

Whaddon Parish Council Minutes

10th November 2025 at 7.30pm

Location: Whaddon Village Hall

Present: W Elbourn – Chairman (WE), D Townsend – Vice Chairman (DT), N Strudwick (NS), J Hart (JH), B Fairclough (BF) and D Short (DS)

County Councillor A Bostanci.

Parish Clerk – A Culver

1. Apologies for absence - apologies from council members unable to attend - District Councillor's SA Hart and J Hales gave their apologies.

2. Approval of minutes – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 13th October 2025. These were agreed and signed by WE.

3. Declaration of interests - Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in agenda items. None.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes - Updates on actions and decisions from the last meeting.

The Clerk reported that Bumpkins Nursey responded quickly and positively to the email from the Clerk asking for additional measures, such as a stop sign, to be installed at the Bridge Street/Bumpkins nursery junction, to improve safety awareness.

5. Public participation - Opportunity for residents to raise concerns or ask questions about local issues. None.

6. County and District Councillor reports.

County Councillor Bostanci spoke of the plans to upgrade Shepreth railway crossing by installing a double barrier, which is regarded as safer. NS spoke of a petition against this upgrade due to the excess waiting time and this for road users, and that this was previously not felt busy enough to warrant this change. It was agreed that NS would send details of this and an online petition on the village email.

County Councillor Bostanci also stated that more letters from younger residents supporting opening Ivy Bridge, a connection between Royston and Kneesworth were needed.

The Parish Council agreed that one larger tree should be ordered for the yearly six free trees incentive from SCambs.

7. To discuss a pedestrian point for crossing A1198 at Barrack's entrance.

DS spoke about the LHI bid from Bassingbourn Parish Council which has requested installing a pedestrian crossing from the Barracks to Cardiff Place to help residents cross more safely. The Parish Council discussed financially contributing to this if there are any future requests from Bassingbourn Parish Council.

8. Planning Committee Terms of Reference

It was agreed that JH would become Chairman of the Planning Committee.

9. To discuss a grant application from the Village Hall Trust regarding groundwork repair.

The Parish Council agreed to pay fifty percent of the invoice which totalled at £1,950.

10. To discuss introducing official email addresses for the Parish Council

It was agreed that the Parish Council email address should be a .gov.uk email address and that further research should be done on obtaining a more cost-efficient way of doing this.

11. Finance – To agree a precept meeting date. This was agreed to be on 15th December at 7.30pm.

The Clerk stated that £25.99 to reimburse Loretta Day (plants on Bridge Street Spring) had been added to the payments to be approved.

12. To discuss quotes for an MVAS - The quotes for the MVAS were discussed. It was agreed to order one MVAS for the village from Elan City at £2,500 plus VAT.

13. To discuss the Parish Council supporting a Housing Survey

The Parish Council discussed the objectives of a housing survey and what they aimed to achieve. It was agreed that a preliminary survey should go to residents to establish if there is a need for affordable housing before Cambridgeshire ACRE is considered. WE and AC to design a flyer to go with the Whaddon News asking residents if they are in favour of affordable housing.

14. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update

Jonathon Birch (Chairman of the VH&RGT) confirmed that the veranda has been completed with the new roof installed and the new garage door has been ordered. The VH has no internet

connection at present, and a new provider was being investigated. Complaints about cars being parked in the village hall overnight.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm