

Minutes of Whaddon Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Cambridgeshire, SG8 5RY.

Present:	Chair	N Strudwick
	Councillors	A Milton, W Elbourn, R Scott & J Hart
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	District Councillor	P Hart
	County Councillor	S van de Ven
	Members of the Public	None

1.0 Apologies for Absence – Cllr L Ginger, Cllr A Birch and District Councillor J Hales.

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 8th 2019 were a correct record – Resolved the minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

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
- The Chair confirmed that the replacement telephone box is ready to be ordered and this would include a backboard added to enable shelves to be made for the library. Cllr Scott asked if the Parish Council could choose the position of the door directly opposite the book shelves to minimise the chance of them becoming damaged through rain. The Chair reported that the company did not offer a choice in configuration as they were refurbished units and were allocated on availability. Action: Clerk to send deposit.
- The Chair reported that Cambridgeshire County Council had agreed financial support to the Parish Council to take over the grass cutting of the local footpaths. After meeting the local contractor, the Chair also confirmed that this would be cut in the next few days. Action: Clerk to invoice Cambridgeshire Council for the agreed sum.
- The Chair spoke of Cllr Hart's offer of plants for Meldreth railway station's flower tubs. Cllr van de Ven thanked Cllr Hart in her absence and agreed to discuss it again in the autumn when the tubs were due to be re-planted for the winter.

- The Parish Council's Risk Assessment policy was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk, the Chair and Cllr Strudwick should organise a separate meeting to update the current policy. Action: Clerk to organise meeting.
- The Chair spoke to Cllr van de Ven to arrange a joint meeting with the Commanding Officer at Bassingbourn Barracks. Cllr van de Ven spoke of her recent meeting the Barracks and that they highlighted the need to improve the safety of the A1198. She described how previous attempts to reduce the speed limit to 40 along this stretch of road (and for this to be continued past Whaddon Gap junction) had been rejected, as the The Highway Department felt it was not an accident blackspot nor was it considered a residential area. The Parish Council agreed with Cllr van de Ven to push for a Local Highway Improvement Scheme along with the Barracks and Bassingbourn Parish Council between Kneesworth and Whaddon Gap as it has long been agreed the current layout could be dangerous.

5.0 Reports from District and County Councillors:

5.1 District Councillor

- Cllr Hart informed the meeting of Cambridgeshire's Police proposal to build a new police station on the outskirts of Milton, next to the current Park and Ride site. This would involve moving from their current central position in Parkside and is currently being reviewed.

5.2 County Councillor

- The Chair asked Cllr van de Ven about the Melbourn Greenways consultation which is due to start in June. This involves the possible updating of the A10 cycle route between Trumpington and Royston and Cllr van de Ven spoke of her hope that additional routes would be added including Meldreth Road, Whaddon and Metal Hill to enable more to cycle safely in the local area.
- Cllr Strudwick asked Cllr van de Ven to comment on the recent news that the Mayor of Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority had recently recruited an ex-councillor into his team without the necessary formal procedures. Cllr van de Ven reported that the Mayor had subsequently released a report to answer points raised which had been met with further criticism. The Parish Council all agreed that it was important to discuss issues that may affect Whaddon on a regional scale as well as those more locally.
Cllr's van de Ven and Hart left the meeting at this point.

6.0 Public Participation – none

7.0 Correspondence & Complaints –

- Vintage Sports Car Club – information that the club will be running a Vintage Car event through Whaddon on June 22nd leaving Abington Piggotts at 11.20am (email dated 15th May 2019)

- Acknowledgement and thanks expressed by Royston and District Community Transport for the donation (email dated 20th May 2019)
- CAPALC – Annual Clerks and Councillors Conference on June 25th (email dated 21st May 2019)
- Letter requesting information concerning a past resident (23rd May 2019)

8.0 Planning meetings and updates – S/0463/19/FL: Replacement and relocation of oil tank to front garden, 6 Ridgeway Close, Whaddon. SG8 5SA. Approved by SCDC.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 Approval of payments to be signed today:

- Staff wages and expenses: £425.96
- SLCC membership: £114
- CAPALC General Data Protection membership scheme: £25.47
- Defibrillator light installation: £90

Added to the original agenda to avoid late payments to be signed today:

- Cambridgeshire County Council street lighting: £71.04
- Hales printers for Whaddon News: £110
- X2 Connect (telephone box replacement deposit): £250

Payment signed before the meeting to avoid late payment:

- Insurance for Parish Council - £302.85

9.2 Consideration and approval of the Annual Governance Statement – the report was signed by the Chair.

9.3 Noting of Internal Auditors report on the Annual Return 2018/19

10.0 Whaddon Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trust:

11.1 Receipt of oral report from a member of WVH&RGT:

- Cllr Strudwick informed the meeting that the WVH&RGT committee had recently had a meeting in which they firstly discussed changes to arrangements to hiring the village hall. The Trust also began to plan a fundraising schedule for the next year.
- There has been no response from the installer of the heating despite attempts to contact the company to close the dispute.
- Cllr Strudwick asked the Parish Council if the grant money to the playground could be used on maintenance and repairs. The Trust had received a quote from the annual inspection, which was agreed as costly, despite Cllr Strudwick negotiating a lower price. It was agreed that the approved company should carry out the repairs as soon as possible and that alternative contractors should be explored for the next annual inspection. Cllr Strudwick informed the meeting that step leading to the slide had recently broken and this was signposted.

11.0 Items for next meeting – none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

Date of next meeting – 14th October at 8pm.