

Minutes of Whaddon Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Cambridgeshire, SG8 5RY.

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	A Milton, W Elbourn, A Birch, N Strudwick & J Hart
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	County Councillor	S van de Ven
	District Councillors	J Hales & P Hart
	Members of the Public	One

1.0 Apologies for Absence – R Scott.

2.0 Approval of minutes – to resolve that the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of September 9th were a correct record – Resolved the minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

3.0 Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda – Cllr Milton stated that his planning application was on the agenda as a planning note.

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

- The meeting started by confirmation that the new telephone box had been delivered and installed and was now waiting for the shelves to be added before it reopens.
- The Chair reminded the Parish Council that a second MVAS Unit (speed sign) was formally agreed back in the Spring 2019. It was felt that the Parish Council would wait to hear the outcome of the LHI Bid for the A1198 before this was purchased.
- The Chair spoke of the recently submitted LHI (Local Highway Improvement) bid and reported that the Parish Council had not yet had any feedback. The Chair described a recent survey on the traffic between Kneesworth and Whaddon which found one motorist driving at 116mph in the early hours of the morning. It found that the average speed of traffic was over 60mph, illustrating how much a speed limit reduction is needed. County Councillor van de Ven felt that it may be beneficial to contact the Highways' department to enquire about the status of the bid and the Vice Chair agreed to make contact.

Cllr Hales entered at this point and gave his apologies for being late (Planning Meeting).

5.0 Reports from District and County Councillors:

5.1 County Councillor

- Cllr van de Ven spoke of the noise complaints from local residents resulting from the recent A10 resurfacing. County Highways have accepted that the newer surface may result in an increased noise and are monitoring the problem before agreeing to recover the road at increased costs.
- The Foxton travel consultation is in process and Foxton Parish Council have written their response. Cllr van de Ven encouraged the Parish Council to give their feedback and it was agreed that Whaddon residents would be affected mostly by the increased traffic at the railway crossing.
- Cllr van de Ven next described the NHS Consultation called 'The Big Conversation' which aims to gain feedback to help prioritise resources on a limited budget. Cllr Strudwick agreed to send Cllr van de Ven's report on the village email as, although it is a regional problem, it may affect many residents access to healthcare. The link is as follows: <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/the-big-conversation/>

5.2 District Councillors

- Cllr Hart stated that there had been no update to the Cam Bed Railway proposals and it was agreed that none is expected for some time.
- Cllr Hart spoke about the weekly two-hour 'Open Door' sessions at Melbourn Hub, where people who are experiencing isolation or feeling overwhelmed can gain support. This free service is funded by Cambridgeshire County Council. Cllr Hart also spoke of the new 'Good Mood Café' every Friday between 2-4pm which aims to offer support and wellbeing to everyone. This is also free.
- Cllr Hales also spoke of a new Dementia Friends Café that has been introduced at the Melbourn Hub once a month. This was inspired by a previous customer who developed early onset dementia. It is for both the carer and person living with dementia and the next one is Saturday 14th November from 2.30-4pm.

Cllr Hart left the meeting at this point.

- ## 6.0 Public Participation
- A resident commented on the overgrown ditches on the edge of fields behind Meldreth Road, which may restrict water flow. It was again agreed that although the Environmental Agency do maintain water ways, it is the responsibility of landowners to ensure that they are kept clear. The resident also raised concerns about the newly built structure in a neighbouring field. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Planning Department to enquire why a Planning Application had not yet been submitted, as this site was visited back in July 2019.

7.0 Correspondence & Complaints –

- 12/9/19 – CAPALC Councillor Training Course information.
- 15/9/19 – Email concerning late night activity in Village Hall Car Park from resident.
- 16/9/19 – South Cambs District Council Greater Cambridge housing trajectory publication announcement.
- 17/9/19 – Email inquiring update on bus shelter refurbishment request.
- 23/9/19 – Email from a resident concerning the number of vehicles parked at the top of Bridge Street.
- 23/9/19 – Parish Planning Forum Agenda from South Cambs District Council
- 27/9/19 - An interim unmetered supply certificate from UK Power (for street lighting quotes).
- 27/9/19 – E bulletin for Parishes from SCDC.
- 4/10/19 – Email from resident concerning Planning Application Ref: S/1156/19/VC
- 8/10/19 – Greater Cambridge Planning Policy Update from South Cambs District Council.

The Parking at the top of Bridge Street was discussed as there had been complaints about the numbers of cars parking on the verges. It was felt that a physical barrier this would simply move the vehicles further up the road and all agreed that a concrete layby could be the best option for all. Cllr Hart agreed to investigate this with SCDC.

The complaint from a resident concerning Planning Application S/1156/19/VC at Minstrel Court was also discussed. The Chair informed the meeting that he had responded to the email and requested the resident discuss this with SCDC Planners with whom rests the power to agree or reject applications.

Action: Clerk to contact SCDC to establish if the application had been processed as it was not showing on their website.

- ## 8.0 Street Lighting Arrangements-
- The Clerk stated that the two street-lights would be turned off by the end of October when the current contract with CCC ends. Action: Clerk to investigate suppliers and get quotes.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 Approval of payments to be signed today:

- Staff wages - £366.42. Expenses - £27.71. Total amount - £394.13
- Printing costs for Whaddon News - £110
- Whaddon VH Trust - £103 for Handyman (27th Aug-30th Sept 2019)
- Whaddon Village Hall Trust grant request - £3,533.21 (playground refurbishment £2079.40 and insurance £1,453.81 - agreed in April 2019)

9.2 Bank reconciliation approval

10.0 Planning meetings and updates –

Noting of Whaddon Parish Council's Planning Committee recommendations:

- i) **S/2645/19/FL** – Conversion of an out-building into a one bedroom apartment. Chestnut Tree Farm, 95 Meldreth Road, Whaddon. Approved.
- ii) Noting of SCDC planning decisions re (i) **S/2645/19/FL** – Conversion of out building into a one-bedroom apartment. Chestnut Tree Farm, 95 Meldreth Road, Whaddon. SG8 5RS. Refused. ii) **S/0171/19/FL**. Two storey extension to rear with replacement conservatory. 87 Meldreth Road, Whaddon. SG8 5RS. Approved. iii) **S/2483/19/FL**. First floor side extension. 58 Bridge Street, Whaddon. SG8 5SQ. Approved.

11.0 Whaddon Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trust – verbal update:

- Cllr Strudwick informed the meeting that he had written again to the heating contractor with suggestions on how to settle the ongoing dispute and was waiting a reply.
- The car park signs have been put up outside the village hall.
- The emergency lights in the hall require attention.
- Cllr Strudwick informed the meeting that he would be standing down as the Chair of the Trust in November and that Cllr Birch will take over the role. Cllr Strudwick was thanked for his work by the Chair and Parish Council.

12.0 Plant a Tree Day – The Clerk highlighted that the Woodland Trust are encouraging trees to be planted in public spaces as well as gardens on November 30th 2019. The Parish Council agreed that a tree could be planted and it was suggested by the Chair that this could be situated on the grass on the left-hand side of the bend as you enter the village from Whaddon Gap. Action: Clerk to find out more information.

13.0 Village Upkeep and Maintenance - reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions: It was asked if the weeds had been recently been sprayed in the village as there does not appear to be any evidence. The handyman had been doing much of this clearance by hand. Cllr Hales explained that the street cleaner now only works in the busiest areas of villages and towns to save on time and resource.

14.0 Items for next meeting – None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.14p.m.

Date of next meeting – November 11th at 8pm.