

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 28th September 2017, at 7.30pm at School Room, Whaddon Chapel, Stock Lane, Whaddon.

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chairman), Helen Hickman, Graham Stewart, Derek White.

Members of the Public: Mr John Mortimer – Editor WQ.

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

1. PUBLIC SESSION

No Items

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Graham Hain, Hazel Hedges, Peter Lemagnen

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stewart declared an interest in 2a/2b High Street, Whaddon

4. MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

5. UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WQ

a. Administration

- i. The Clerk reported that due to poor service from Metro Bank, some cheques had been returned unpaid, and needed to be reissued, despite ample funds to cover them. Cllr Hickman and the Clerk would take this up with the bank. Cllrs agreed that the option of moving to Handlesbank should be investigated and Cllr Stanier (Chairman) agreed to assist.

b. Property

- i. Constable's Plot. The Clerk reported that lease papers were with the tenant's solicitor and a response awaited by the Council's solicitor.
- ii. Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the annual safety inspection had been done, and that the annual Play About the Parishes play session had taken place. Attendance figures were awaited.

c. Highways

- i. The Clerk was asked to chase the repair of the BT manhole in Stock Lane by Ladymead junction.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to chase repairs of the footpath outside No 18 High Street, where the pavement has collapsed and the granite setts are adrift and dangerous.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to chase up progress on provision to bollards at the corner of Vicarage Rd.
- iv. The Clerk was asked to report a defective/noisy Anglian Water manhole, outside 15 High St.

d. Finance

- i. The Clerk confirmed that the annual accounts had passed external Audit.
- ii. The Clerk presented income and expenditure for approval for the period and bank balances:

Income

The following payments have been received:

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| 25/6/17 | D Taylor – Rent Constable's Plot | £145.00 |
| 25/9/17 | D Taylor – Rent Constable's Plot | £145.00 |
| 28/9/17 | Half-year Precept | £7,750.00 |
| Various | Misc Interest | £3.77 |
| | | £8,043.77 |

Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

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| 094 | AVDC Play in the Parishes – replaced with Chq 102 | |
| 095 | NBR Printing – WQ – replaced with Chq 103 | |
| 096 | Playsafety Ltd – recreation ground inspection – replaced with Chq 104 | |
| 097 | Eon Street Lighting | £288.33 |

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| 098 | Eon Lighting Maintenance – replaced with Chq 110 | |
| 100 | Mazarrs LLP – Audit fees | £240.00 |
| 101 | Clerks expenses and salary | £515.12 |
| 102 | AVDC Play About the Parishes | £340.00 |
| 103 | NBR Printing – WQ | £288.60 |
| 104 | Playsafety Ltd – Recreation Ground Inspection | £100.80 |
| 105 | void | |
| 106 | NBR Printing WQ Summer Edition | £312.00 |
| 107 | CPRE Membership | £36.00 |
| 108 | Freeths LLP – legal fees Constable’s Plot | £2,127.00 |
| 109 | Keeves Contracting – allotment hedge trimming | £120.00 |
| 110 | Eon Lighting Maintenance | £500.40 |
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| | Total this period | £4,868.25 |

Bank Balances as at 28/9/17

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| Metro Bank Account – current | £11,125.35 |
| Metro Bank Account – deposit | £6,885.56 |
| Metro Bank Account - charity | £2,248.80 |

6. PLANNING

- a. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan. (VALP). Cllr Stewart reported that the plan was issued recently, and the 2000 homes in area WHA001 had been removed for the time being. RAF Halton was a surplus site and will be vacant shortly and a preferred development site. However, property developers Crest were not happy with this decision and continued to press for WHA001 to be re-instated. Whaddon is likely to be asked to accept some small scale expansion in windfall sites.
- b. MK Plan. Cllr Stewart reported that this was progressing and responses would be reviewed from July. The area east of Milton Keynes was being considered.
- c. Shenley Rd Closure. Cllr Stewart reported that M Burrage and Cllr Bold had advised that due to delays in building supplies and Health and Safety issues the reopening of Shenley Rd had been delayed until November 2018. Cllr Stewart expressed concern about when Morris Homes would start building.
- d. Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Stewart reported that Mursley had started the process of constructing a neighbourhood plan, and street lighting and HGV traffic were expected to be targeted. Cllr Stewart recommended WPC not pursue a Neighbourhood Plan or a Community Plan at this point, unless Parishioners press to have one.
- e. Briary View Garages. Due to lack of funds and the failure of an insurance claim, Briary View garages were demolished. Since these formed the boundary fence of 1 Shenley Rd and a tree located on that property caused the damage the home owner must erect a new boundary fence/wall. Temporary fencing has been provided. Any new garages will not be on the boundary.
- f. Mursley Rd. Cllr Stewart reported that contact had been made by a resident of Great Horwood, MK17 0PR expressing concern about the volume and speed of traffic on Whaddon Rd. Cllrs agreed that Cllr Stewart should write in support of the concerns and offer any assistance WPC might be able to give.
- g. The Clerk reported that the alleged breach of planning at the Market Garden site on Stratford Road had been chased with AVDC.

7. ALLOTMENTS

- a. Cllr White recommended that three allotment leases should not be renewed, (Bush, Markwick and Cooke) as the maintenance was not up to standard. It was agreed that these tenants should be billed £250 to reinstate their plots to a reasonable standard.
- b. Cllr White recommended that rent per plot should be increased to £20 per annum from £15.00.
- c. Cllr White advised there were three requests for allotments in hand.

8. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Cllr White advised that the hedgerow in Stock Lane needed cutting back and the repair of the BT manhole cover needed chasing. Access for pedestrians, especially with pushchairs, was inadequate and causing a safety hazard.
- b. Following an offer of funding for equipment to assist with promoting transparency, Cllr Stewart recommended looking into the funding on offer. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) offered to investigate further.
- c. The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received about dog faeces on the recreation ground. Cllr Stewart suggested additional signage. Cllrs agreed.
- d. Cllrs agreed to expenditure of £340 for a Play About the Parishes booking for summer 2018.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council in 2017; 9th November 2017.