

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

at Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, SG8 5RY.

10th October 2022 at 8pm

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	D Townsend, J Hart, W Elbourn & A Birch, and N Strudwick.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	Members of the Public	1

1. **Apologies for Absence** – County Councillor S van de Ven and District Councillors J Hales and SA Hart gave their apologies.
2. **Approval of Minutes – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 5th September 2022** - These were signed and approved.
3. **Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda** – none.
4. **Reports from Clerk and Councillors – verbal updates about progress on resolutions and actions from previous Parish Council meetings**
 Cllr Hart confirmed that the Defibrillator training had been set for October 30th at the Village Hall.
 Cllr Elbourn stated that the recreation ground fence had been mended, with additional concrete added to areas which required stabilising.
 The Chairman spoke of the A1198 speed limit, which had recently been reduced to 40mph. He confirmed that there remained no date for starting the road improvements. The Parish Council discussed the location of the national speed limit sign, which was felt to be too close to the Whaddon Gap turning. It was agreed that this would be explored further when work had been completed and its effectiveness could be properly evaluated.
5. **Reports from District and County Councillors** – none.
6. **Public Participation** – The member of the public explained they were exploring options for a more permanent solution to charging their electric vehicle by their house with the County Councillor. The Parish Council discussed the of the possibility of an electric charging point at the Village Hall in the future.
7. **Planning update** – i) 22/03713/LBC - Replacement, upgrading and fitting of secondary glazing to some of the windows to the exterior of the cottage and boarding over of some modern internal windows to hallway. 132 Church Street, Whaddon.
 This was approved by the Planning Committee.
 ii) 22/03724/HFUL - Detached single storey home office building to rear. 132 Meldreth Road, Whaddon. This application was withdrawn.
 It was agreed that Cllr Hart would join the Planning Committee.

8. To consider nominations for co-option for the vacancy on the Parish Council

The Chairman confirmed that one member of the public has applied for co-option. It was agreed by all that this co-option should be added to the beginning of the next agenda.

9. Warm hubs – Cllr Birch spoke of her recent meeting on potential ‘warm hubs’ in the region with Cambridgeshire ACRE. These would be run by volunteers and would provide a warm environment for those needing help with heating. It was felt that Whaddon was too small a community for this to run practically, due to the number of volunteers and training required. It was agreed that the Parish Council should monitor progress and any potential demand.

10. Local bus service cuts -The Chairman confirmed that the Whaddon to Royston twice daily bus will continue to run.

11. Correspondence: noting receipt of significant items of correspondence

- SCambs update (13/9/22)
- E Bulletin from SCambs (28/9/22)

12. Finance to approve:

- 12.1 Staff wages and expenses – £1,296.70
- 12.2 Grass cutting - £78
- 12.3 SLCC budget training - £36
- 12.4 Chairman’s allowance (April to September 2022) - £100
- 12.5 Print Works (Parish Plan questionnaire) - £96
- 12.6 Bank reconciliation

Added to payments

- 12.7 Community Heartbeat replacement pads for the defibrillator - £115.20
- 12.8 Catalyst2 website domain renewal - £42
- 12.9 Genesis Orwell Mencap (bench) - £1,077.00
- 12.10 Grass cutting - £294.

13. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update –

Cllr Birch confirmed that there had been one resignation to the Trust, making three vacancies in total, with members of the public who had recently expressed an interest in joining.

Cllr Birch spoke of the film nights starting back at the Village Hall, beginning on the 12th November and the Christmas tree decorating on 4th December. Cllr Birch also spoke of her hope for a new committee to plan next summer’s village fete, which will include raising funds for the church, but would include more activities than before.

14. Village Upkeep and Maintenance

i) Reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions

Cllr Townsend stated that she had reported the missing bollard in Bridge Street in the summer and was waiting for this to be mended.

Cllr Elbourn confirmed the new commemorative bench for the recreation ground had been delivered.

The meeting ended at 9.48pm