

Whaddon Parish Council Minutes

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13 April 2026 at 7:30pm
Whaddon Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr W Elbourn (Chairman)
Cllr D Townsend (Vice Chairman)
Cllr N Strudwick
Cllr B Fairclough
Cllr J Hart
Cllr D Short

In attendance:

District Councillors J Hales and S A Hart
County Councillor A Bostanci
D Grech (Substantiable Whaddon)
A Culver (Clerk)
One member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- A letter has been sent regarding St Mary's Close to County Farms.
 - The gate into the field is to be reinstated by the handyman.
 - The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 20 April 2026 at 7:30pm in the village hall.
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4. Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns with County Councillor Bostanci regarding a pothole at the top of Bridge Street which has deteriorated again shortly after repair. Cllr Bostanci confirmed he would report this to County Highways.

A question was also raised regarding the Parish Council obtaining a .gov.uk email address. The Chairman confirmed that this has been agreed.

5. County and District Councillor Reports

- Cllr Bostanci reported on bus user group feedback to the Combined Authority, noting that a survey is expected in the summer.
 - Cllr S A Hart updated on the final East West Rail (EWR) consultation and discussed a low-income family tracking initiative from SCDC.
 - Issues of fly-tipping within the village were discussed; refuse trucks will be able to collect and monitor fly-tipped waste.
 - The written report was sent to residents on the village email group.
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6. Substantiable Whaddon

- A total of 28 swift boxes have now been installed, with further requests received.
 - A Biodiversity Policy will be formally adopted at the May Parish Council meeting.
 - Recommendations for grass verge cutting in Whaddon were discussed. The Clerk will resend the relevant email from David Grech to the Parish Council.
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7. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust Update

No update recorded.

8. Village Maintenance and Upkeep

- Cllr D Short reported that the hedge by the Town Farm Close footpath has been cut by himself.
 - MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign): The Clerk will contact Highways again regarding installation of a pole for the MVAS.
 - Cllr Townsend suggested exploring the use of an existing pole on the road leading out of the village.
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9. Finance

Payments approved:

Description	Amount
Herts & Cambs (Recreation Ground Cuts x2)	£204.00

Description	Amount
Staff Wages	£536.64
Catalyst2 (Website)	£105.59
Zurich Insurance (Parish Council)	£385.81
Laptop Repair (LCD Cable)	£40.00

Cllr N Strudwick attended his final meeting and was thanked for his dedicated service over the past twenty years and it was also recognised the level of work he had contributed to.

Meeting closed at 8:09pm