

## Minutes of Whaddon Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 8.15 pm in the Village Hall

Present:- Chair Mrs C Byatt  
 Councillors Mr W Burchett, Mr L Ginger, Mrs M Peyton.  
 County Councillor Mrs L Oliver  
 Parish Clerk Mrs G van Poortvliet  
 Parishioners 3 present

- 1.0 Election of the Chair of the Parish Council** - Cllr Byatt was proposed, seconded and elected as Chair. Cllr Byatt accepted the position but informed the PC that, due to family circumstances, she would be very likely to move from Whaddon before the term had ended. The PC accepted this.
- 2.0 Election of the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council** – Cllr Strudwick was proposed, seconded and elected as Vice-Chair. Cllr Strudwick had informed Chair Byatt that he would be happy to hold this position for a year.
- 3.0 Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr P Neale, Cllr N Strudwick, Cllr C Rose, District Cllr D McCraith and District Cllr N Cathcart.
- 4.0 Appointment of Committees:**  
Management and Fundraising Committee for the Village Hall – the PC appointed the following members:  
 Nigel Strudwick  
 Karen Coningsby  
 Carol Ginger  
 Anne Warrack  
 Terry Allison  
 Deborah Townsend  
 Wendy Paton  
 Malan Peyton  
Neighbourhood Watch – the PC appointed the following members:  
 Mike Monks  
 Malan Peyton  
 Carol Aldred  
 Anne Brandon  
 Leslie Brandon  
 Clare Byatt  
 Karen Coningsby  
 Tony Gardner  
 Geoff Lane  
 Wendy Paton  
 Andrew Townsend  
Planning Committee – the PC agreed to establish a planning committee. A draft constitution was circulated, discussed and some changes approved. The PC appointed the following members:  
 Phil Neale  
 Malan Peyton  
 Chris Rose  
 Will Burchett  
 Cllr Burchett works as a local builder and expressed concern that this could potentially lead to a conflict of interest when discussing planning applications. It was decided to keep this under consideration and appoint another member if a conflict of interest became apparent.

- 5.0 Consideration of Annual Subscriptions** – the PC approved continued subscription to Cambridgeshire ACRE, National Playing Fields Association, Society of Local Council Clerks and Cambridge and Peterborough Association of Local Councils.
- 6.0 Annual Report by the Chair of the Parish Council** – Chair Byatt delivered the ‘Annual Report by the Chairman covering the period May 2009’. This report is filed in full with these minutes.
- 7.0 Financial Report by the Financial Officer** - the clerk circulated a draft statement of account for the Financial Year 2008/09 (unaudited). This report is filed in full with these minutes. Questions were invited.
- 8.0 Annual Reports**
- Alfred John Palmers Trust Accounts 01.01.2008 – 31.12.2008.
  - Petersfield School Annual report 2009, prepared by the board of governors.
  - Report from the Village Hall Management Committee 2009 and Income and Expenses Statement 01.04.2008 – 31.03.2009.
  - Neighbourhood Watch & Speedwatch 2008/2009 Annual Report.
- Copies of the above reports are filed in full with these minutes.
- Whaddon Playground Project (WPP) – Cllr Burchett delivered a verbal report. WPP had initially hoped to raise £25,000 and had successfully raised £20,000 of this. Then, on managing to secure Pathfinder funding of £45,000, WPP had been able to greatly improve the specification for the playground. The timeframe imposed by Pathfinder had been challenging but the equipment had been installed, the necessary safety inspections done and the playground opened. The Party in the Barn fundraiser would still go ahead in 2009 to raise funds for ongoing maintenance, additional fencing, litter-bins etc.
  - Design Statement (DS) – Mr David Grech provided a verbal summary. The DS working group consisted of four members and had held two meetings to date. The plan was to finish drafting the DS and present it to the PC for consideration at the July 2009 meeting. A consultation draft could then be printed and delivered to the village. Resulting comments could be fed back to the PC at the November 2009 meeting.
  - County Councillor Linda Oliver summarised the key points from the Bassingbourn Division Annual Report. She also commented on issues affecting Whaddon such as the bus-service and the bus turning-circle. Cllrs discussed with County Cllr Oliver the possibility of entering into negotiations with the bus-company to commence a bus-service into Whaddon on a trial- basis (coming into the centre of the village only). Also discussed was the issue of the verges-cutting on the A1198 (see minutes of Parish Council meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009) – Cllr Oliver would look into this.
  - District Councillors – no district councillors were present at the AGM.
- 9.0 Deciding the dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2009/10** – meetings would be held on the second Monday in the month except for July’s meeting which would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> July (due to Clerk’s holiday). There would be no meetings in August or December.
- 10.0 Any other business** – none stated.

**There being no other business the meeting was now closed at 9.35 p.m.**

**The date of the next Annual General Meeting will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 following the Parish Council Meeting.**