

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

14th November 2022 at 8pm

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	D Townsend, J Hart, W Elbourn & A Birch, and N Strudwick and C Hales.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	District Councillor	J Hales and SA Hart
	Members of the Public	One

1. **Apologies for Absence** – County Councillor S van de Ven gave her apologies.
2. **Approval of Minutes – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 10th October 2022**
These were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda**
Cllr Birch reminded the meeting that she continues to be the Chairman of the Whaddon Village Hall Trust, which is discussed under agenda item 9.
4. **To consider nominations for co-option for the vacancy on the Parish Council**
The Parish Council all agreed to appoint Claire Hales. Clerk to send necessary paperwork to Cllr Hales.
5. **Reports from District and County Councillors**
District Councillor Hales spoke about the recent high number of bus cancellations, and the reduced timetable until the end of March 23.
District Councillor Hales also spoke of the numerous health checks available at the Hub in Melbourn.
6. **Reports from Clerk and Councillors – verbal updates about progress on resolutions and actions from previous Parish Council meetings.**
Cllr Hart spoke of the recent defibrillator training which was well attended and very successful and confirmed this will run again in February.
Cllr Strudwick stated that District Councillor Hales had spoken to the Enforcement Agency with the Greater Cambridgeshire Shared Planning team, to ensure that the entrance opposite Whaddon Gap is close imminently, so that road improvements identified in the LHI bid can start as soon as possible.
7. **Public Participation** – none.
8. **Speedwatch update**
The Chairman confirmed that a new Speedwatch coordinator had now started.
9. **Future PC nominations for the Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust** –
Cllr Birch explained that the WVH&RGT have previously understood that two representatives from the Parish Council and other committees were required as Trustees, but ACRE has confirmed that this can be reduced to one, with the aim of reducing any conflict of interests or bias in members acting on behalf of the Trust.

Cllr Strudwick asked to see background information from the Charity Commission, and it was agreed that this should be investigated further, and the item would be on the January agenda.

10. King's Coronation and Bank Holiday

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of a day of celebrations in the village on the May bank holiday.

11. 2023/2024 Precept setting - agreement of date for Precept Meeting and noting of potential projects requiring funding.

The Clerk to confirm a suitable date in December for the precept meeting.

District Cllrs J Hales and SA Hart left the meeting at 9.09pm.

12. Planning update – none.

13. Correspondence: noting receipt of significant items of correspondence

- 20 MPH update (CCC 14/10/22)
- Six free trees (SCDC 14/11/22)

14. Finance to approve:

- 14.1** Staff wages and expenses – £637.64
- 14.2** Replacement torch for defibrillator - £10.80
- 14.3** Handyman wages - £296.70
- 14.4** C S Shredding - £76.80
- 14.5** SW Gardens and Landscapes - £104.92
- 14.6** Confirmation of the pay scale for the Clerk.

It was agreed by all that the Clerk would move to SCP 18 on the national pay scale after completing the CiCLA qualification.

- 14.7** Added to avoid late payment - Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £30

15. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update

Cllr Birch spoke about the concerns over future electricity bills, as the fixed tariff was due to finish in mid-November. Cllr Birch also confirmed that the Trust were investigating the possibility of installing solar panels.

Cllr Birch lastly discussed the recent successful film night, where £171 was raised for the Trust.

16. Village Upkeep and Maintenance - Reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions.

None.

Cllr Townsend reminded the Parish Council that the Christmas lunch would be held on Wednesday 21st December Christmas in the village hall.

The meeting ended at 9.32pm