

**Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council virtual meeting held on
15th June 2020 at 8pm.**

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	A Birch, N Strudwick, A Milton & J Hart,
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	District Councillor	J Hales and P Hart
	County Councillor	S van de Ven

1.0 Apologies for Absence – Cllr W Elbourn

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 May 18th 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:

- The Chair started the meeting by discussing the recent complaints in the village concerning dog waste left on footpaths. The Clerk confirmed the lack of response from SCDC since February about the proposed new dog waste bin by St Marys Close– Cllr P Hart offered to assist with communications with SCDC. Action: Clerk to copy Cllr P Hart onto the email thread.
- Cllr Strudwick then discussed County Broadband and stated they need a higher uptake of customers in Whaddon before they could offer the service. Cllr Strudwick confirmed County B was that they were reviewing the situation in the week commencing 22 June and would be providing villagers with an online update thereafter.
- It was confirmed that the Highways Department had cut the trees at the end of Bridge Street today which will hopefully improve telephone and internet connections at the end of Bridge Street. This was done within a week of requesting and the team was praised for its speedy work.
- The Chair stated that the Highways Department had also confirmed that items should not be left on county owned road verges, which can cause a danger to motorists' visibility driving in the village.
- The LHI bid along the A1198 was discussed and cyclist safety was highlighted, especially as many of the young people in Whaddon attend the secondary school at Bassingbourn. Bassingbourn Parish Council and Bassingbourn Barracks both confirmed that they support a further bid from Whaddon to reduce the speed limit.

Cllr Strudwick stated that the Barracks were unable to contribute financially to the next bid and he would investigate if the proposed costings for the work would be the same as last year, according to Cambridgeshire County Council. The Chair also confirmed that he would be reviewing the Parish Council's financial situation so it can be established how much can be allocated to the project, which then can be formally agreed by the Parish Council.

5.0 Reports from District and County Councillors:

- Cllr P Hart started by confirming that all the green bins had been collected last month. They are now operating at full capacity and hopefully all bins will be picked up normally from now on.
- Cllr P Hart spoke about the Track and Trace system, which has been recently introduced by the Government for monitoring Covid-19 cases. Questions remain on how it will work in the community and it is believed that the Government are now looking at it being run by local councils.
- Cllr van de Ven spoke of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Meeting which recently passed a Government review, meaning more funding can be allocated for local infrastructure. The Melbourn Greenway scheme and the Foxton Travel Hub are to be discussed at upcoming meetings in June, to look at local transport links. Cllr van de Ven described the opposition from some residents in Foxton to the proposals, which have been described as being a large car park in the village. They are also exploring building a cycle and pedestrian crossing over the level crossing at Foxton. The Melbourn Greenway could potentially create a cycle link to Royston and Cllr van de Ven spoke of the extra Government funding for cycling post Covid-19 and Whaddon could be a recipient for this investment.
- The Chair reported that a resident has highlighted the possibility of funding from the Innovate and Culture Fund, which can help projects in communities. The PC would be responsible for overseeing any funding collected and more information will be shared next month after the initial information webinar.

6.0 Public Participation – no comments or questions received.

7.0 Covid-19 Issues – the prescription service was still running for residents and it was agreed it is especially useful not only for those who are shielding but also to protect as many people as possible. A further email was agreed to be useful to remind residents that the service is still running. The Parish Council have picked up approximately 50 prescriptions and it was noted that there remains an active community spirit in Whaddon which it was hoped would continue long after lockdown finishes.

8.0 Correspondance and complaints

- Email resignation from Cllr Scott for Whaddon Parish Council (24/5/2020).
- Email from Cllr van de Ven giving information about the proposed HGV review and advisory map in Cambridgeshire (27/5/2020).

- Email from CCC confirming the financial contribution for grass cutting in Whaddon remains the same in 2020/21 (27/5/20).
- Email from Meldreth Road residents giving ideas for the telephone box in Meldreth Road (31st May 2020).

9.0 Parish Council Vacancy – It was discussed that the Parish Council would need to formally agree to advertise for one new councillor in the near future. Jonathan Burgess had applied for the handyman position and all were happy to recruit him. A volunteer was being sought for the Speedwatch Co-Ordinator.

10.0 Planning Updates – none. The lack of updates from the Planning Department over the past few months was commented on.

11.0 Meldreth Road Telephone Box – A resident had emailed many suggestions for the new purpose of the telephone box which were briefly discussed. There were some really good ideas but the meeting agreed felt that a further email for suggestions would be useful to prompt for more ideas.

12.0 Finance:

12.1 Approval of payments to be signed today:

- Staff wages – £451.73
 - Cambridgeshire ACRE membership - £57
- Authorised today to avoid late payment:
- Whaddon News printing - £134.00

13.0 Village Hall and Recreation Trust –

- Cllr Birch informed the meeting that Wendy Scott had resigned.
- Cllr J Hart asked if the playground remained shut as there had been a number of non-residents visiting in the week. Cllr Birch confirmed that it was still closed as a legal requirement.
- Cllr Birch informed the meeting that the VH&RT had been successful in obtaining a grant from the Government led Retail Leisure and Hospitality Fund.
- Cllr Birch confirmed that Wi-Fi is now installed and working in the hall.
- Lastly, the playground is due its annual safety inspection and Cllr Birch was researching possible alternatives.

14.0 Items for the next meeting – none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13pm

Date of next meeting – July 13th 2020 at 8pm.