

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 14th January 2021, at 7.00pm
Zoom Meeting Reference: <https://zoom.us/j/91915073055>
Meeting ID: 91915073055

Present: WPC Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chairman), Hazel Hedges, Helen Hickman, Peter Lemagnen, Graham Stewart. BC Cllrs John Chilver, Llew Monger, Sue Renshell

Members of the Public: None

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

1. PUBLIC SESSION

None present

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Graham Hain, Derek White

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

Cllr Stewart asked if any information on longevity of the MVAS unit had been received. It was agreed to chase this up.

5. UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WQ

a. Administration

- i. The Clerk presented an update on administrative matters which was reviewed by Cllrs.
- ii. The Clerk reported that the 2019/20 Audit had been confirmed.
- iii. Cllrs reviewed and agreed meeting dates for 2021/22. It was agreed to continue to start the meeting at 7pm.
- iv. Cllrs reviewed costs of mailing WQ and offers were made to hand deliver magazines to outlying homes.

b. Highways

- i. Cllr Hickman confirmed damaged salt bin on Coddimoor Lane had been replaced.
- ii. Cllrs reviewed progress on upgrading street lights; seventeen have been upgraded leaving seven PLT42w units to be done. It was agreed to obtain a quote for their replacement using money agreed in the 2021/22 budget.
- iii. The Clerk reported that lighting inventory records had been reviewed and updated and it was clear the archaic numbering system was in need of improvement; it was agreed to obtain a quote for the columns to be renumbered. The Clerk confirmed the updated lighting inventory information had been forwarded to Unmetered Supply administration.
- iv. Cllrs reviewed requests for additional street lights in Briary View, Vicarage Rd and in the vicinity of the retirement bungalows on Stock Lane. It was agreed Cllrs would visit the areas and review the light levels for future consideration and discussion, subject to budget constraints.
- v. Cllrs agreed price increases for mowing and hedging for the 2021 season.

- c. Property
- i. Constable's Plot. No items.
 - ii. Recreation Ground. The Clerk confirmed the security chain upgrade to the basket swing was complete. The Clerk advised that government guidelines on Covid19 had been revised and reissued following Tier 5 lockdown and these had been reviewed. There was no requirement to shut the play equipment, but some guidance on stricter signage and hand sanitising issued where appropriate. It was agreed that the play equipment should remain open and adequate precautions were in place. Cllrs agreed the summer 2021 Play Around the Parishes session should be booked as late in the season as possible due to Covid19 to give best chance of being able to go ahead.
 - iii. Allotments. The Clerk reported that seventeen plots had been leased generating an income of £228 for the year. £50 outstanding rent payments were being chased. Cllrs reviewed the progress report provided by Lee Anne Stephen on provision of shelters and compost toilet, and plans for community involvement. The Clerk reported that Paul Foot of Bucks Highways was happy with the proposal to provide a wider access gate. The need for a gate to accommodate disabled users was discussed. Concerns were expressed about the path from the gate down the allotments and the cost of upgrading it for wheelchair access. It was agreed that any decisions on this should be postponed until after drainage issues were sorted out and further research was needed.
 - iv. Bus Shelter. The Clerk reported that the Bus Stop Swap Shop continued to be well used and no issues noted.
- d. Finance
- i. The Clerk presented income and payments for approval, as follows:

FINANCE

Income

The following payments have been received:

7/12/20	Inv. 1232 G Hosier allotment rent	£5.00
1/12/20	G Gopal allotment rents x 2	£50.00
28/12/20	D Taylor – Rent Constable's Plot	£150.00
12/1/21	N Bloomer allotment rent	£10.00
13/1/21	D Oborn allotment rent	£5.00
Various	Interest	£1.44
	Total	£221.44

Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

275	Eon Energy Solutions – Street lights	£1,863.90
276	Winslow Bus donation (2020 budget)	£100.00
277	F Hayward – rec litter picking/check, mailing WQ	£17.44
278	Bucks Council – dog waste services Apr20-Mar21	£218.11
279	Harlequin Press – printing WQ Nov20	£260.00
280	S J Lindsey – salary Nov/Dec 2020	£778.73
281	S J Lindsey – expenses (stamps etc. WQ, printer ink, email/zoom, office use)	£287.36
282	Eon Energy Solutions – street light maintenance	£54.00
283	Eon – electric for street lights	£337.50

	Total	£3,917.04

Bank Balances as at 14/1/21

Metro Bank Account – current	£5,059.49
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£14,238.41
	£19,297.90

6. PLANNING

- a. Cllr Stewart reviewed the planning report he issued prior to the meeting.
 - i. Salden Chase (SWMK). Cllr Stewart reported that despite requests from the MKC barrister the appeal on highway access had not been withdrawn, had been postponed until 11th May 2021. Despite numerous requests BC had not provided their Rule 6 Proof of Evidence statement, but this had finally been uploaded on the MKC website on 5th January 2021 at WPC's request. WPC's questions about traffic data and proposed routes remain unanswered and serious concerns about traffic levels and rat-running have not been addressed by BC. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the MKC Inspector requesting the current appeal be cancelled and a new planning application made giving WPC the opportunity to introduce unanswered questions by BC to the planning enquiry. A further letter would also be sent to BC (Bedingfeld and Bayley) requesting copies of additional Rule 6 Proofs immediately they are updated and available, with full explanations to WPC's outstanding questions. Cllrs Chilver, Renshall and Monger supported this strategy and additionally advised WPC to write to BC Chief Executives Steve Bambrick, Service Director and Ian Thompson, Corporate Director, who should be made aware of WPC concerns, which are basically that although WPC understand BCs desire to keep both Salden Chase and Shenley Park in the VALP, they must properly represent Whaddon's traffic, rat running and other safety concerns at the MKC appeal, and ensure mitigation measures are discussed and put in place as required.
 - ii. VALP. Cllr Stewart reported that The Inspector had determined the previous changes to the Main Modifications made by BC must be declared Further Main Modifications requiring further consultation. Comments must be submitted by 9th February 2021. It was agreed that Cllr Stewart should proceed with submitting comments, based on his written report.
 - iii. MK Futures. Cllr Stewart advised that there was nothing to report on this at the moment, but was hoping to repeat his report in the WQ for resident information.
 - iv. Calverton Green South. Cllr Stewart advised that he is maintaining a watching brief on this development, which is not of concern to Whaddon residents at the moment, but may do so as it creeps closer to Shenley Ridge.
 - v. Cllr Stewart reviewed amendments to planning application 21/00085/APP 1 Shenley Rd, including changes to front bedroom window, horizontal boards along the side of the property, and white painted render. It was agreed that no objection should be made, but a recommendation put forward to soften the colour of the render.

7. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. BC Cllrs presented information on their current activities. Cllr Chilver advised WPC that he had been working on budget scrutiny, and that resurfacing of the Whaddon-Nash road was included in long-term plans. Cllr Stewart asked if the resurfacing and repair of pavements on the High St was included in the budget plans, and Cllr Chilver agreed to get the area technician to review displaced granite sets.

Cllr Stewart reported that pavement parking had improved due to the closure of the pub, but was expected to worsen on reopening as the carpark was being used for tents. A watching brief would be maintained.

- b. Drainage for Ladymead and allotments. Cllr Stewart reported on the findings of the meeting at the allotments in November and additional research on Ladymead, recommending that a letter should be sent to the landowners advising them of their obligation to clear and maintain the drainage ditches on their land. Cllrs agreed to this letter being sent.
- c. Cllrs reviewed a request for a Christmas tree to be provided by the Council for next Christmas. Cllr Hedges agreed to approach a local supplier to investigate obtaining a tree, and agreed this could be placed in front of the Village Hall. Further discussion needed closer to the time.
- d. Funding for Oil Syndicate. It was agreed that a method of sharing costs should be sought, and the Clerk instructed to approach relevant Councils.
- e. The Clerk advised that recent announcements confirmed that elections would go ahead in May 2021. Cllrs agreed that a request for candidates to step forward should be included in Whaddon Quarterly.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 11th March 2021, 13th May 2021, 8th July 2021, 9th September 2021, 11th November 2021, 13th January 2022, 10th March 2022.