

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