Whaddon Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 14th September 2026

Present

Councillors W Elbourn (Chairman), J Hart, D Short and B Fairclough.

Also Present

District Councillors J Hales and S A Hales; County Councillor A Bostanci.

Five members of the public were present – three from Sustainable Whaddon

A Culver – Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence – District Cllr SA Hart and J Hales

2. Declarations of Interest - none.

3. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 2026 – these were agreed by all and signed by WE.

4. Public Participation -none

5. County and District Councillor Reports – local reorganisation has been delayed, so no local elections next year. Cllr Bostanci stated that Whaddon's two buses a day will stop and this will be moved to 'Tiger on demand'. This is due to come into effect from next summer. Tiger on demand will need to be booked two days in advance, which was agreed to be problematic. Rights of Way improvement plan – may help with Ivy Bridge plan, which is for pedestrians to go from Bassingbourn to Royston. Cllr Faircloud asked if the potential cycle link between Meldreth and Whaddon could be in the right of way plan and it was agreed that this would be worth a try. A sign requesting dogs to be kept on lead in the farmyard at the top of Bridge Street will be installed by Cambridgeshire County Council.

6. Proposed Submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan Consultation
To discuss the consultation and consider whether the Parish Council wishes to submit any comments.
Greater Cambridge Planning – Local Plan

No major sites for development near Whaddon, although a member of the public felt that the Eternit site would be turned into housing. the Parish Council felt that no comment.

7. Matters Arising
To confirm:
i) New email addresses for the Parish Council
ii) The LHI application for the MVAS post – Cllr Bostanci offered to email Highways. It was suggested that the MVAS in storage could be used as a chargeable unit on an existing pole, whilst we wait from Highways.

iii) Six Free Trees

8. Affordable Homes
An update on potential affordable housing within the parish. A meeting with SCambs and Cllr Bostanci and County Farms.

9. Whaddon News
To discuss the Parish newsletter – V Williams who is the editor of the Whaddon News. It is now grown in size meaning a higher cost. Spoke about the increase of articles from local businesses which is positive. V Williams asked the Parish Council if happy with cost and format. It was concluded that each issue was costing the Parish Council approx. £220 after income from advertising. It was felt that it was a great asset for the village and it should continue the way it is.

10. Parish Councillor Vacancies and Co-Option – two vacancies are in the Parish Council, four prospective residents. A email reminding people – to apply before the October Parish Council meeting to be sent out from the clerk.

11. Sustainable Whaddon
To receive an update – Ruth spoke about the energy survey which was conducted over the summer for residents. 48 responses received – all had cars, low frequency of using public transport. Felt Whaddon is active in turning to eco alternatives, even if limited currently as price is the biggest barrier. Follow up – information on solar panels.

7 waiting for swift boxes for next year.

13. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust
To receive an update.

14. Village Maintenance and Upkeep
To consider ongoing maintenance matters within the parish - The management and maintenance of Pickering Wood.

The Parish Council agreed to investigate costs from the tenant famer involved with cutting back pathways and trimming trees to maintain safe and accessible public paths within Pickering Wood. Once these costs have been confirmed, the Parish Council would agree to any financial support it felt appropriate.

Discussion on Pickering Wood car park and relevant safety

15. Payments for Approval

- Herts and Cambs Ground Maintenance – verge cut: **£288**
- Herts and Cambs Ground Maintenance – recreation ground cut: **£102**
- E&E Plumbridge – Whaddon News printing (June): **£348**
- E&E Plumbridge – Whaddon News printing (September): **£348**

16. NALC Salary Increase
To note the annual NALC salary increase. Clerk on SCP 19 which has increased by 55p/h

Meeting ended at 8.50pm