

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

on 12th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	W Elbourn, A Birch, N Strudwick, C Hales and D Townsend.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	Members of the Public	Three
	County Councillor	S van de Ven
	District Councillors	J Hales

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – District Councillor Sally Ann Hart gave her apologies.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 12th June 2023. These were approved.
- 3. Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda** – Cllr Birch will not be present for the discussion on the Parish Council nomination as she is the current Chairman of the Village Hall Trust.
- 4. Reports from Clerk and Councillors – verbal updates about progress on resolutions and actions from previous Parish Council meetings.**

Cllr Strudwick explained that the recycling point outside the village hall, for blister packs, was currently closed as there are now fewer places that accept them. This has proved hugely successful and has been well supported by residents and Cllr Strudwick stated he hoped that this could be resumed soon.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors**

Cllr van de Ven spoke of the holiday activity funding which is available for children in receipt of free school meals. Cllr Van de Ven also gave details about the Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund, which gives grants to improve community buildings and assets.

Cllr van de Ven confirmed she has requested that, where necessary, local road lines and markings are painted and signage is clear and visible to all motorists, especially at the Kneesworth and Fenny Lane junctions.

Cllr van de Ven also spoke of the current consultation which is all about the future of staffed railway ticket offices and, in particular, those at Royston and Meldreth. The closing date is Wednesday 26th July and Cllr Strudwick said that he planned to alert villagers to this by sending a Whaddon-wide email, asking for responses.

Lastly, Cllr van de Ven spoke of the Cambridgeshire NHS survey on access to primary care in Royston and the surrounding area, including Whaddon, which looks to benefit residents as much as possible in improving delivery of health care in the area. Cllr

Ginger said that he will draft a village wide email alerting villagers about this consultation, which has a closing date of August 11th.

Cllr van de Ven gave her apologies to leave for another meeting at 7.55pm

6. Public Participation – no comments.

7. Planning update: Minutes of Meeting 26th June were approved.

i)) **23/02229/HFUL** - Two storey rear extension - 64 Cardiff Place, Whaddon, SG8 5LR. This was approved by the Planning Committee.

iii) **23/02175/HFUL** - Single storey front extensions, internal and roof alterations - 4 Bridge Street Whaddon, SG8 5SQ. This was approved by the Planning Committee.

iii) **23/01751/S106A** - Modification of planning obligations contained in a Section 106 Agreement dated 3rd June 2011 made between (1) SCDC (2) Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association Limited in relation to Land at Church Street Whaddon. Planning Ref: S/1047/10/F. 2-7 (inclusive) St Mary's Close Whaddon. This was rejected by the Planning Committee, and it was requested to go to the Planning Committee at Greater Cambridge Shared Planning.

8. Correspondence: noting receipt of significant items of correspondence

- PKF LittleJohn – The Clerk confirmed that Whaddon Parish Council are now required to submit Form 3, as the expenditure and income in the last financial year was over £25,000 due to the bus shelter. This will mean a larger audit fee.

9. LHI - final implementation of new road layout

Cllr Strudwick confirmed that the works are planned to take place on 14-19th August, with some road closure to Kneesworth from Whaddon Gap. The details will be confirmed with residents when more information is given.

10. Parish Plan – prioritise actions and tasks

The Chairman asked if the Parish Council would like to consider this at a separate closed meeting, due to the detail that is required to look through the information that has been gathered in the parish plan. This was agreed to take place on Monday 14th August at 7.30pm.

11. Parish Council nominee for Village Hall Trust – this will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

12. By-way 22 width restriction implementation – The Chairman confirmed that quotes were being sought for signage and posts. The first quote for signage was for £339 and the second for £345. The Chairman confirmed that he hoped the work could commence before the end of the month.

13. Finance to approve:

13.1 Staff wages and expenses – £492.61

13.2 Chairman's allowance – April to June 2023 - £50

13.3 Grass cutting and verge cut - £294

13.4 OLP Playground repair - £6,252.24, with the Village Hall Trust paying fifty percent of the total.

14. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update

Cllr Birch confirmed that the AGM will be on 4th September.

Cllr Birch spoke about the recent meeting, where electric vehicle charging points was also discussed. The Trust felt that they would not be able to be responsible for any daily maintenance of a charging point.

Cllr Birch also reported that the Trust wanted the dog waste bin to be moved further towards the children's playground, as they felt it was currently too near car parking spaces.

15. Village Upkeep and Maintenance – Cllr Hales asked if the Parish Council could put a warning sign on Bridge Street, alerting motorists that there are children playing in the street. The Parish Council discussed the merits of adding a sign. District Councillor Hales suggested a road safety meeting in the Village Hall for young people and this was agreed to be a good idea for the future.

16. Items for next meeting – noting of requests for agenda items – none.

The Clerk and Cllr Birch left the meeting at 8.55pm

11. Parish Council nominee for Village Hall

The Parish Council were happy to support Jonathan Birch as the PC Village nominee to be a Trustee for the Village Hall Trust. Cllr Ginger agreed to inform Jonathan.

17. End of meeting

The meeting closed at 21.05pm.