

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Held: Thursday, 9th January 2025, at 7.00pm
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chair), Jonathan Allard, Jane Herriman, Helen Hickman (Vice Chair), Graham Stewart.

Members of the Public: One

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

41/24 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllrs John Chilver, Neeraj Nagpal, Derek White

42/24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

43/24 Public Forum

A member of the public gave a presentation on the preparation of the Nash Neighbourhood Plan and offered advice on how WPC might undertake a similar project.

44/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed by the Chair.

45/24 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s)

Cllr Stanier (Chair) noted that BC remained concerned about central government taking a more dominant role in planning, and that strategic area planning may be removed from the remit of the council. Concern over the very tight budget restraints continue.

46/24 Planning

Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report.

- a. To receive and update on Shenley Park. Cllr Stewart reported that a revised planning application and traffic impact assessment was expected in late January/early February. It was agreed that BC would be invited to Whaddon to explain the impacts of the traffic assessment and mitigation measures, and external independent consultancy traffic guidance may be considered necessary if the response is not understood/accepted. Next meeting with Crest Nicholson 29th January 2025 and Shenley Brook End Parish Council. Recent consultation responses on the BC planning portal in connection with the planning application were reviewed.
- b. To receive an update and agree any actions on the A421. It was reiterated that the presentation on the A421 study had been very disappointing, and key new housing developments omitted from the study, which was unacceptable. Cllrs reviewed the report submitted by Cllr Nagpal and agreed Cllr Stewart would discuss with Cllr Nagpal and suggest some amendments, and it should be sent to BC but circulated to MK parishes and others for support if they wish to.
- c. BC S106 progress. No progress. Revised planning application awaited, which would determine what further discussions are needed with BC/CN.
- d. Next steps on the Shenley Dens Planning Process. Cllr Stewart reported that there were no updates from MKCC or BC and expressed concern that possible policy changes were in hand. Cllr Stewart reported that he had elevated his concerns to BC Leader Martin Tett and a response is awaited. Cllr Stewart noted that no further

information about the Western Expansion Area, and in particular Calverton Lane and the connecting road between Fairfields and Whitehouse was forthcoming, and this would be monitored.

- e. To review local planning applications. 24/03251/APP and 24/03252/ALB – 3 High St, Whaddon – comments of the Heritage Team were noted. 24/03807/CPE Thrift Farm – lawfulness of the business – no objection was agreed.

47/24 Cllrs reviewed Cllr Herriman’s proposed business plan. It was agreed not to proceed with this at this time.

48/24 Clerk’s Update

The Clerk referred to the Update provided ahead of the meeting

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
 - i. It was agreed that the Annual Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting should take place on different evenings in May 2025 and dates should be proposed by the Clerk for consideration.
 - ii. Cllrs reviewed general activities for the period.
 - iii. Cllrs considered the proposal to undertake community engagement document to highlight the role of the Council in the community, and it was agreed to consider a draft proposal at the next meeting.
 - iv. WQ Matters. No items.
- b. Highways
 - i. 20mph and HGV restrictions on High St and 30mph speed limit on Coddimoor Lane. It was agreed to proceed with a meeting with Mr Patemen at BC ahead of the February meeting. Cllrs agreed a 30mph speed limit for Coddimoor Lane should be included in the negotiations for Shenley Park.
 - ii. Other Highways Issues. None.
 - iii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.
- c. Property
 - i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the grant application for additional play equipment had been submitted and had passed initial approval stage. Cllr Stanier (Chair) was thanked for his help and support for this project.
 - ii. Allotments. The Clerk reported the vacant plots had been strimmed, and that payments had been received from tenants with only one payment outstanding.
 - iii. Constable’s Plot. No items.
- d. Finance
 - i. Councillors reviewed and approved the Financial Reports provided, including cashbook, budget and forecast and bank statements. The Bank Reconciliation was checked and signed.
 - ii. The Payments Schedule and invoices were checked and approved.
 - iii. 3-year budget was postponed to the next meeting.

Whaddon Parish Council Payments for Approval

Payments via DD & SO

21/11/2024	EE	DD	Phone	28.48
25/11/2024	Hugo Fox	DD	Website	11.99
30/11/2024	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Service Charge	6.00

09/12/2024	Freethought	SO	Email	9.50
10/12/2024	nPower	DD	Electric	85.38
23/12/2024	EE	DD	Phone	28.48
24/12/2024	Hugo Fox	DD	Website	11.99
31/12/2024	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Service Charge	6.00
07/01/2025	Freethought	SO	Email	9.50
07/01/2025	ICO	DD	Licence	35.00
				237.32

Payments via
BACS

19/11/2024	Redacted (already paid)	BACS	Mowing & Hedging	283.00
10/01/2025	Harlequin Press	BACS	WQ Printing	330.00
10/01/2025	B&MKALC	BACS	Training	170.00
10/01/2025	B Macrae	BACS	IT Costs	78.00
10/01/2025	Buckinghamshire Council	BACS	Dog waste bins	228.00
10/01/2025	E.On	BACS	Lighting maintenance	57.60
10/01/2025	Redacted	BACS	Christmas tree/strimming	300.00
10/01/2025	Wave	BACS	Water	12.27
10/01/2025	Redacted	BACS	Salary & Expenses	1,681.99
				3,140.86
			Total	3,378.18

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

49/24 Other Parish Matters

- a. Cllrs discussed recent concerns from horse-riders around cattle and path maintenance. The complaints had been dealt with. Concern was expressed about the difficulties experienced by farmers in the current economic climate.
- b. The Clerk advised that the Forest School associated with Whaddon School had requested permission to use the recreation ground and the hut area on the allotments for outdoor school activities. Copies of insurance documents had been obtained. It was agreed to permit this use.
- c. Cllrs discussed options for the VE Day Celebration on 8th May 2025. It was agreed that Cllr Hickman would approach the village hall to suggest they undertake the event and a budget up to £300 was agreed if needed.
- d. Enhancements to the Village Green. Cllr Stewart reported that the proposed bench and ground fixings were being researched.
- e. Planning enforcement cases. No Items.
- f. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.
- g. Cllr Hickman agreed to contact Matt Garland in connection with progressing the option to co-opt him.

50/24 Agenda Items for the Next Meeting; further consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan for Whaddon.

51/24 Date of Next Meeting(s)

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

Signed:

Chair

Date: