

**Minutes of Whaddon Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 8.03 p.m. in the Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Nr Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5RY.**

Present:	Chair	Mr L Ginger
	Councillors	Dr N Strudwick, Professor A Milton, Mr W Elbourn
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	District Councillor	Ms P Hart, Mr J Hales
	County Councillor	None
	Members of the Public	1 present
Absent:	Councillors	Mrs Susan van de Ven

**1.0 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Scott.**

**2.0 Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda – none declared.**

**3.0 Approval of minutes – to resolve that the minutes from the Parish Council (PC) meeting of June 11th 2018 are a correct record. Resolved: that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.**

**4.0 Reports from Clerk and Councillors – to receive updates about progress on resolutions and actions from previous Parish Council meetings:**

- The village sign – the Chair reported that the new sign would be finished in the next four weeks and it would be appropriate to have an unveiling ceremony when it was completed.
- The Mobile Vehicle Activated System continues to be working well and making a positive difference to the speed that cars are passing through the village. It will be reviewed in ten months' time.
- Dog waste bins – Waiting for a further dog waste bin to be placed on the green by Ridgeway Close. Action: Clerk to follow up.
- The picnic bench will be ordered shortly and it is hoped will be installed and enjoyed before the end of the summer.
- It was also noted that the white lines in the road had been repainted, again helping improve road safety.

Cllr Hales entered the meeting at this point.

**5.0 Reports from District and County Councillors:**

**5.1 District Councillors:**

- Cllr Hart and Cllr Hales reported that South Cambridgeshire Local Plan would not be approved until after the summer. This could impact on decisions made on new residential developments in the region.
- Cllr Hart also spoke about the Marley Eternit hearing on June 26<sup>th</sup> which she described as very legal and technical. Cllr Hart explained that local representatives continue to be in disagreement with the Eternit Marley proposals, despite their

assurance that 25 new jobs would be created. The isolation of the proposed site and access to services were the main arguments that were discussed at the hearing.

- Cllr Hart and Cllr Hales spoke of the expansion plans of local business TTP in Melbourn. TTP aim to increase their work force by one third and hope to expand to the rear of the Melbourn Science Park by building a ‘cutting edge premises’ designed to ‘impact very little on the countryside and to create a fertile environment in which to work’.
- The District Councillors also reported that Melbourn Youth Club was welcoming young people to come along. It is held Tuesdays 6-8pm at the Pavilion on The Moor in Melbourn and is free to attend.
- Lastly the County and District Counsellors met with staff and students of Orchard Manor School in Meldreth to support their campaign to improve pavements and accessibility for wheelchair users and those with physical disabilities around the village and beyond.

## 6.0 Public Participation:

- A member of the public commented on Whaddon’s footpaths and Rights of Way and described how she met, along with other residents, with Cllr van de Ven to inspect the state of them. As a result of the work from residents, Cllr van de Ven and the Parish Council, she was pleased to report that they had been cut and people could enjoy walking in the local countryside more easily again. The member of the public thanked the Chair for his assistance in this matter. The Chair reported that the County Council have indicated that they are happy to give the Parish Council financial control over grass cutting in the footpaths. This will allow the Parish Council to manage the process and the paths can be cut at more regular and timely intervals. The Chair added that the Permissive Paths would be added to this schedule.

## 7.0 Correspondence and complaints: None.

## 8.0 Planning:

### 8.1 Noting of Whaddon Parish Council’s Planning Committee recommendations

re (i) S/1656/18/FL, 15 Bridge Street, Whaddon, SG8 5SG - change of use of paddock land to residential garden: approved. (ii) S/2156/18/FL, 53 Bridge Street, Whaddon, SG8 5SG - Conservatory to previous extension at rear of property: SCDC to be consulted for approval due to size increase from the original size of the property.  
Action: the PC noted the approval

**8.2 S/1901/16/OL, Eternit UK, Whaddon Road Meldreth**, outline planning permission for mixed use development (up to 150 dwellings, public open space and new technology plant), new car park and access for Sports and Social Club and associated infrastructure – SCDC’s Planning Committee hearing on June 26th 2018 was reported from the District Councillors as above.

8.3 Noting of approved minutes from Planning Committee meeting of 15th January 2018 and 18th June 2018. Action: PC noted the approval

## 9.0 Finance

**9.1** Bank reconciliation approval - This is delayed until September PC meeting

Action: Clerk to complete when bank statement available and forward to Cllr Scott for verification.

**9.2** Cheques **to be approved for signing today (9<sup>th</sup> July 2018)**

- Cheque number 101037 - South Cambridgeshire District Council - £105.00 Administration costs from Parish Council Election (verified from June Parish Council Meeting)
- Cheque number 101038 - Staff Wages and expenses - £468.67
- Cheque number 101039 - Chair's expense allowance qtr to 30th June 2017 £50.00
- Cheque number 101040 - Internal Audit Fee - £45

## 10.0 Whaddon Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trust

9.1 Cllr Strudwick, WVH&RGT Chairman, gave a verbal update:

- The Village Hall garage was recently broken into and the bolt and padlock were completely removed. The cricket club's lawnmower was stolen. Quotes are being obtained for a new door.
- The Trust received a reply from the Architect which did not address the issues that had been raised. A further letter had been sent asked for a further investigation of the points raised.

**11.0 Proposed Safety Improvements to Whaddon Gap** – it was agreed that this would be discussed in the September PC meeting.

**12.0 Whaddon footpaths and Rights of Way** – this was discussed previously in the meeting.

**13.0 Village Upkeep and Maintenance: to report upkeep and maintenance issues and agree actions:** Along with the new sign, it was agreed that the telephone box would benefit from being repainted over the summer along with the bench by the bus stop.

**14.0 Items for next meeting – noting of requests for agenda items:** recruitment of new Parish Council Councillors.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48 pm.**

**Dates of next Parish Council Meeting – Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.**