



WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held: Wednesday, 14th May 2025, at 7.00pm
at The Village Hall, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chair)

Members of the Public: Twenty-six.

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

1/25 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

2/25 Introductions of Future Councillors and Thanks to Retiring Councillors

The Chair introduced the new Councillors following the 1st May 2025 election, and thanked retiring Cllrs Derek White, Helen Hickman, Neeraj Nagpal and Georgina Geddes for their service. Cllr White's service of 48 years was noted for special thanks

3/25 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes were signed. There were no matters arising.

4/25 Chair's Report on Recent Activities of the Parish Council

The Chair reviewed recent events including the progress on the new housing development. The Chair thanked the Clerk and Councillors for their hard work.

5/25 Reports and Updates from Local Organisations.

PS D Kuttner and PC Guy Richards from TVP attended the meeting and reviewed policing in the village. Help was requested with speeding and parking enforcement. Problems with traffic and speeding were especially noted. Speeding enforcement, Neighbourhood Watch and 20mph speed limits were discussed.

A member of the public reported on activities of Whaddon School. It was noted that there were some vacancies in younger years, and help was requested on promoting the school. WPC agreed to assist.

A member of the public reported on activities of The Village Hall, and the installation of new flooring was noted and admired. It was noted that the hall was well used for both village events and private parties. A request for new members to join the committee was made. Discussions took place on the future of the Village Hall in relation to the Shenley Park Development.

6/25 Questions and Comments from Residents

Plans for the Shenley Park Development were reviewed with a projected timeline for commencement of building work being approximately three years. Concern was expressed about probable extensive housing development in the whole N. Bucks area in the future.

The Clerk fielded queries on the future of the Village Hall in relation to the Shenley Park Development, the process of parish boundary review – stressing that this is a matter for BC Electoral Services division and not decided by WPC - and there would be a community governance review with the opportunity for public consultation. The Clerk advised on future possibilities for the role of the Parish Council.

Attendees discussed the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Whaddon, noting it was a great deal of work, would need substantial resident participation. Plans for adjacent villages were reviewed.

Concern was expressed about the future traffic levels and rat-running in the village in relation to both Salden Chase and Shenley Park, and concern expressed about congestion on the A421. The topic of whether Shenley Rd should be shut or remain open was discussed and by show of hands approximately 80% preferred to keep the road open.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.
The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

Chair

Date: