

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, at 7.00pm  
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chairman), Georgina Geddes, Jane Herriman, Graham Stewart.  
Members of the Public: Four  
Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

## 12/22. PUBLIC FORUM

Four members of the public attended the meeting.

## 13/22. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Hazel Hedges, Helen Hickman, Peter Lemagnen. Ward Cllrs John Chilver, David Goss

## 14/22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stewart declared an interest in connection with the planning application no. 22/01293/APP.

## 15/22. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed.

## 16/22. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Stewart requested an update on progress on contacting the Development Council in connection with getting advice on the Lowndes Arms 22/01293/APP, and contacting Gareth Williams regarding the expired enforcement issues on 21/01059/ACL – Land at Stratford Rd. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) agreed to chase these matters up

## 17/22. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stanier (Chairman) reported that the Winslow and Villages Community Board had met on 28<sup>th</sup> June, and budget for this year is £100k spread over 28 villages. The new board co-ordinator was welcomed. He also reported that he had attended the North Bucks Planning Committee, but nothing to report. The recent press release from Cllr Tett covering 'levelling up', cost of living support, HS2 etc., was reviewed. Cllr Stanier commented that it was becoming increasingly difficult communicate with BC and get answers to questions and help with problems.

## 18/22. PLANNING

- a. Items a. and b. were taken together. Salden Chase (SWMK) – 15/00314/AOP and Shenley Park update. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. He stated that it had been agreed that WPC would be included in early negotiations on the SPD, but this meeting had not occurred. BC has now appointed David Lock & Associates (DLA) and ITP on transport planning to assist. It was agreed to take up the offer of BC to meet face to face at a venue in Whaddon.
- b. See above.
- c. Calverton Lane Field Gate. Cllr Stewart noted that the field had recently been stocked with sheep, despite not being compliant with planning requirements and against the specific requirements of BC highways planning department. Comments had been requested from Strutt and Parker, land agents to the owner, and no response received. It

was agreed that BC should be advised of the breach of planning should a response not be received from the Land Agents. A verbal update was provided following an email received from the agent just prior to the meeting; a) They are getting a quotation for carrying out the proposed works, b) The Council has finally signed off the agree method statement so the works can proceed, c) The agents had spoken with Steve Essam at BC and had asked if stok could be put in the field to control the grass growth as it was getting out of control.

- d. Local Planning Applications. Thrift Farm 21/04926/APP and 22/00221/APP. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) reported that he had been approached in connection with delays to determining the application for a new child nursery at the site and he had asked for a response from the planning department on the nature of the delay; which after ten days was still not forthcoming. It was clarified that WPC had not objected to the application, and were still awaiting answers to questions before a final consultation decision could be made. WPC's concerns were based solely on traffic load concerns on the A421, and the unknown situation regarding current use. Following WPC's objections, BC Highways had reviewed their position to agree with this being an important issue, and raised a high 'Objection'. Cllrs expressed deep concern that the facilities currently provided for vulnerable adults at the site were under threat. It was agreed that clarification of the current position was needed and would be pursued by Cllr Stanier.
- e. Replacement VALP. No new items.
- f. Yellow Line Project. Cllr Stewart reported that the application for yellow lines around the junction of High St, Stock Lane and Nash Rd had been reviewed with BC Highways and it had been agreed that no formal consultation in the community was required, as yellow lining was a statutory matter. However, it was agreed that information would be provided to the community to keep everyone informed. Due to a change in highways contractors no new projects were being initiated ahead of April 2023, and it was agreed that the work would be scheduled as soon as possible after the changeover.
- g. A421 Traffic Study. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) reported that BC had instigated a meeting with 10 affected Ward Cllrs to review the findings of a traffic review of the A421 from Tingewick to Bottledump roundabout. It had been very disappointing, and more studies were needed. It had been agreed that there was no need for local members and residents to be involved, but people would be kept informed on the progress.

#### 19/22. CLERK'S UPDATE

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
  - i. The Clerk referred to the update provided. It was reported that the upgrade to .gov.uk email was in progress and Cllrs would be kept informed and helped with the upgrade. A disclaimer paragraph as a footer to WPC emails was agreed. Cllrs reviewed and signed the instruction to Unity Trust Bank to accept dual payment authorisations with the Clerk and one Cllr authorising payments.
  - ii. The Clerk reported that a new editor for Whaddon Quarterly had been appointed and hand over completed. This was expected to work well. Cllrs welcomed the new editor.
- b. Highways
  - i. Minor highway issues. The Clerk reported that the warning sign adjacent to the recreation ground had been reported and repair requested again. A member of the public requested WPC to investigate placing bollards in front of broadband cabinet at the head of Coddimore Lane to protect it from further vehicular collisions. It was agreed to go ahead with investigation. It was also agreed that

Cllr Stewart should contact a village resident who was knowledgeable about highways and planning matters to discuss current concerns and request inputs in an advisory capacity.

- ii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.

c. Property

- i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that the annual inspection was scheduled for August. Litter picking was being monitored; it was agreed that the Clerk should investigate implementation of stricter byelaws, including banning of foil BBQ trays and glass, but it was agreed that enforcement was an ongoing issue. Cllrs reviewed the deteriorating state of the recreation ground gate and a quotation for £750 for replacement; it was agreed to go ahead with repairs as the more cost-effective option, and investigate placing a gate sign saying “No Parking – Gates in Constant Use” or similar.
- ii. Allotments. The Clerk reported that the water supply had been installed and completed and was working well. No water bills had been received yet; this would be monitored, and water charges apportioned accordingly to tenants when costs were known.

d. Finance

Income

The following payments have been received:

30/6/22	Interest on deposit account	£15.00
	Total	£15.00

Expenditure

The following payments have been made since the last meeting:

13/5/22	BACS	St Mary's Whaddon – burial grant	£100.00
13/5/22	BACS	Jennifer Groom – internal audit	£75.00
13/5/22	BACS	S J Lindsey - Salary and Expenses Mar-Apr 2022	£1,961.99
13/5/22	BACS	Whaddon Jubilee Hall – Cleaning Grant	£250.00
13/5/22	BACS	Eon Energy – Street lighting maintenance qtr to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	£54.00
13/5/22	BACS	BHIB – annual insurance	£621.86
13/5/22	BACS	NPPPC – annual fee	£20.00
13/5/22	BACS	BMKALC – training GS	£45.00
13/5/22	BACS	Harlequin Press – Printing WQ Easter Edition	£130.00
13/5/22	BACS	BMKALC – annual membership	£78.16
25/5/22	BACS	D Caitlin – Signsense Traffic Consultancy	£198.40
25/5/22	BACS	Nash Village Hall – Jubilee Celebration	£345.00
7/6/22	SO	Freethought – monthly email hosting	£9.50
8/6/22	DD	Npower – electric for streetlights	£244.50
13/6/22	DD	Nest Pension	£87.15
17/6/22	DD	Npower – electric for streetlights May '22	£52.59
30/6/22	DD	Bank service charge	£18.00
7/7/22	DD	Freethought – monthly email hosting	£9.50

The following future payments require approval:

BACS	S J Lindsey – Salary and Expenses May-Jun 2022	£1,604.14
BACS	Cllr J Herriman – Gift for head teacher leaving present	£50.00
BACS	Ross Lawry – Verge Mowing	£1,200.00
BACS	Eon Energy – Street lighting maintenance qtr to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	£54.00
BACS	Harlequin Press – Printing WQ Jubilee Edition	£445.00
BACS	F Hayward – letter picking Apr-Jul 2022	£152.00
DD	Npower – electric for streetlights Jun '22	£49.96
BACS	D. Taylor – water connection and strimming allotments, mowing	£1,300.00
	Total	£4,855.10

#### Bank Balances as at 14/7/22

Metro Bank – current	£0.23
Unity Bank – deposit	£5,737.14
Unity Bank – current	£29,015.00

#### 20/22. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Arrangements for Christmas and the provision of Christmas Tree. Cllr Herriman reviewed proposed arrangements for the Christmas Celebrations to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. Cllrs welcomed the proposals. A member of the public suggested that a more sustainable solution to an annual Christmas Tree should be investigated, and this was agreed.
- b. The New Lowndes Arms. Cllr Stewart absented himself from this discussion. The Clerk reviewed progress on 22/01239/APP, including Heritage and Highways/Parking reports, and public submissions supporting and objecting to the planning application. It was noted that many of the supporting comments did not raise any material planning considerations and did not carry as much weight as the objections, as they were not from local residents. The email from a local resident that suggested more mediation should be done by WPC, and the response provided reviewing recent activities, were reviewed. Cllrs agreed that WPC had made a considerable effort to assist and mediate, and very little more could be done, as it was not the role of WPC to interfere with the running of a business or provide any inputs that were not requested or welcomed by the owners.
- c. Grant Application for Parking Mitigation for Village Green. Cllrs agreed that this item should be reconsidered at the next meeting.
- d. Provision of improved broadband service. The Clerk reported that a local resident had been invited to attend the meeting to assist with broadband information but was not available. A further request for a meeting had been made. Cllr Stewart suggested that the provision of an upgrade should be discussed under the 'wish list' with Shenley Park Developers, along with the provision of a gas supply, and it was agreed to go ahead on that basis.
- e. Cllrs Herriman confirmed that the retiring head teacher of Whaddon School had been presented with a vase and card thanking her for her hard work. An article would appear in Whaddon Quarterly.

#### 21/22. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A DECISION BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- a. Cllr Herriman noted that the Jubilee Celebrations had been a huge success. Thanks and appreciation were extended to Cllr Hickman and Chris Hickman for the Beacon Event, and it was noted that £300 had been raised and donated to a local Ukrainian Family. Thanks

were extended to the Village Hall and the New Lowndes Arms for working together to provide an excellent celebration of the Jubilee event. The events in Nash had been underwritten by WPC by £345, and a refund of £290.35 had been offered from Nash's event income; Cllr agreed this payment.

- b. Cllrs expressed deep concern that a male vulnerable person had been loitering on Stock Lane, lying in the middle of the road and on the verges and pavements, gesticulating at traffic and whistling at females. The police had attended a number of times. He appeared to be a new resident of 7 Vicarage Rd. It was clear this person was not being properly supervised and supported and putting his life and the life of others in danger. The Clerk was asked to request information and help from authorities to try to mitigate this dangerous situation.
- c. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) reported that there is a long waiting list for provision of dustbins in the area, and BC were supplying plastic refuse sacks to assist in the interim.

#### 22/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Signed:

Chairman

Date: