

**Draft Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council virtual meeting held on the
11th August 2020 at 8pm.**

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	A Birch, N Strudwick, A Milton, W Elbourn & J Hart.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	District Councillor	J Hales

1.0 Apologies for Absence – County Councillor S van de Ven gave her apologies.

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

3.0 Approval of minutes – to resolve that the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of July 13th 2020 were a correct record – Resolved: the minutes were approved and will be signed at a later date.

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

- Cllr Strudwick informed the meeting that he believed County Broadband would release further updates for Whaddon later this week.
- The bin sheds have been moved on Bridge Street.
- Applications for the Innovation Fund are due in later the year and will be considered in the autumn.
- One resident has withdrawn their application for becoming a parish councillor, leaving two residents who would like to be considered.
- The Chair informed the meeting that the previous handy man will come back with a proposal for renovating the Meldreth Road telephone box. It was agreed that it needs a large amount of work before it can be used again.
- The Chair will discuss displaying David Grech's work on the village hall wall with the VH&RT.
- The Meldreth Road bus shelter will hopefully be completed in the next few weeks. It was agreed that it already looks much brighter and cleaner and hopefully will be ready for the start of the school year.
- South Cambs Housing have notified that all of the garages in Ridgeway Close will be taken down in the near future, giving residents much more room and flexibility with parking.
- The grass cutting contract needs to be renewed at the end of the year. Action: Clerk to gain three quotes after the specification has been reviewed at the October meeting.
- The Parish Plan was discussed. All agreed that this is a lengthy and important piece of work, which would give the Parish Council the

authority to plan for the next 5-10 years. It is hoped seven to eight volunteers would help with this.

- The Chair also reported that he had no success contacting Barclays' Bank to discuss the bank mandate and would try again in the near future.
- The fences around recreation ground were then discussed. Cllr Elbourn said that he looked for a local contractor to carry out the work and asked for recommendations. Cllr Birch suggested one local contract. The fence to be renewed is 57m and will roughly cost £3,000.
Action: Clerk to get three quotes for a new metal fence.

5.0 Reports from District Councillors:

- The Chair discussed the sudden resignation of Cllr P Hart in mid-July and informed the meeting that the Leader of SCDC, Bridgit Smith, has agreed to attend a future PC meeting, probably in October. This is to partly to review how the ward is managing with one less District Councillor. The leader of SCDC has formally apologised for the lack communication from the authority regarding Cllr P Hart's resignation. The Parish Councillors thanked Cllr P Hart for all her hard work and wished her well for the future.

6.0 Public Participation – none.

7.0 Covid-19 Issues – it was highlighted that the Parish Council will continue to offer support to people who need help collecting medication if required.

8.0 Correspondence and complaints

- Email from District Councillor Phillipa Hart giving her resignation (17/7/2020).
- Email from resident inquiring about using the defibrillator and discussion of organising new training for its use and for general first aid (23/7/2020).
Action: Clerk to explore this.
- Email from Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service to invite comments on the draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan (27/7/2020).
- Email from Greater Cambridge Planning Policy, Strategy & Economy Team discussing the Greater Cambridge green infrastructure survey (29/7/2020).
- Email from South Cambridgeshire Community Partnership survey for residents (31/7/2020).
- BMI 'Can Do It' email (NHS 4/8/2020).

9.0 Planning Updates – Noting of Whaddon Parish Council's Planning Committee recommendations - **S/0061/20/LB** - Replacement of 13 windows and 1 patio door (Re-submission of S/3927/19/LB) at 153 Bridge Street, Whaddon. SG8 5SP. Approved.

10.0 Finance: Approval of payments to be signed today:

- Staff wages – £388.95 and expenses - £153 (including one-year Zoom subscription).
- Auditor fee - £60
- Grass cutting contractor - £672

11.0 LHI Bid –

Cllr Strudwick informed the meeting that he was waiting for a supporting letter from Bassingbourn Parish Council, before submitting another bid. The Chair offered to contact the Parish Council.

12.0 Parish Council Vacancy – both prospective parish councillors were thanked for joining the meeting and it was agreed a separate meeting (via Zoom) would enable a decision to be made by the end of August.**13.0 Dog waste bin –** the Clerk had found three different options for a new bin of varying price. It was agreed it would be placed on the right-hand side of the verge as the footpath starts, although an exact location needs to be established.**14.0 Village Hall and Recreation Trust –**

- Cllr Birch stated the Village Hall reopened on the 24th of July and that most people with bookings were waiting to come back in September or the new year. Cllr Birch felt that people are still a little concerned about coming back to normal events. Financially, the VH&RT are secure without the regular bookings coming back straight away and she hoped there were more bookings soon.
Cllr Hales joined the meeting at this point
- Cllr Birch said the plans for renovating the garage were progressing.
- Cllr Birch will attend a Zero Grant Community Grant workshop from SCDC in the near future.
- The AGM has been set for September 7th.
- Cllr Birch also spoke about the handyman putting new drainage grates in the car park, as the previous panels had broken down.
- The Chair asked if table tennis was permitted and Cllr Birch felt that this could resume. Doubles would also be permitted if it involved family members.

15.0 Village Upkeep and Maintenance –

The Chair welcomed Cllr Hales to the meeting and asked him if weed spraying in the village had been continuing recently, although he knew this was a County Council task. Cllr Hales spoke to the Parish Council about the new housing plans from central Government, which is felt to give pre-determined approval to developers. Cllr Hales felt that this could have serious implications for a large amount of housing. The Section 106 fund requirement will also be withdrawn and an infrastructure levy will be introduced. Cllr Hales also said that the regulation to provide affordable housing will also be stopped, which will affect many people, especially when house prices are so high in this area.

Cllr Birch spoke about the road sign coming into Whaddon being unstable and on one leg. The Chair said that this can be reported online. Cllr Hales suggested that Cllr Birch contact Meldreth Parish Council who bought new signs at a much-reduced cost. It was agreed that the sign could be dangerous if unbalanced.

16.0 Items for the next meeting – The next meeting was agreed to be on October 12th at 8pm via Zoom, instead of September due to this additional meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.54 pm

Date of next meeting – October 12th 2020 at 8pm.