

Whaddon Parish Council Minutes

8th September 25 at 7.30pm

Location: Whaddon Village Hall

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

1. Apologies for absence - apologies from council members unable to attend. Angela Culver and Nigel Strudwick gave their apologies.

2. Approval of minutes – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 14th July 2025. These were approved 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.

1. Further clarification for minutes of Housing needs following July's meeting - AC
2. Speed Cameras – Update re quotes AC
3. Notice boards – WE to chase

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

A resident thanked the PC for renewing the plaque to commemorate WW2.

A resident suggested that the PC write back to Highways (Cambridgeshire County Council) regarding the cutting the trees down Bridge Street, stating their responsibility in the future.

It was also highlighted an issue with mud on the road had an impact on a resident with mobility aids. This was due to a contractor at a local farm.

6. County and District Councillor reports

County Councillor Bostanci discussed the engagement survey regarding Local government reorganisation. He also discussed the possible construction of a bridge over the A505 (Ivy Farm Bridge) connecting Bassingbourn to Royston. Councillor Bostanci will forward letter template to owners of bridge as letters are being written to the landowner by hopeful users.

7. Planning applications - Review and discussion of planning applications and decisions. None.

8. To discuss Parish Council email accounts. It was agreed that the Parish Council needed to use official email addresses.

9. Approval of payments - Consideration and approval of outstanding payments.

There was a query over the cost of hedge cutting along Town Green Farm, as it was felt it was still not enough of a path. Suggestion regarding contacting homes which have a boundary on the path. Query over whose responsibility the hedges are.

Herts and Cambs grounds maintenance - grass cutting	Rec cut x3 - £306 Verge cut - £288 Cut hedges back along path from the golf course - £168
E & E Plumridge (Whaddon News print)	Spring 2025 - £248 Summer 2025 - £323
Staff wages	Confidential

10. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update – to consider quotes for restoring the Village Hall

Veranda and Garage – G. Hyland Builders have been given the work for the veranda and Garage. The Village Hall Trust and Parish Council agreed they would pay 50/50 of the invoice which was £13,000.

11. Parish maintenance - Updates on maintenance works, including roads, footpaths, and public spaces. None.