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16th July 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:-	Chairman	Mr E Webb
	Vice Chairman	Mrs C Byatt
	Councillors	Professor A Milton, Mrs M Peyton, Mr L Ginger,
	District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart, Mr D McCraith
	Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
	Parishioners	7 present

- 1.0 Apologies for absence** were received from County Councillor Mrs Linda Oliver and Councillors Mr Philip Neale and Dr Nigel Strudwick.

The Chairman introduced to the meeting, Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) Lee Nutbeam and Emma Garwood. They are based at Melbourn and explained their function and duties which cover 18 villages. They rely on the public to provide them with information regarding incidents such as vandalism, minor crimes etc.

As part of their function, they try to maintain a visible presence as frequently as their duties allow. Many questions were put to the officers who provided the meeting with a good insight into their work. The Chairman thanked the officers for sparing the time to attend the meeting. Contact may be made to the PCSO's by telephoning (0845 456 456 4)

The Chairman then informed the meeting that Mary Coussey had been honoured with an MBE in the recent Honours List.

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 including one for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 Children's Play Area.

Mr Neil Gallery provided the meeting with an update of the status of the Play Area Project. They have £2700 in the bank at present and have applied for further funding from SCDC. They have also sent in an application to the Community Aggregate Fund. They have many ideas for other fund raising activities and are hoping to involve the children of the village in some of the events. District Councillor Cathcart stated that he will follow up the funding application.

3.2 Traffic Problems

The Clerk has written to Mr David Lines concerning a 30mph speed limit and a weight restriction and has yet to receive a reply. Much concern was expressed at the possible intrusion of heavy lorries resulting from the proposed landfill development at the Eternit Site. There is an agreement between Eternit and CCC that all lorries should use the Mettle Hill route to avoid the village. Councillor Ginger offered to contact Eternit to discuss the problem. It has been reported that lorries of foreign origin have been coming through the village late at night.

3.3 Village Handyman

The Chairman has seen the log book relating to the Play Area equipment. The required checks have been made and the book has been signed up to 26th June 2007 by the Clerk. The book is being kept up to date. Both the green and black rubbish bins for the Village Hall should be put out in correct rotation. The Chairman will speak to Mr Carter about this.

3.4 Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct has been adopted by all Councillors, which includes paragraph 12(2). The new Code takes effect from 1st September 2007. A vote was taken as to whether adoption of the Code should be advertised by CALC at a cost of £24.00. Four councillors voted YES and one councillor abstained.

4.0 New Correspondence

A letter has been received from ACRE updating development of some aspects of the Parish Plan in conjunction with the Local Strategic Partnership.

A letter has been received from SCDC concerning 'Sustainable Community Strategy'.

A communication has been received from SCDC whereby the telephone box in Meldreth Road will be changed to 'Card Use Only'. The box at the top of Bridge Street will be unchanged.

5.0 PlanningPermission Granted.

S/0449/07/F, for Mr W Burchett, of 7 Bridge Street for an extension.

S/0774/07/LB, for Mr W Knight, of 132 Church Street for flexible stainless steel chimney liner.

6.0 Finance

Cheque No. 100549 £294.00 for Mr M Carter (Handyman)

Cheque No. 100550 £60.00 for Mr P Chilvers (Internal Audit)

Cheque No. 100551 £75.00 for Mr L Sullivan (Copies of Maps)

Cheque No. 100552 £17.70 for Mr E Webb (Wallets for drawings)

Cheque No. 100553 £6.00 for Mrs C Byatt (Photos)

7.0 Village Hall**7.1 Boundary Wall**

A letter has been received from Cunningham Lindsey (Assessors) with an offer of £1350.00 toward the repair. As this matter has been in progress for several months, a new quote was requested from the builder and a new figure has been received. Unfortunately this has resulted in a price increase and the councillors asked the Clerk to write to C. L. requesting that they raise their offer taking into account the extra cost.

7.2 Other Matters

It is hoped to have the VH planning application in the post by next weekend. At the annual Church Fete on 14th July, the Plans of the Village Hall were displayed for Public comment.

The metal from which the bollards are made is unsuitable for welding of handles, but this situation will be looked into for an alternative method for lifting the bollards.

8.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the Public brought it to the meeting's attention that the junction at Mettle Hill Road and Whitecroft Road was dangerous due to the lack of vision when turning left to Whaddon. The adjacent hedgerow and a bank of trees restricted the driver's view of oncoming traffic. It was suggested that the Clerk/Chairman of Meldreth Parish Council should be approached to see if joint action could be instigated to improve matters.

Mr Neil Gallery requested a copy of the ROSPA report which may be needed in his bid for funding for the proposed Play Area.

Mr Mike Monks stated that he was taking over the position of co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch from Mrs L Shaw with immediate effect. He also said that he was disappointed with the frequency of grass cutting in the village. The Chairman pointed out that with a limited budget, only four cuts of the verges per year are currently paid for by CCC and grass cutting of the recreation ground is paid from the Parish Precept.

9.0 Any Other Business

A meeting relating to the Parish Paths Partnership (PPP3) will take place on 31st July with regard to replacing the kissing gates at both ends of Meldreth Road field. The cost of these new gates will not be taken out of the £300 allocated to the PPP3 project.

Chairman Webb asked the Councillors to take a vote on the proposed purchase of a wooden bus shelter to replace the existing one at Ridgeway Close. All Councillors agreed. He also stated that as the new shelter will be located in a new position on the green, work would need to be co-ordinated with the usual utility companies.

AOB (Contd.)

A member of the public has purchased some graffiti remover and has now cleared the graffiti from the footpath map at the Whaddon Gap car park.

Councillor Ginger stated that the CCC are now seriously considering our request for an improvement to the bus service in Whaddon.

It was suggested that another 'Litter Pick' should take place throughout the village and it was agreed that volunteers meet at the Village Sign at 10.00 am on 2nd August. The Chairman will make enquiries as to cost and availability of fluorescent jackets for the pickers.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

The date of the next meeting is 17th September 2007 at 7.30pm

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 17th September 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:-	Chairman	Mr E Webb
	Vice Chairman	Mrs C Byatt
	Councillors	Professor A Milton, Mrs M Peyton, Mr P Neale, Dr N Strudwick
	County Councillor	Mrs L Oliver
	District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart, Mr D McCraith
	Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
	Parishioners	5 present

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr L Ginger

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 including one for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 Children's Play Area.

Money has been raised at the Village 'Camp Out'. Other fund raising events have been planned. The Play Area Group is awaiting the result of their application for funding from S. Cambs and also from the Community Aggregate Fund.

3.2 Traffic Problems

County Councillor Oliver made the following observations:-

- If problems occur with the Eternit Landfill Project, such as lorries passing through the village instead of on the agreed route, the time, date and registration should be noted and duly reported to the Planning Office.
- The request for a reduction in the speed limit through the village should come up for review in 2009.
- A Congestion Charge is now being considered for Cambridge City.
- The person who should be contacted for information relating to a bus lay-by for the School Bus is a Mr Richard Preston.

3.3 PP3 Kissing Gate Meeting

Councillors Clare Byatt and Philip Neale met with Mr Andrew Simpson on site at the Meldreth Road end of the Green to discuss the replacement of the kissing gates. It was decided to install RADAR (Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation) gates which will be supplied free of charge by the PP3, but installation costs will be met by the Parish. All Councillors agreed to go ahead with the project and Councillor Neale will order the gates. The farmers connected with the field have been consulted.

3.4 Litter Pick

On 2nd August six bags of litter were collected by volunteers with the help of children from the village. It was agreed that another litter pick should take place on Thursday 25th October at 10.00 am. It was suggested that the clerk should e-mail Neil Gallery concerning this litter pick, in order to try and involve the children once again. Chairman Webb will contact the District Council for a loan of any necessary equipment.

4.0 New Correspondence

Most of the correspondence is now circulated via e-mail. Councillor Strudwick suggested that there should be a list of these documents circulated each month as he is never sure that he has received each one. The Clerk will look into creating a numbering system.

5.0 PlanningPermission Granted.

S/1058/07/F for Mr and Mrs Knight, 132 Church St. for an extension

S/1057/07/LB this covers the above extension

S/0906/07/LB for Mr E Webb, 42 Bridge St., replacement of windows

S/00329/07/CW Landfill at Eternit, Whaddon Road.

Permission Refused

S/0970/07/S for Mr C Whitehouse, 105 Meldreth Road, Whaddon for an extension

Retrospective Planning

S/1716/07/F for Mr W Burchett, 7 Bridge St. for change of use.

Councillor Peyton was concerned that 154 Bridge St. had started their building but no notice of approval of sewage disposal appears to have been given. Clerk to contact the Planning Office.

6.0 FinanceSigned on 23rd July 2007

Cheque No.100554, £24.00 to CALC for Code of Conduct advert

Cheque No.100556, £358.38 to Moore Stephens for 2006/2007 audit

Signed today (17th September)

Cheque No.100557, £50.00 to D M Charles for Village Newsletter

Cheque No. 100558, £817.56 to Mrs Y Albery for salary and expenses

Cheque No.100559, £57.98 to Mr E Webb, Chairman's expenses

Money Received

£7500.00, Second payment of Precept

£40.00 from Mr K Green for advert

£2350 from NFU Mutual for Insurance Claim re:-boundary wall

7.0 Neighbourhood Watch

The next Panel meeting with the Police will be on 23rd October at Bassingbourn College.

On 6th September, thieves stripped the lead from our church roof and Police have been informed and we have been given an incident number.

Rubbish has again been dumped on Mr Huffer's land opposite the Whaddon gap car park, and also a pony had been left tethered on the same piece of land. This is being investigated. It has been suggested that barriers may have to be erected to protect further intrusion.

PC Martin is moving on and his replacement will take over at the beginning of October.

8.0 Village Hall**8.1 Boundary Wall**

South Cambs Landscape Services has been awarded the contract to re-build the whole Victorian section of the wall. The Clerk has written to the neighbour informing him that work will soon commence. Councillor Strudwick (Chairman of the VH Committee) will ask his committee if they would be willing to make a contribution to the cost of the repair as the Insurance payment only covers the tree damaged section does not cover the full cost of the re-build.

8.2 Other matters

Councillor Strudwick gave a short report from the minutes of the Village Hall Committee meeting of August 21/07.

Mr Jim Docwra has kindly fitted handles to the bollards.

Councillor Strudwick, Chairman Webb and Mr Hough have had a meeting with a Quantity Surveyor (Mr L Parncutt) to review Mr Hough's drawings. Clerk to write to Mr Parncutt concerning his costs.

The B.B.Q. went well and the next event will be a quiz in October.

9.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the public expressed displeasure with the notice on the Notice Board in the matter of the burnt Picnic Table.

A member of the public asked why the Affordable homes at Whitecroft Road appeared to be up for general sale, when the understanding was that homes of this sort were only built to meet a genuine local demand. General discussion took place of affordable homes in this area and the Clerk was asked to write to BPHA for an update on the status of the Whaddon affordable homes.

A request was also made that the Clerk should contact Highways concerning the state of the footpath along Meldreth Road, which is showing very bad deterioration.

Any Other Business

The matter of the mobile phone mast on the A1198 was raised and the issue has not been resolved as to its removal. The mast is not in use as yet.

Chairman Webb has received a letter from a visitor from Australia who complained of her bad experiences which she had had when visiting our village. The Chairman and Vice Chairman both agreed to reply to the letter.

Chairman Webb has spoken to Mr Jim Docwra who has agreed to the following:-

- Replace the waste bin post in front of the Village Hall.
- Replace any damaged wooden edging surrounding the children's play area
- Repair the rotted planks on the two seats in front of the village hall.
- The aerial photos which were recently purchased by the Parish Council will also be mounted and hung in the hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 09.45 pm.

The date of the next meeting will be 15th October at 7.30 pm.

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 15th October 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:- Chairman Mr E Webb
 Vice Chairman Mrs C Byatt
 Councillors Professor A Milton, Mrs M Peyton, Mr L Ginger, Dr N Strudwick
 District Councillors Mr N Cathcart, Mr D McCraith
 Parish Clerk Mrs Y Albery
 Parishioners 2 present

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr P Neale and County Councillor Mrs L Oliver.

2.0 Approval of minutes

Before the previous minutes could be signed, and after some discussion with Councillor Strudwick, it was agreed to add the following to Paragraph 8.0. *'Councillor Strudwick gave a short report from the Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting on Aug.21/07'*. Councillors now agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record and the Chairman (Mr E Webb) signed them accordingly including one for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 PPP3 Kissing Gates.

The kissing gates have been ordered and the Parish Council will need to arrange collection. If details are given, Councillor Peyton will collect.

3.2 Meldreth Road Footpath

Mr Vacher of Highways Dept. has inspected the footway and will make the worst areas safe and the footway will be put forward next year for complete re-surfacing. Discussion took place with regard to horse riders using the footway and as to the legality of this. Councillor Peyton stated that if the description of the horse could be relayed to her she would be able to identify the rider and speak to them.

3.3 Affordable Homes

A communication has been received from Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association concerning the Affordable Homes Project. Amendments previously requested by the Parish Council have now been put to the Planners and the Highways Dept. A formal planning application will follow. The legal work regarding the purchase of the site will begin shortly and a bid for funding for building the houses will be made by end of October.

4.0 New Correspondence

A communication has been received from Councillor Oliver confirming that the bus option is moving forward and consultation will take place with other parishes along the proposed route.

A letter has been received from the Clerk tendering her resignation due to personal reasons. It was decided to hand-deliver a fly-sheet through all villagers doors advising them of this vacancy. It was also suggested by District Councillor McCraith that Parish Clerks in surrounding villages should be approached and if someone was interested and had the capacity for extra hours, this might be a way forward.

Instead of replying to the letter of resignation, the Vice-Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, presented the Clerk with a much appreciated bouquet of flowers.

5.0 Planning

There was concern over the apparent non compliance with the set conditions in the recent planning application relating to 154 Bridge Street. It was felt the conditions relating to disposal of sewage were not being adhered to and Councillor Cathcart will look into the matter.

Councillor Ginger spoke about the Eternit Landfill Project. The Enforcement Team led by Mr Andrew Greenwood is taking the issue of drivers using the wrong route very seriously and is taking action against anyone flouting the rules.

6.0 Finance

Cheques already signed

On 26th July 2007 Cheque No. 100555 for £265.00 to SCDC Planning Dept. for Village Hall planning application.

On 22nd September 2007 Cheque No. 100560 for £1800.00 to Mr VT Skuce for material etc. for rebuilding of Village Hall wall.

8.0 Village Hall

8.1 Village Hall Report

Councillor Strudwick now gave a short report on the recent meeting of the Management Committee:-

- The Village Hall Committee has agreed to give £400.00 toward the cost of rebuilding the boundary wall.
- The Village BBQ made a profit of approximately £600.
- The Quiz Night had to be cancelled due to lack of support.
- Mr K Green will be contacted regarding the possibility of providing some assistance with future advertising.

8.2 Boundary Wall

Mr Skuce of South Cambs. Landscape Services has spoken to the neighbour regarding the wall. It was suggested by Councillor Peyton that Mr Skuce be asked to provide a root barrier on the side of the neighbour's garden to avoid any future problems of root intrusion. The councillors decided that the cast iron post should be put into store at this time.

9.0 Comments from the Public

.A complaint was made by a member of the public concerning noxious smoke being caused by waste being burnt at Meldform. Although the Environmental Department had been contacted, there was no help forthcoming. **District Councillor Cathcart** stated that he will get someone out to investigate the situation.

10.0 Any Other Business

After receiving a recent e-mail concerning possible development on green belt land to the North of Cambridge, **Councillor Strudwick** asked the District Councillors for their views on the likely impact on our area. The answer was that it was unlikely to affect the local area but we should keep an eye on developments.

Councillor Peyton said that there was a great deal of rubbish being dumped in Bassingbourn and Kneesworth and these were large items. She also pointed out that the anti skid road surface at the A1198/Whaddon gap junction was breaking up. The Clerk will report this to the appropriate department.

Councillor Byatt stated that rubbish was being dumped on Byway 22 and asked whether there is a formal Fly-Tipping officer who could be contacted.

The tethered pony reported at the last meeting has now gone and the owner is seeking suitable grazing for it.

Chairman Webb stated that Mr Green is looking into removing some of the elm trees on his land adjoining the Church. Members of the Parish Council felt that there may be Tree Preservation Orders on these trees and **District Councillor Cathcart** will try and establish what the true situation is.

There was general consensus among councillors that the SCDC Contact Centre was not performing very well. Calls are not being returned as requested and the answering service is poor. A suggestion was made that as many people as possible should write to the Chief Executive with their complaints.

There being no other business the meeting was now closed.

The date of the next meeting will be 19th November at 7.30 pm.

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 19th November 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:-	Chairman	Mr E Webb
	Vice Chairman	Mrs C Byatt
	Councillors	Professor A Milton, Mrs M Peyton, Mr P Neale, Dr N Strudwick
	County Councillor	Mrs L Oliver
	District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart, Mr D McCraith
	Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
	Parishioners	4 present

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr L Ginger.

2.0 Approval of minutes

Councillors all agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record and the Chairman (Mr E Webb) signed them accordingly including one for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 PPP3 Kissing Gates.

Councillors Peyton and Byatt have now collected the RADAR gates and Peter and Chris Coningsby are in the process of installing them. Mr Andrew Stimpson has asked to be allowed to take some photos of the installed gates when completed.

3.2 Whaddon roads and transport

More accidents have been reported on the A1198. The Parish Councillors agreed that every effort should be made to have the speed reduced on this section of the A1198. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the Commanding Officer of the Bassingbourn Barracks requesting his support in pushing for a reduction. Letters should also be sent to the Chairman of Bassingbourn Parish Council and to residents of Cardiff Place for their support.

The Chairman read out a report from Councillor Ginger regarding the Eternit landfill project. The Councillors have been invited to view the landfill site after it has been finished and landscaped which will be some time in the spring of 2008. His report also indicated his concerns with lack of information on the Whaddon bus route and the proposed layby at Bridge Street. Concern was also shown by the Councillors at the lack of a pavement connecting the new development of affordable housing at the Meldreth end of Meldreth Road to Whitecroft Road.

3.3 Litter Pick

On 25th October about 20 bags of rubbish including household rubbish (which had been fly-tipped) was collected by a small team of Whaddon residents. The South Cambs. District Council organised the removal of the bags later on the same day.

3.4 Tree Preservation Orders

Further to the matter of removal of elm trees in a field adjoining the Church, District Councillor Cathcart has enquired into tree preservation orders relating to Whaddon and has found that there appears to be no such orders in Whaddon. In view of the importance of the trees to the village, he will suggest to SCDC that the Council write to the land owner and the Parish Council.

4.0 New Correspondence

Letter received from SCDC re: Litter and Dog bins. SCDC will empty the litter and dog bins which are on the footway and have requested that they be informed of the location of all such bins.

The Clerk has submitted a list as requested.

Letter received from SCDC concerning village lighting. SCDC has agreed that Whaddon Parish Council are only responsible for the two street lights at Ridgeway Close.

5.0 Planning

Application No. S/2107/07/F 34 Bridge St. Whaddon, for Mr P J Bringlow and Ms C Vivyett, for an extension.

Application No. S/1221/06/F 154 Bridge St. Whaddon, for Mr and Mrs Sarter. District Councillor Cathcart has made enquiries about the septic tank. He said that Building Control would normally view such an item before final installation. Councillors said that the whole area was extremely smelly and that the environmental officer should be called to the site to investigate. District Councillor Cathcart will make further enquiries.

6.0 Finance

Cheques already signed

On 29th October 2007 Cheque No. 100561 for £10.00 to CALC for Complete Employment Guide. The Clerk was awarded a Cost Of Living rise in salary, back-dated to 1st April 2007.

7.0 Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor Peyton reported that a 22 min. duration speed check was undertaken in the last week but the PCSOs were called away to another area. They will come back to do another check shortly.

8.0 Village Hall**8.1 Village Hall Report**

Councillor Strudwick now gave a short report.

- The rebuild of the boundary wall is nearing completion
- The main hall floor needs replacing as a matter of urgency and a specification has been written.
- Tenders for the work will shortly be sent out
- Grants are available and will be applied for.
- A risk assessment of the Village Hall cleaners work is being undertaken.
- A quiz night is being arranged for Saturday 26th January 2008.

9.0 Councillors Expenses

After discussion, it was agreed that a token £5 per year may be claimed by each Councillor toward provision of paper and cartridges. Councillor Strudwick proposed the motion that this sum be granted and it was Seconded by Councillor Byatt. The motion was carried unanimously.

10.0 Bus Route and Layby

County Councillor Oliver now joined the meeting and gave a report on the bus route and layby. Other villages are being consulted on the proposed changes as any re-routing to include Whaddon may have an impact on their services.

The layby has not been forgotten but the department is undermanned and CCC is trying to provide an officer to undertake a Safety Audit of the area.

She suggested that the Clerk write to Mark Kemp on all the matters currently giving concern.

11.0 Comments from the Public

From the floor, the Parish Plan treasurer reminded the Councillors that there was still a sum of money in the account against which any expenses to do with the Parish Plan could be paid.

A member of the public stated that a local TV programme had indicated that 'smart water' was available through the police for use on the church lead-roof. This product is not destroyed by melting down so can always be traced. Councillor Milton stated that the 'smart water' was also being made available through insurance companies.

12.0 Any Other Business

District Councillor Cathcart gave a Case Number for the problem of rubbish burning at Meldform. The Case is No 129769, and the Contact is Mr Russell Watkins of SCDC.

Councillor Milton recommended that the leaves from the diseased trees along the side of the recreation ground should be burned. All councillors agreed that this should be done as soon as possible. It was also suggested to put a note on the Website asking owners of diseased chestnut trees to burn all fallen leaves in order to try to control the disease

Councillor Byatt reported that Andrew Stimpson had been enquiring about the possible poor state of repair of the styles on Footpath 2. Councillor Byatt had promised to check this out and report back.

County Councillor Oliver stated that discussion would be taking place concerning the proposed Congestion Charges in Cambridge, and people should 'log on' to the County Council's website re Congestion Charges.

Chairman Webb asked the Councillors if they were satisfied with the current grass cutting contract with R G Oliver & Son and did they wish to continue with their services in 2008. Agreement was unanimous but the price should be checked.

Three sacks of daffodil bulbs have been purchased for planting along the grass verges around the village. The Chairman asked for volunteers for help in the planting. There was one volunteer, a Mr Chris Rose who said that he was happy to do the planting himself on behalf of the Council. Chairman Webb informed the meeting that Councillor Strudwick would be visiting America from January until May 2008. He asked if there were any objections to Councillor Strudwick's office being retained during this period, there were no objections.

There being no other business the meeting was now closed.

The date of the next meeting will be 21st January 2008 at 7.30 pm.