

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Held: Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, at 7.00pm  
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chair), Jonathan Allard, Jane Herriman, Neerag Nagpal,  
Graham Stewart, Derek White.

Members of the Public: Four

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

31/24 Apologies and Reasons for Absence  
Cllrs John Chilver, Helen Hickman

32/24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations  
None

33/24 Public Forum

Two Members of the public attended to express deep concern about the damage done by HGVs along the High St. This included damage to verges, kerb stones and footways caused by vehicles mounting the sides of the road, vibration and water spray damaging historically important brick walls in the Conservation Area, subsidence and damage to drains, congestion and aggressive driving, especially at the 'pinch point' adjacent to The Chase. Investigations into the implementation of weight and width restrictions were requested. Cllr Stewart referred to a very recent Traffic Regulation Order approved by BC for an HGV weight restriction zone at Radclive cum Chackmore and suggested that WPC should investigate this further due to similar rat-run/damage problems in Whaddon, and also suggested that possible developer funding might be an option. He also referred to future plans for Calverton Lane and that it was hoped that the new Calverton Lane/City Street junction when constructed would discourage rat running.

Two members of the public from Newton Longville Parish Council attended the meeting and presented details of the background and progress to date on Salden Chase, their new housing development, and their Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs welcomed the information and thanked them for attending.

34/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting  
Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed by the Chair.

35/24 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s)  
Cllr Stanier (Chair) noted that BC remained concerned about new policies from Central Government and how they would affect agriculture, education and the funding of local government.

36/24 Planning

- a. To review Engagement Meeting with Crest Nicholson. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. It was agreed that the meeting had been useful and to proceed with monthly meetings.
- b. To receive an update on Shenley Park Planning Applications 23/02180/AOP (BC) and 23/0161/OUT (MKCC). Cllr Stewart referred to his planning update; some contaminated land had been identified which can be overcome. Revised

planning applications together with an updated traffic impact assessment to both councils are expected to be submitted in January 2024.

- c. To receive an update on Plan MK and WEA expansion into Shenley Dens Farm. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report and advised that residents objections had been submitted to MKCC. BC's reversal of their 2003 objection was noted. Despite trying, WPC's concerns, especially on important landscaping issues, were not included in the response. It was noted that the BC response had been submitted without reference to the full BC Cabinet or the two local elected members. Cllr Stewart noted that the WEA planning applications affecting Calverton Lane, following land ownership issues, were delayed but were being monitored.
- d. WPC Input on A421 Study. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. Cllrs confirmed they would be attending the forthcoming presentation and would report back.
- e. BC S106 progress. Cllr Stewart referred to his report and noted the preliminary discussions at the 7<sup>th</sup> November Crest Nicholson Engagement Meeting.
- f. Next steps for Planning Surgeries. No items.
- g. Next steps on the Shenley Dens Planning Process. As per c. above. Further Public Consultation and an 'over the ridge' objection by WPC is expected. Cllr Stewart will continue to press BC for answers as to why an 'about turn' on the landscape issues has occurred.
- h. To review local planning applications. Cllr Stewart referred to his report. 24/03251/APP and 24/03252/ALB – 3 High St, Whaddon – it was agreed there is no objection but a highlighting note that the views of BC Historic Buildings Officer should be sought due to its listing and setting in the High Street Conservation Area.

### 37/24 Clerk's Update

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
  - i. The clerk referred to the activity update for the period.
  - ii. Business Plan. Cllr Herriman made a number of suggestions/amendments, and it was agreed these should be addressed outside the meeting. However, Cllrs agreed the financial aspects of the document were correct and to proceed to the budget and precept.
  - iii. Budget and Precept. Cllrs reviewed the proposals circulated by the Clerk ahead of the meeting and agreed the budget. The precept was agreed at £36,750.
  - iv. Delegation and Grant Policy. Cllrs reviewed and agreed the Delegation and Grant policies.
  - v. Support for Village Hall. Cllrs noted a recent communication indicating assistance with funding for new flooring was being considered. It was noted this was likely to be a substantial amount and it was too late for inclusion in the 2025-26 budget. It was agreed to await further details.
  - vi. Electricity Contract. Cllrs reviewed the information on potential savings and agreed for the Clerk to investigate further and report back.
  - vii. WQ Matters. No items.
  - viii. Proposed meeting dates. It was agreed to move to monthly meetings to accommodate the increased workload. Clerk to propose dates and arrange accommodation.
- b. Highways
  - i. Minor highway issues. The Clerk referred to the update provided.
  - ii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.
- c. Property

- i. Recreation Ground. Cllrs agreed a revised request for quote for four items of play equipment. The rough cost was expected to be circa £20k and grant funding from Community Board would be applied for.
- ii. Allotments. The Clerk reported leases and invoices had been issued and payments were being collected. The Clerk reviewed estimates for the strimming and covering of vacant plots for weed suppression; it was agreed that the £600 estimated cost was too high and that plots should be offered on a 'free to clear' basis for new tenants if appropriate.
- iii. Constable's Plot. No items.

d. Finance

- i. Councillors reviewed and approved the Financial Report provided, including cashbook, budget and forecast and bank statements. The Bank Reconciliation was checked and signed.
- ii. Councillors reviewed and approved Clerk's pay increase based on Green Book Rates.
- iii. The Payments Schedule and invoices were checked and approved.

Payments via DD & SO

07/10/2024	Freethought	SO	Email	9.50
14/10/2024	nPower	DD	Electric	75.67
21/10/2024	EE	DD	Phone	28.48
24/10/2024	Hugo Fox	DD	Website	11.99
24/10/2024	HMRC	DD	Paye/Nics	320.64
31/10/2024	Unity Bank	DD	Bank Charges	5.40
07/11/2024	Freethought	SO	Email	9.50
15/11/2024	nPower	DD	Electric	81.78
				326.04

Payments via BACS

14/11/2024	Redacted	BACS	Mowing & Hedging	4,032.00
14/11/2024	WAVE (Anglian Water)	BACS	Water	35.47
14/11/2024	Whaddon Jubilee Hall	BACS	Hall Hire	68.00
14/11/2024	E.on Electric	BACS	Streetlight Maintenance	57.60
14/11/2024	Green Trees Ltd	BACS	Tree works	750.00
14/11/2024	Kompan	BACS	Cradle Seat	191.40
14/11/2024	Buckinghamshire Council	BACS	White Lines	1,000.00
14/11/2024	Redacted	BACS	Salary & Expenses	1,753.24
				7,887.71
			Total	8,213.75

All invoices listed above have been examined, verified and certified by the Clerk/RFO

38/24 Other Parish Matters

- a. Cllrs agreed to invite a prospective new Cllr to the next meeting.
- b. Cllrs agreed to discuss the forthcoming VE Day celebration further at the next meeting.
- c. Community Speed Watch. Cllrs were advised that the offer of a volunteer to organise the initiative had not progressed.
- d. Yellow Lines High St/Nash Rd Junction. Cllrs noted these were complete, but repairs were awaited where road repairs had damaged them.

- e. Enhancements to the Village Green. Cllrs reviewed information from Highways stating it was highways land and regarding compliance issues which effectively prevented the project proceeding in its current form. Cllr Stewart agreed to explore alternative options.
- f. Planning enforcement cases. No Items.
- g. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.

39/24 Agenda for Next Meeting. It was agreed to invite a speaker on Neighbourhood Plans from Nash to attend the next meeting.

40/24 Date of Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (ACM), 15<sup>th</sup> May (APM,) 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Signed:

Chair

Date: