

Whaddon Parish Council Minutes

13th October 2025 at 7.30pm

Location: Whaddon Village Hall

Present: W Elbourn – Chairman (WE), D Townsend – Vice Chairman (DT), B Fairclough (BF), D Short (DS)

County Councillor A Bostanci and District Councillor SA Hart

1. Apologies for absence - apologies from council members unable to attend. Councillors J Hart, N Strudwick and A Birch all gave their prior apologies.

2. Approval of minutes – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 8th September 2025. These were approved by all 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 stated that Cambridgeshire County Councillor had responded regarding the overgrown hedge by Town Farm Close stating it was the responsibility of the landowner. DS to speak to Shires Tree Surgery, regarding cutting back the hedge by Town Farm Close.

5. Public participation - Opportunity for residents to raise concerns or ask questions about local issues

A member of the public spoke about Bridge Street junction. DT spoke about traffic from Bumpkins Nursery turning out to the road, causing possible problems as motorists do not always look into Bridge Street for oncoming traffic. Clerk to write to Bumpkins to request that parents are reminded of this junction and to suggest a white line is painted at the top of Bumpkins and a stop sign.

The member of the public also spoke about parking on pavements blocking pedestrians way. This was felt especially relevant for contractors. Clerk to write on village email.

Lastly, the member of public discussed their concerns about affordable housing in any future homes that may be built locally, and that there needed to be a clause on any future developments to remain as

affordable housing. The Parish Council agreed with this sentiment, but it was questioned how much influence they would have.

Resident left the meeting at 7.47pm

6. County and District Councillor reports

District Councillor SA Hart spoke about the local government restructure consultation and that this was in process. All are encouraged to submit their views.

County Councillor A Bostanci reminded the Parish Council that residents and especially young people are encouraged to write letters expressing support for opening Ivy Bridge for public use, so that there is a safe access point between Royston and Littlington and Bassingbourn. Clerk to email residents to inform them of this.

7. Planning applications - Review and discussion of planning applications and decisions.

No updates. Clerk to schedule a Planning Committee meeting for new application.

8. To discuss safety concerns on the junction at Bridge Street

This was discussed above.

9. Parish Plan – to discuss a housing needs survey

The Parish Council discussed the merits of conducting a housing needs survey, what this would involve, who would do this and how the results would be analysed and used. It was agreed that more information was needed at this stage as it was felt that a questionnaire would have to be carefully conducted to ensure that the process was neutral and the results were not biased.

10. Finance – Progress against budget and bank reconciliation.

Approval of payments:

Herts and Cambs grounds maintenance - grass cutting	Rec cut £102
CALPAC – membership and DPO scheme	£345.23
Staff wages	Confidential
P Evans – Swift Box material reimbursement	£125
W Elbourn – Chairman allowance April 25-March 26	£200

11. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update

DS planted wildflower by bug hotel

The meeting ended at 8.45pm