

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Held: Thursday, 11th July 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, Graham Stewart, Derek White.

Members of the Public: One

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

13/24 Public Forum

An officer of Thames Valley Police attended the meeting and discussions took place on parking, noise, antisocial behaviour and the possible benefits of a community speed-watch initiative.

14/24 Apologies

Cllrs John Chilver, Helen Hickman, Neeraj Nagpal

15/24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

16/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed by the Chair.

17/24 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s)

Cllr Stanier (Chair) noted that BC had been busy administering the election, very few meetings had taken place.

13/24 Planning

- a. 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. An agreement had been secured with BC for a meeting with councillors and residents on the traffic and SPD issues, but Cllr Stewart felt this was premature in advance of the Crest revised outline planning application and traffic impact assessment, in order that the implications were first understood. Work continues on the planning documents and traffic studies. The PPA discussions between BC and Crest Nicholson were confidential; despite the obligation to keep the community informed, and this was not happening. It was resolved to delay the meeting with BC until further information was forthcoming. BC has no date yet for the revised planning application, but it is expected much later this year.
- b. BC Response on SPD Issues. See above.
- c. Update on Plan MK, WEA Expansion. Cllr Stewart advised that the MKCC City Plan 2050 is due to be issued for public consultation on 17th July, and it would be necessary to communicate this to the village, once available. He stated that MKC had included the 'over the ridge' proposals for 1000 new houses at Shenley Dens and expressed concern about possible traffic implications and completion of the current Plan MK WEA infrastructure. It was resolved to await publication and develop a communications strategy.
- d. MKCC Valued Landscape Strategy. Cllr Stewart reported that LUC had undertaken a landscape consultation, which will be made public at the same time as the MKCC City

Plan 2050 public consultation. Comments on the MK/LUC strategy may be necessary depending upon its findings.

- e. To review 22/000221/APP and 21/04926/APP Thrift Farm. Cllr Stewart noted that the applications had been approved, and it was expected the new nursery would be started soon. A likely increase in traffic had been discounted by BC on the assumption that drivers would be on the road anyway so the net outcome would be about the same. Adult care provision would continue.
- f. A421 Study. Cllr Stewart advised that research was underway and taking longer than expected. Timing for the already twice postponed Parish workshop is to be pushed back probably until Autumn, but the report was hoped to be finished early 2025.
- g. Buckinghamshire Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Cllr Stewart reported that north and central Buckinghamshire remained on S106 at present, but this was expected to change following an expected BC public consultation to bring all old districts onto the more acceptable CIL method. Under the CIL method of charging communities with a Neighbourhood Plan would be expected to receive a higher CIL percentage, but the decision had previously been discussed and taken not to have a Neighbourhood Plan for various reasons, including Whaddon's proximity to MKC.
- h. To review local planning applications. Cllr Stewart noted that NBPPP was proposing to arrange a discussion on solar farms and battery storage facilities and a link to the meeting - if held - would be circulated.

18/24 Clerk's Update

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
 - i. The Clerk referred to the update circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllrs reviewed and approved proposals to apply for NALC Foundation Quality Award and General Power of Competence. It was agreed to conduct some councillor training at the next meeting.
 - ii. The Clerk advised WQ had been issued and the local postman had assisted with deliveries.
- b. Highways
 - i. Minor highway issues. The Clerk referred to the update provided.
 - ii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.
- c. Property
 - i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk referred to the update provided.
 - ii. Allotments. The Clerk referred to the update provided.
 - iii. Constable's Plot. The Clerk referred to the update provided.
- d. Finance
 - i. Councillors reviewed and approved the Financial Report provided.
 - ii. Payments were approved as follows:

Income

The following income has been received:

20/5/24	Woburn Heating – WQ Ad – Inv. 1340	£100.00
7/6/24	Cash donated to Village Hall (via S J Lindsey)	£104.31
24/6/24	D Taylor – Rent Constable's Plot	£150.00
30/6/24	Interest	£431.07
	Total	£785.38

Expenditure

The following payments have been made since the last meeting:

13/5/24	DD	Npower – electric for streetlights	£81.52
13/5/24	BACS	Clear Insurance – annual insurance	£739.08

13/5/24	BACS	BMKALC - annual subscription	£81.06
13/5/24	BACS	E.On Energy Solutions – streetlight maintenance contract	£57.60
13/5/24	BACS	Anglian Water – water for allotments	£11.93
13/5/24	BACS	S J Lindsey – salary and expenses Mar/Apr 2024	£1,521.52
13/5/24	BACS	D Taylor – mowing	£610.50
13/5/24	BACS	J Groom – internal audit	£75.00
13/5/24	BACS	NBPPC – membership	£20.00
13/5/24	BACS	St. Mary’s PCC – annual grant burial ground	£100.00
13/5/24	BACS	Whaddon Jubilee Hall – annual grant cleaning	£250.00
21/5/24	DD	EE – mobile phone	£28.48
24/5/24	DD	Hugo Fox – website	£11.99
4/6/24	SO	Freethought – email	£9.50
13/6/24	BACS	H Hickman – expenses	£116.87
13/6/24	BACS	Whaddon Jubilee Hall – cash donation ref D-Day	£104.31
17/6/24	DD	Npower – electric for streetlights	£75.78
17/06.24	DD	HMRC Paye/Nics	£72.50
19/6/24	DD	Nest Pension	£47.39
21/6/24	DD	EE – mobile phone	£28.48
24/6/24	DD	Hugo Fox – website	£11.99
30/6/24	DD	Bank quarterly service charge -	£18.00
8/7/24	SO	Freethought – email	£9.50
			£4,083.00

The following future payments were approved:

BACS	Harlequin Press – WQ Printing	£323.00
BACS	S J Lindsey – salary & expenses May-Jun 2024	£2431.86
BACS	MKPA – Play Session	£505.00
BACS	Npower electric for streetlights	£67.29
BACS	Anglian Water – water for allotments Jun-Jul 2024	£12.27
BACS	D Taylor – mowing and maintenance	£662.00
BACS	Buckinghamshire Council – match funding £1000.00 *****HELD*****	£0.00
	Total	£4001.42

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

Bank Reconciliation

9/5/24	Unity Bank – deposit	£67,359.42
	Unity Bank – current	£4,466.69
9/5/24	Total cash	£71,826.11
	Plus income	£785.38
	Less expenditure	-£4,083.00
	Total	£68,528.49
10/7/24	Unity Bank – deposit	£67,790.49
	Unity Bank – current	£738.00
	Total	£68,528.49

19/24 Other Parish Matters

- a. Cllrs reviewed Community Speed Watch information. It was resolved to publicise this to residents to ascertain if there were sufficient interest in undertaking a Speed Watch Initiative.
- b. Cllrs reviewed documents and a training course about Village Hall operations. It was resolved that the Chair would discuss these opportunities with the Chair of the village hall.
- c. Cllrs discussed recent problems with noise, dangerous parking etc. and noted TVP's planned visit.
- d. Cllrs reviewed a recent fall and injury to the wrist of a resident due to stones on the pavement (trip hazard) from the adjoining drive. The Clerk was asked to contact the property owner.
- e. Cllrs agreed the verge maintenance for The Old Stables, High St. It was agreed to pay £120 clearance and £20 per cut strimming. (Highways Act 1980 s96)
- f. The Clerk reported that yellow lining for the High St/Nash Rd Junction were scheduled for July-September 2024.
- g. Planning enforcement cases. No new information available.
- h. Benches and Planters for Village Green. It was agreed to await the completion of the yellow lines and to proceed with this project.
- i. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.

20/24 Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 11th July 2024, 12th September 2024, 14th November 2024, 9th January 2025, 13th March 2025.

Signed:

Chair

Date: