

Whaddon Parish Council Minutes

March 9th 2026 at 7.30pm

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)

District County Councillor's – S A Hart and J Hales

Parish Clerk – A Culver

1. Apologies for absence – none received.

2. Declaration of interests – none.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes – WE spoke about the recent meeting with Rusell Moore from Cambridgeshire ACRE, along with members of the Parish Council last month, to inspect possible sites for affordable housing. Once this has been established, a housing association would be prepared to fund a village consultation to explore the viability of building additional affordable homes. Clerk to get in touch with County Councillor Bostanci to enquire about the land at the end of Mary's Close.

The new MVAS location has been confirmed, which will be on the left-hand side of the verge of the road towards Meldreth. Clerk to contact Highways to ask permission for location.

4. Public participation – No members of the public present.

5. County and District Councillor reports – SA Hart spoke of pothole mending in the area which remained high on their priority list. Both SA Hart and J Hales spoke of the Development Cooperation consultation, which had a deadline 1st April. The Local Government Reorganisation consultation is still undergoing, with Option B being put forward as the most suitable - South Cambridgeshire District will merge with Cambridge City Council to form a "Greater Cambridge" unitary authority. A decision will be made by central government by July 2026.

6. Annual Parish Meeting – It was decided that the Annual Parish Council should be held on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm.

7. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update - No updates.

District Councillor's J Hales and SA Hart left the meeting at 8.16pm

8. Parish Council elections in May 2026 – The Clerk confirmed that nomination papers should be submitted between the 30 March and 9 April for prospective councillors.

9. Village maintenance and upkeep – BF requested that the gate to the field on Bridge Street should be reinstated and this was agreed. It was also agreed that the first grass recreation ground cut needed to be done soon. JH confirmed that snowdrops had been planted on the verge by the recreation ground. BF requested that the hedge along the footpath on Church Street, should cut right back. DS to speak to Shires Tree Surgery for this.

10. Finance - to consider a Community Rail Partnership donation. It was agreed that the Parish Council should make a £100 contribution for Meldreth railway station.

Payments for approval: these were agreed and approved along with an additional payment of £357.04 for CAPALC membership.

Approval of payments	
CAPALC training	£50
Staff wages	£536.64

The meeting ended at 8.36pm