

# WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

at Whaddon Village Hall, Church Street, Whaddon, SG8 5RY.

8pm on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	N Strudwick, J Hart, A Birch, Cllr Elbourn and A Milton.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	Members of the Public	Two
	County Councillor	S van de Ven
	District Councillor	J Hales

- 1. Apologies for Absence** –Cllr Townsend and District Councillor S A Hart gave their apologies.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Resolved: the minutes were approved and signed.
- 3. Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda** – none.
- 4. Reports from Clerk and Councillors** – The overgrown hedge on Church Street and Towne Farm Close has been cut back by the grass contractor. Work has been completed on removing the garages and increasing car parking spaces at Ridgeway Close. There remains occasional parking on the grass outside some of the properties, however.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors** – District Councillor Hales spoke of the consultation for call for sites which starts at the beginning of November and ends in January. This highlighted 11,500 required new houses in the area, of which 140 are destined for Melbourn. Eight local villages will get smaller amounts of development, with the majority of new builds confirmed to be in Northstowe and Cambourne, where there is existing infrastructure.  
County Councillor S van de Ven spoke of a future meeting with Anglia Water about the water capacity in the area, in relation to flooding after heavy rainfall.  
Cllr S van de Ven also described the lack of lateral flow tests available in local pharmacies but reminded the meeting that these are still available to order online.  
Residents are encouraged to use the Oil Club scheme, which offers an annual rebate to local community users and groups.
- 6. Public Participation** – Two members of the public confirmed they wanted to discuss speeding in the village in item 13.

**7. LHI Update** – No further updates.

**8. Correspondence:** noting receipt of significant items of correspondence:

- SCDC Covid Community Update (17/9/21)
- M11 junctions 8 to 10 bridge repairs (Highways 17/9/21)
- CAPALC training update (20/9/21)
- Six Free Trees Order confirmation (SCDC 20/9/21)
- September 2021 parish e-bulletin (SCDC 20/9/21)
- CAPALC October bulletin (5/10/21)
- COVID community update (7/10/21)
- Greater Cambridge Local Plan update (8/10/21)
- Flood and volunteer preparedness training events (8/10/21)

**9. Planning updates: 21/04252/HFUL** - Erection of a traditional garden shed to the rear garden. 55 Meldreth Road, Whaddon. The Planning Committee had no comment.

**10. Finance:**

- 10.1 Staff wages and expenses - £407.68
- 10.2 Replacing drainage of the Village Hall car park - £4,800
- 10.3 ICO fee from November 2021 to November 2022 - £40
- 10.4 Grass cutting of recreation ground - £78
- 10.5 Handyman wages - £207.50 was added to the list of approved invoices.

**11. Consideration of the ‘Six Free Trees’ for Parish Councils from SCDC** – The Parish Council confirmed the request to order three Oak trees and three Rowan trees. The siting of these will be decided at the next meeting.

**12. Discussion on Byway 22 at the top of Bridge Street** – The byway from the top of Dyers Green leading to Kneesworth was discussed. The Chairman discussed the option of possibly applying for a Traffic Regulation Order, which would close it to motorised vehicles. This would have to be discussed with Bassingbourn Parish Council, as the byway is in their parish.

**13. Speeding in the village** – Two members of the public spoke of the perception of increased numbers of speeding cars travelling on Meldreth Road. The Parish Council discussed methods of slowing down traffic in the village and confirmed that Speedwatch has not been in action since October 2019, due to a lack of co-ordinator and COVID restrictions. It was agreed that a new co-ordinator would be advertised and that the forthcoming Parish Plan will seek opinions on speeding in the village. Cllr Ginger suggested contacting the Neighbourhood Safer Speeds team for advice. Cllr S van de Ven confirmed that the County Council is welcoming applications for areas to have a 20MPH speed limit, which may be sensible for the core part of the village and Bridge Street. As ever, enforcement is always key to observation of any speed limit, though. It was also agreed that the Chairman would contact the previous Speedwatch volunteers to gather data from the MVAS.

Cllr Hart left the meeting at 9.33pm

**14. Village Community Plan** – meetings will commence in November

**15. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update** – the new gratings have been installed in the village car park.

**16. Village Upkeep and Maintenance** -Reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions - none

**17. Items for next meeting** – noting of requests for agenda items.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm. Date of next meeting - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November