

Minutes of Whaddon Parish Council Meeting held on 10th February 2020 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, Cambridgeshire, SG8 5RY.

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence – Cllrs A Milton, A Birch and J Hart.

2.0 Approval of minutes – to resolve that the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of January 13th 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 – none.

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 reporting that the telephone box at the top of Bridge Street is now complete with books and open for all to use.
- The Clerk reported that she has not had a response from South Cambridgeshire County Council in regard to the dog waste bin and this would be followed up.
- The 'Three Free Trees' voucher from SCDC was ready to be used by the Parish Council before the end of March 2020. This was followed by a discussion on the best location and variety of the new trees.
- The Great British Spring Clean is running nationally between 20th March and 13th April and it was agreed that Whaddon's annual litter pick would be on the morning of April 11th, which is Easter Saturday.
- The recreation ground fences were measured at 57m and it was confirmed that a gate would be more suitable than the existing metal chain to stop cars from entering the field.
- Broadband in the village was then discussed and Cllr Strudwick spoke about the correspondence with himself and County Broadband, which aims to bring 'hyperfast' broadband to the village. Cllr Strudwick advised residents to wait before they commit to a new service, as not all providers had been explored. It was agreed that some providers may not be able to offer the services they claim.

- The telephone kiosk on Meldreth Road was now owned by the Parish Council and residents are asked to give their ideas on its new purpose.

5.0 Reports from District and County Councillors:

5.1 County Councillor – Cllr van de Ven spoke firstly of a workshop provided by Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services on ‘How to write a good funding application’ for community groups on February 19th in Foxton Village Hall between 4-7.30pm.

- Cllr van de Ven also confirmed that the East West Railway route had been announced, which was the chosen route for SCDC.
- Cllr van de Ven spoke of the successes of Meldreth railway station and Melbourn Village College. Meldreth station won funding to secure a new cycle park scheme and Melbourn Village College have installed water refill stations, to reduce plastic waste.
- As the County Council now requires staff to take Christmas to New Year off work, this has created a back log of pot hole repairs and Highways are working through the list to mend them.
- Cllr van de Ven updated councillors on the Cam Vale Bus User Group, which met on January 22nd with 40 attendees. The proposal to amalgamate two bus routes through Herts and Cambs means that the service 127 is unlikely to be reduced and the two buses will continue to run through Whaddon each day
- Continuing to discuss transport links, Cllr ven de Van talked about the proposed cycle link from Royston to Melbourn along the A505. A consultation which ends on March 30th is now taking place.
- Lastly, Cllr ven de Van spoke of the huge financial deficit that Cambridgeshire schools are facing. The County Council has requested that they can remove 1.8% of the main schools’ budget to help the increasing numbers of pupils with additional needs, which could reduce the individual mainstream pupil allocation by £50 per pupil.

6.0 Public Participation – the member of the public reported that her cardboard waste had not been picked up by the previous week’s refuse collection. Incomplete or missing collections occurred to many residents in Whaddon on February 5th and many found reporting difficult, especially if they did not use the internet. The member of the public described how her conversation with SCDC ended with them putting the telephone down on her, after she questioned their incorrect advice. Cllr Hales confirmed he had spoken to the supervisor of the refuse department, who are now aware of the problems of the last two recycling collections. This is partly due to an amalgamation of City and South Cambs refuse team collection. The member of the public also asked if the minutes and agendas of the Parish Council meetings could be sent to residents via the village email system and it was agreed this would continue every month.

7.0 East West Railway routeing announcement– the intended railway route was announced very quickly last week, after reports that an update was

imminent. It was felt by all that the right route had been chosen. Cllr Hart highlighted that the detail in the locations the train would stop had not been given and it was hoped some extra stations could be built which would help with local and Addenbrookes journeys. EWR is now estimated to be finished by 2030, not 2025 as previously publicised.

8.0 LHI bid– after two cancelled appointments, Cllr Strudwick made the bid for Whaddon Gap and the A1198 speed reduction, alongside Cllr Ginger, County Councillor S van de Ven and Lt. Col. Paul Morris from Basingbourn Barracks. The Parish Council should learn the results of this application on March 20th.

9.0 Ridgeway Close parking – the new area for an extra parking space had been made and the car park is awaiting new white lines, including a disabled bay. A wooden rail fence will be put up around the grass to stop parking and Cllr Hart asked if this had been considered to be safe in the dark (a possible trip hazard) - It was agreed that pedestrians usually walk with torches given the lack of street lighting in the village and that the posts will be fitted with reflectors.

Cllrs Hart, Hales and van de Ven left the meeting at 8.55pm

10.0 Correspondence & Complaints –

- Email from BT confirming they will remove the telephone from the kiosk on Meldreth Road (24/1/20)
- Email confirming details of Parish Cabinet Liaison Meeting on 28/1/20 (SCDC 22/1/20).
- Email confirming East West Rail preferred route (Cllr van de Ven 30/1/20) and later the full announcement from East West Railway Company (31/1/20).
- Three Free Trees Voucher from SCDC encouraging tree plantations (SCDC 3/2/20).
- Email from the Greater Cambridge Partnerships training on planning application software (Cllr Hart 3/2/20).
- Email from numerous residents reporting incomplete or no refuse collection (6/2/20).
- Email inviting the parish to be involved in the Great British Spring Clean from 20th March to 13th April (SCDC)

11.0 Planning Meetings and updates – A Planning meeting was held before the Parish Council and discussed two applications – i) **S/0077/20/FL** - Replacement of roof to nave and North and South aisles in terne-coated stainless steel. St Mary's Church, Church Street. Whaddon. SG8 5RU. **Approved.**

And ii) **S/0061/20/LB** – Replacement of 11 no. windows and 1 no. patio door (resubmission of S/3927/19/LB). 153 Bridge Street, Whaddon. SG8 5SP. **Approved.**

12.00 Finance:**10.1** Approval of payments to be signed today:

- Staff wages and expenses – £362.73
- Whaddon News printing - £112
- Councillor training (CAPALC) - £75.00
- Room hire for PC and Planning meetings from April 2019 – February 2020 (WVH Trust) £119
- Cllr Ginger (Chair's allowance for lost cheque) - £50

Payments approved today to avoid late payment:

- MD landscapes (grass cutting July-December) - £1,002.00

13.0 Whaddon Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trust – verbal update: The next film night is on February 22nd showing the 'Greatest Showman' in a matinee at 4pm and evening performance at 7.30pm.

14.0 Village Upkeep and Maintenance - reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions: none.

15.0 AOB - Cllr Scott gave his notice of leaving the Parish Council in the near future, the exact date to be confirmed.

Cllr Strudwick asked the Chair for an update on the report that Hertfordshire Fire Brigade would be charging an hourly fee for out of county assistance. The Chair informed him that a consultation was taking place and he would find out more information.

16.0 Items for next meeting – Cllr Elbourn gave his apologies for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Date of next meeting – 9th March at 8pm.

17.0 Clerk Performance review – (confidential item - Clerk, members of the public and County and District Councillors to leave the meeting).