

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 9th March 2017, at 7.30pm at School Room, Whaddon Chapel, Stock Lane, Whaddon.

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

Members of the Public: None

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

1. PUBLIC SESSION  
No Items
2. APOLOGIES  
Cllr Peter Lemagnen , Cllr John Chilver
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
None
4. MINUTES  
The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.
5. UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WQ
  - a. Administration
    - i. Post Office: Cllr Hedges reported that the post office would recommence on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and be open from 2.30-4.30pm. The new Postmaster would be Mr Jigar Patel who operated from a grocery shop and off licence in Deanshanger. Services on offer in addition to the usual, would be cash, euros/dollars, e-phone; and magazines and newspapers and groceries/drinks could be ordered for collection. It was agreed that this information should be circulated to the village via WPC email alerts. Posting of information on the website and facebook page should be further discussed with Mr Patel to find out his preferences.
    - ii. Street Lights; the clerk reported that a meeting to discuss BCC/Ringway Jacobs taking over street lighting maintenance had taken place between Mr Jazbir Sanghera and members of The Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017. It was agreed that a full survey of the existing lighting stock was needed. Mr Sanghera felt unable to commit to this. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) to contact Mark Shaw for approval of the survey and Mr Sanghera to speak to his department. The clerk reported two lights had needed repairs in the period.
    - iii. Whaddon Quarterly. The Clerk advised that advertising invoicing had been brought up to date, statements sent and money chased, and most of the income collected. Amounts from DGS, Starlight and G Mears were seriously overdue and their ads would be cancelled if invoices remained unpaid. Three advertisers had discontinued, but following a meeting with the Editor the new manager of the Lowndes Arms wished to take an advert, and Bump Start also wished to place an advert.
  - b. Property
    - i. Constable's Plot. The Clerk reported that insurance for Public Liability only had been put in place. The Clerk reported that the solicitor would go ahead with the final arrangements for the new lease shortly, once cash flow had eased.
    - ii. Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that reimbursement of the grant funding from LAF for the new recreation ground gate was still awaited and seriously overdue, putting a strain on cash flow. The Clerk reported a Play Around the Parishes session had been booked for 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The Clerk to chase interested party in renting of football ground to arrange a visit.
    - iii. Allotments. The Clerk reported that all the allotment rents had now been received. Following complaints from adjoining neighbours the front hedge had been partially cut back, but remaining branches were too thick for the hedge cutter and needed to be cut with a chain saw. Cllrs agreed to two hedge cuts a year at £100 plus vat per cut, and £40 for a one-off chain saw job for Josh

Jaworski to reduce and remove the thicker branches, waste wood to be burned on Josh's allotment.

- c. Finance
  - i. Councillors reviewed and approved the following:

#### Income

The following payments have been received:

Various	WQ Income	£985.00
27/1/17	Allotment Rent P Bush	£15.00
Various	Misc. Interest	£0.93
		£1,000.93

#### Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

078	F Haywood. Recreation Ground litter clearance.	£28.80
079	Keeves Contracting. Hedge cutting Vicarage Rd Allotments	£120.00
080	Winslow Community Bus.	£100.00
081	AVDC Dog Waste Service Apr 2016-Mar 2017	£207.45
082	Whaddon Jubilee Hall Cleaning Grant for FY 2017/18	£250.00
083	Graham Haine. Expenses ref goal post renovation	£134.58
083	Suzanne Lindsey. Salary Jan/Feb 2017	£717.79
084	Suzanne Lindsey. Expenses Jan/Feb 2017	£27.04
085	NBR Printing Ltd. Printing WQ February 2017	£325.00
	Total this period	£1,910.66

#### Bank Balances as at 9/3/17

Metro Bank Account – current	£2,183.60
Less un-presented Chq 071	(£63.00)
	<u>£2,120.60</u>
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£1,082.33
Metro Bank Account - charity	£2,102.70

## 6. PLANNING

- a. Existing Applications
  - i. 16/00526/APP – REFUSED – Land adjacent to 2a Vicarage Rd. Forty residents had objected to this application. It is hoped the objections would be upheld if appealed.
  - ii. 16/01298/AOP - APPROVED - Land rear of 2a & 2b High Street. Detached dwelling in outline. Cllr Stewart reported that there were many conditions in need of clarification, and the future of the existing cottages and the land was uncertain.
  - iii. 16/04506/APP – APPROVED - Land adj. to 26 Vicarage Road. One detached three-bed dwelling. A compromise has been reached regarding the issue of adjacent property being overlooked.
- b. New Applications
  - i. 17/00563/APP. Ash House, 9 Whaddon Hall Mews. Single storey rear extension. A minor application but consent still required. 'No Objection' was agreed. k
- c. Tree Applications
  - i. Four current applications pending. Cllrs agreed that these were not significant and best left to the tree officer.
- d. Any other new applications – none.
- e. Other Planning Issues.
  - i. Shenley Rd Bridleway Diversion. It is expected that works will commence in April to provide a replacement footbridge and removal of the gate alongside Canterbury Meadows. Bridleway to be eventually adopted by Parks Trust. Safety separation between riders, cyclists and drivers will be provided when the road reopens.

- ii. Shenley Rd Closure. At the Kingsmead Liaison Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 a strong case was put for reopening as soon as possible. The objections were that residential roads through Kingsmead were too dangerous to take through traffic, the emergency services had agreed to the closure and blocking of the road, but Cllrs agreed this point needed to be checked, and consultants had decided Coddimoor Lane was not suitable for installation of chicanes to slow the traffic. Reopening of Shenley Rd, will coincide with reopening of Guildford Ave., and other works and is estimated for September 2017. Despite raising questions and strong concerns on the Morris Homes current planning application no. 17/00098/REM – Kingsmead South Phases 3 & 4, WPC had not had the courtesy of any Planning or Highway response whatsoever. WPC were assured this matter would be looked into, and a response forthcoming. Cllr Hedges reported that Taylor Wimpey had made a donation of £10,000 to Whaddon School, in lieu of providing a school bus, as parents felt children were too young to use the bus. This money to be used for a disabled access pathway to play areas and the new classroom.
- iii. Plan: MK. Cllr Stewart reported that WPC would be supporting the latest version of the plan. This is contingent on the Oxford Cambridge Expressway and EW Rail progress.

## 7. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Stratford Road Woodland – Cllr Stewart reported that a gap in the hedge had been opened up and used to extract wood, contrary to the agreed plan. This had now been blocked.
- b. MVAS Update. Cllr Hain offered to assist with analysing the spread sheet traffic data. The Clerk to provide the data.
- c. Local Infrastructure Plan and Priority List. A list of potential projects for if funds were secured in the future was reviewed and agreed by Cllrs.
- d. Briary View Garages. Cllr Stewart reported that progress on the Briary View garages had been chased and insurance pay out was still awaited. A new planning application would be needed, as the renovation works were substantial.
- e. Bollards for Vicarage Rd entrance. Following damage to the verges by vehicles parking on the corner of Vicarage Rd, TfB had placed safety barriers around the area and suggested provision of low level bollards to protect the verge. Concerns were expressed that these would not be strong enough and deep curbs would be a better solution.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council in 2017; 11<sup>th</sup> May (Annual General), 13<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> November.