



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL www.whaddonbucks-pc.gov.uk

Held: Thursday, 13th February 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), Derek White. Ward Cllr John Chilver.

Members of the Public: Two

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

52/24 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllrs Neeraj Nagpal, Graham Stewart

Reasons for absence were accepted.

53/24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None from Cllrs present.

54/24 Public Forum

No items. Two members of the public attended as observers.

55/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed by the Chair.

56/24 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s)

Cllr Chilver reported that the budget has passed cabinet and would be presented to full council shortly. Spending had had to be cut and a lot of savings made. The monthly meeting with the Area Highways Technician had taken place and next year's budget included provision for road improvements in Nash, Beachampton and Thornton.

57/24 Planning

- a. To receive an update on Shenley Park. It was noted that an Engagement Meeting with Crest Nicholson (CN) had taken place on 29th January at Shenley Brook End, and minutes circulated, and it was expected that the revised planning application and traffic impact assessment (TIA) for Shenley Park would be submitted in late February-early March. The 30-day public consultation would follow. A meeting with planners has been requested to discuss the TIA, but BC had responded negatively. A decision on whether to press for this is needed.

It was noted that the TIA numbers provided were not credible and it was proposed and agreed that WPC should co-operate with the Councils of Newton Longville, Shenley Brook End and Shenley Church End to undertake an independent traffic study. It was agreed that WPC would contribute £5,000 as 25% of the cost.

It was reported that acquisition of land adjacent to Hayton Way for the provision of a bus transport corridor had not been progressed by CN who stated it was a matter for BC and MKCC. An online meeting had been undertaken with the landowner (Homes England) and it is proposed that WPC concerns over this situation will be included in the WPC response to the planning application.

Cllr Nagpal's planning paper was circulated at the 29th January meeting and it was agreed this would be discussed by the respective planning committees to agree next steps.

- b. To receive an update on Shenley Park Planning Applications 23/02180/AOP (BC) and 23/0161-/OUT (MKCC). No new items.
- c. To receive an update and agree any actions on the A421. TIA discussed above.
- d. To discuss and agree next steps on Shenley Rd Closure. BC and CN are aware of WPC concerns. It was hoped that a large majority of residents supporting changes to the planned closure at the public consultation stage may be able to achieve a change.
- e. To discuss and agree any next steps on requesting a name change for Shenley Park development. It was noted that a housing development called Shenley Park already existed in Shenley Church End Parish. The duplicate name would cause endless confusion in the future. It was agreed to request a name change to Wood Pond Park, in recognition of the existing Wood Pond Farmhouse located at the south of the site, and the pond and woodland located in the area.
- f. BC S106 progress. No new items. Planning application awaited.
- g. Next steps on the Shenley Dens Planning Process. It was noted that this proposal remains in play and will be taken forward in Plan MK.
- h. To review local planning applications. 24/03251/APP and 24/03252/ALB – 3 High St, Whaddon – comments of the Heritage Team were noted. No objection.

25/00138/ADP – rear of Fresh Fields Whaddon – Reserved Matters. The applicant, as a cllr with a declarable interest, did not attend the meeting and did not participate in discussions.

Cllrs reviewed the plans and noted the comments submitted by residents and non-residents via the BC planning portal. Cllrs noted that outline planning permission had been determined and approved previously under approvals 16/01298/AOP and 19/03666/AOP, and many of the concerns raised by residents fell under the scope of the above applications that had already been determined; Cllrs were not able to comment on matters outside the remit of the application in hand, which only covers Reserved Matters. However, the legal status of the public footpath was discussed, and concern was expressed about road safety and ensuring the footpath retained free access for walkers and agricultural vehicles at all times. Cllrs were satisfied that the reserved matters covered in this application had been satisfied by the applicant, and it was agreed that the council will submit no objection but seek reassurances on highways and footpath safety.

58/24 Clerk's Update

The Clerk referred to the Update provided ahead of the meeting

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
 - i. The Clerk reported numerous concerns about the security and operation of the current website, and the parlous financial status of the provider. It was agreed that the council will move to a new provider as soon as possible, and

a quotation from Eyelid Productions accepted. Concerns about rebuilding the contact database were discussed, and Cllr Allard noted that the existing provider must be required to delete all the data from the old site.

- ii. Cllrs reviewed and agreed price increases for providers of mowing and hedging contracts.
- iii. Cllrs agreed the appointment of Mrs J Groom as the internal auditor for FY 2024-25.
- iv. WQ Matters. No items.

b. Highways

- i. Damage and HGV restrictions on High St. Cllrs noted ongoing damage to kerbs, walls and verges caused by heavy vehicles and agreed to continue to gather evidence to support an application for mitigation measures. It was agreed to proceed with a meeting with Mr Patemen at BC as soon as practical to explore solutions.
- ii. Other Highways Issues. None.
- iii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.

c. Property

- i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the order had been placed for the provision of new equipment. A pre-start meeting was fixed for 25th March and works are expected to commence on 28th March. It was agreed to schedule a free play session during mid/late August.
- ii. Allotments. The Clerk reported all rents had been paid.
- 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.

Payments for Approval

Payments via DD & SO

21/01/2025	EE	DD	Phone	28.48
22/01/2025	Tomato Energy	DD	Street lighting	10.45
22/01/2025	Tomato Energy	DD	Street lighting	76.70
23/01/2025	HMRC	DD	Paye/Nics	515.86
24/01/2025	Hugo Fox	DD	Website	11.99
07/02/2025	Freethought	DD	Email	9.50
				652.98

Payments via BACS

14/02/2025	Post Office	BACS	PO Box	424.20
14/02/2025	Whaddon Jubilee Hall	BACS	Hall rental	78.00
14/02/2025	Wave	BACS	Water	19.77
14/02/2025	Redacted	BACS	Salary & Expenses	916.35
				1,438.32
			Total	2,091.30

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

59/24 Other Parish Matters

- a. Parishing/Warding. Cllrs reviewed a resident's comments and noted this was a matter for long-term consideration and would be ultimately determined by the Boundaries Commission.
- b. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs agreed a community engagement poster for publication. It was noted that the BC Local Plan would be awaited to decide on next steps.
- c. Cllrs reviewed the 20mph support initiative proposed by Mursley Parish Council and agreed to support it.
- d. Cllrs discussed options for the VE Day Celebration on 8th May 2025. Cllr Hickman reported that the Village Hall had not welcomed the idea of hosting the event, but further approaches would be made to ensure all options had been covered. Cllr Hickman agreed to approach the Church to ascertain if there were any interest.
- e. Enhancements to the Village Green. No new items
- f. Defibrillator Training. Cllrs welcomed the initiative and agreed funding which would be up to £400 depending on residual funds still available from the village hall.
- g. Overhanging hedge 13 Stock Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the resident to trim back.
- h. Planning enforcement cases. No Items.
- i. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.
- j. Cllr Hickman and Cllr White advised of their intention to step down as Cllrs, and it was noted that Cllr Nagpal would step down by 31st March. It was agreed to proceed with advertising and co-opting new councillors as soon as possible, and that co-option of Matt Garland and Paul Sainthouse would be put in hand. Further advertising to take place for the third vacancy.
- k. Cllrs agreed to reimburse the training expenses of the Clerk in connection with the successful completion of CiLCA training.

60/24 Agenda Items for the Next Meeting; no items

61/24 Date of Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 13th March 2025, 10th April 2025, 7th 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: