

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Whaddon Parish Council Meeting

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

30th January 2023 at 8pm

Present:	Chairman	L Ginger
	Councillors	D Townsend, W Elbourn, A Birch, N Strudwick and C Hales.
	Parish Clerk	A Bridges
	District Councillor	SA Hart and J Hales
	Members of the Public	2

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – County Councillor S van de Ven and Cllr J Hart.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – approval and signing of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 14th November 2022.
These were approved and signed at the end of the meeting.
- 3. Receiving Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the agenda** – None.
- 4. Reports from Clerk and Councillors – verbal updates about progress on resolutions and actions from previous Parish Council meetings**
The Chairman confirmed that one Speedwatch session had been completed by volunteers before Christmas.
Cllr Strudwick informed the meeting that the old entrance to Cody's Court, on the A1198 opposite the Whaddon junction, will be closed in mid-February with a manned traffic light system. Cllr Strudwick had not been informed how the entrance will be closed, however, it was hoped that the road improvements would start imminently.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors** - The Chairman discussed the monthly report from the Councillors, which highlighted free health checks and vaccinations at the Hub, and the large number of potholes that are reported and being mended on local roads.
- 6. Public Participation** – a member of the public asked when the Annual Parish Meeting will take place and also enquired about updates to Byway 22, which the Chairman confirmed would be discussed later in the meeting.
- 7. Noting of agreement of replacement bus shelter at Ridgeway Close** – The Parish Council expressed its gratitude to Neil Smith for removing the damaged and potentially dangerous bus shelter, after it had been destroyed. The new bus shelter would be delivered in February, after the insurance company had quickly settled.
- 8. Potholes on local roads** – Residents were encouraged to continue to report new potholes on local roads on the Cambridgeshire County Council website.
- 9. King's Coronation** – Cllr Birch confirmed that the coronation committee aim to hold a community gathering on the recreation ground, on Sunday May 7th. Action: Clerk to investigate options for a children's coronation memorabilia to mark the occasion.
- 10. Confirmation of the dates for the Annual Parish meeting and May PC AGM**

It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on April 24th. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on 22nd May.

District Cllr's Hales and SA Hart left the meeting at 8.45pm

11. Great British Spring Clean 2023

This was agreed to be held on 25th March.

12. Future PC nominations for the Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust –

Cllr Birch stated that following the clarification of the nomination rules for Parish for the Trust, it was confirmed that they could be non-Parish Council members. The Parish Council felt it would be appropriate if at least one full Parish Councillor was on the Trust, as legal owners of the building.

13. Planning update - 22/04662/HFUL. 50 Bridge Street, Whaddon. Detached single storey hobbies room to rear.

ii) 22/04929/FUL. 154 Bridge Street Whaddon. Demolition of 5-bedroom single storey dwelling and replacement with 4 bedroom single and 1.5 storey dwelling.

Both were approved by the Parish Council Planning Committee.

14. Correspondence: noting receipt of significant items of correspondence-

- CAPALC bulletin (16/11/21)
- Six Free Trees (SCDC - 18/11/21)
- Parish E Bulletin (SCDC - 30/11/21)
- Consultation - Joint Planning Compliance Policy (Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service - 20/12/21)
- CAPALC bulletin (18/1/22)

15. Finance to approve:

15.1 Staff wages and expenses – £985.22

15.2 Handyman wages - £138

15.3 Added to payments: Whaddon News Printing - £129

15.4 Agreement and approval of the 2022-2023 precept and budget – The It was agreed by all to keep the precept at the same level as last year, which is £17,661. This equates to the 221 Band D households in the parish paying £79.88 a month. It was also noted that due to an increase in costs nationwide, the 2024/25 precept may have to be increased.

15.5 Future of Barclays savings account – The Parish Council discussed moving the reserve bank account, which was currently with Barclays Bank to the Unity Trust Bank. This would increase visibility of transactions and allow the Parish Council to move funds between the current and savings account more easily. This was agreed by all.

15.6 To consider quotes for the replacement bus shelter base - £1,950 plus VAT. This was being reviewed by the Parish Council's insurance company.

16. Byway 22 – The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported that they had recently met with Peter Gaskin, the Cambridgeshire County Council Rights of Way Officer, to discuss options to restrict possible traffic along the byway. County Highways, for legal reasons, would not be able to support a complete ban on powered vehicles, but are keen to reduce the traffic currently using the Byway to a minimum to with off-road capability (e.g. four wheel drive

vehicles). Mr Gaskin suggested that width restriction posts limiting the width to 1.95 meters would deter the access of wide vehicles. It was suggested that “restricted width” and “unsuitable for road vehicles” signs at each end of the Byway would also help. It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold a consultation with households.

- 17. Discussion of quotes for a new Parish Council website** – The Parish Council discussed quotes for a new simpler website, which would be updated and run by the Clerk, to ensure that documents are published as required in the Freedom of Information Act. It was agreed by all that an email could be sent to residents, asking for a volunteer to help run the existing website before any quotes were discussed.
- 18. Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust update** – Cllr Birch informed the meeting that two new trustees had recently been appointed. There had been ten volunteers offering help to organise a new village fete and more are welcome to join the committee. Cllr Birch also reported that a RoSPA check had been completed on the playground and maintenance highted in the report will be carried out as soon as possible.
- 19. Village Upkeep and Maintenance** - Reporting of upkeep or maintenance issues and agreement of actions. None

The meeting ended at 9.58pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13th March at 8pm.