

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Held: Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, at 7.00pm  
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

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Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chairman), Georgina Geddes, Jane Herriman, Helen Hickman, Peter Lemagnen, Graham Stewart.

Members of the Public: None

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

**Please note that these minutes remain in draft form until ratified at the subsequent meeting.**

47/21. PUBLIC FORUM

No items

48/21. APOLOGIES

Cllrs John Chilver, Hazel Hedges

49/21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

50/21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed.

51/21. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

52/21. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stanier (Chairman) reported that Leader of Council, Martin Tett, had announced that the budget had been agreed with a 3.99% increase in Council Tax. Currently the proposal around 'levelling down' the south in favour of supporting 'levelling up' for the north was being considered. Water quality in rivers was a topic of concern and a letter had been sent to the minister and MPs in that regard. The reduction of the number of Ward Councillors from 148 to 98 had been agreed, and there is now a public consultation ongoing until 4<sup>th</sup> April on possible changes to political boundaries was being considered. Planning Surgeries have been introduced for BC Members only for the discussion of planning Development Management and Planning Enforcement problems, details as yet not confirmed. Members must book questions and slots in advance of any meetings, which would be held fortnightly from 10<sup>th</sup> January, with the next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> January, followed by 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February. The Buckinghamshire Swan Scheme was being launched to promote Buckinghamshire.

Cllr Stewart welcomed the planning surgeries, and it was agreed that he would provide details of any issues requiring attention to Cllr Stanier (Chairman) for him to raise at future Planning Surgeries. Cllr Stewart noted that political ward boundaries were being considered and sought reassurance that there were no intentions at present of merging Whaddon Parish with Milton Keynes. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) advised that he had no information on that topic, but in any event, county boundaries were a matter for Central Government.

## 53/21. PLANNING

- a. 7 Vicarage Rd. 21/03014/APP. Cllr Stewart advised that permission under new relaxed permitted development rules had been implemented for this planning application. Concern was expressed about how the rules had been applied to permit an area of paved parking at the front of the property and whether the works complied with adopted policy. Concern was expressed about the use of impermeable blocks, the double entrance and the dropped kerbs. It was agreed that these matters would be raised further with the Planning, Building Control and Highways departments. It was agreed that the 23rd Dec 2021 response from the complaints dept would be sent to the neighbours who had originally objected and they would be kept informed of any future developments.
- b. Shenley Park Traffic Modelling. Cllr. Stewart advised that he was not expecting to engage with BC until Spring/Summer 2022 on any detailed plans. BC had requested a nominated representative for communications purposes, and Cllrs agreed this should be Cllr Stewart, who would in turn keep everyone informed.

It was agreed that Cllr Stanier (Chairman) would check his records regarding the conversation with BC regarding their intention not to undertake any further traffic monitoring and provide them to Cllr. Stewart.

It was agreed again to formally appoint a traffic consultant to assist WPC with all traffic issues including the necessity of obtaining up to date traffic data and hopefully origination/destination data to help support WPC efforts to minimise traffic including implementation of limits on HGVs, and a 20mph speed limit, either through Section 106 agreements or via Community Board funds.

- c. 20 mph speed limit. Dealt with above.
- d. Drainage under Stock Lane. Cllr Stewart advised that there was no further action required by WPC, and downstream drainage issues were now a matter for Bucks Council and the landowners to liaise regarding clearance of the ditch in the Spinney.
- e. Coddimoor Lane Field Gate. Cllr Stewart advised that agreement had been reached on the design and implementation of the gate, which included a possible reduction in width from 5.5m down to 4m, which would be suitable for agricultural purposes. Progress was being made, and it was hoped that works would be carried out as soon as possible.
- f. Salden Chase (SWMK) 20/0165/CONS. Cllr Stewart reported that there were no new matters arising, and that Sec.106 monies (£22k) were being monitored.
- g. Local Planning, updates and appeals.

New Local Plan. BC had issued a public consultation survey; it was agreed that this document should be circulated to residents with encouragement to complete it before the 11th February deadline. Cllr Stewart would prepare and submit a response on behalf of WPC after views from other councillors had been submitted to him before the end of January.

VALP Design and SPD. Cllr Stewart reported that the 230-page VALP Design Supplementary Planning document had been approved for public consultation and he would read and comment on it, once the consultation dates are notified. Cllrs agreed with this approach.

Cllr Stewart reviewed 18/01333/APP – Field Stratford Rd. Cllr Stewart advised a lawful development certificate for equestrian/paddock and stable building had been refused. He believed an appeal was still proceeding and expressed concern that questions about conditions relating to the operation of dog training classes (noise, times, etc.) had still not been addressed and could be a matter raised at future planning surgeries by the Chairman.

21/04351/COUAR – The Oaks – conversion of a modern agricultural building to four residential units. Cllr Stewart expressed disappointment about the decision especially on appearance, structure and sustainability of this proposed development, but noted that this application had been approved under permitted development as being an acceptable conversion, following the submission of amended plans that successfully sought to overcome both the Inspector's and Bucks Council concerns

#### 54/21. CLERK'S UPDATE

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
  - i. The Clerk referred to her Update provided, and Cllrs reviewed recent activities and events for the period.
  - ii. The Clerk advised that the application for a new bank account with Unity Trust Bank had been submitted but processing new applications was delayed until February. The situation would be monitored.
  - iii. The Clerk advised that the Christmas tree had been a big success and it was agreed that another tree would be provided next Christmas.
  - iv. The Clerk proposed the Council should consider upgrading to a .gov.uk domain name to provide better security, ease of sending group emails, and improved trust and confidence for users. It was agreed to instruct Tim Jenkins to provide a scoping report and cost estimate to undertake this upgrade work. Cllr Lemagnen agreed to investigate whether the current website host would be able to upgrade the .gov domain name.
  - v. The Clerk reported that most income from allotments and WQ advertising had been collected. It was agreed that slow payers might be charged a handling fee or interest charge on late payments.
  - vi. Cllrs discussed a request for a Duke of Edinburgh Award candidate to undertake voluntary work towards the award. It was agreed that WPC would assist, but health and safety issues and insurance would be a concern. The Clerk was instructed to enquire if highways would permit voluntary work such as cleaning cycle cut throughs etc.
- b. Highways
  - i. The Clerk reviewed minor highway issues and reporting.
  - ii. The Clerk advised that a great deal of fly-tipping had taken place and been reported.
  - iii. Cllrs discussed MVAS data collection along Shenley Rd which would be used in support of pending work on traffic.
- c. Property

- i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that the charity commission return had been filed. A play around the parishes session had been booked for 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- ii. Allotments. The Clerk reported that the grant for the water supply had been agreed, and the contractor instructed to go ahead with a view to completion by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. This was weather dependent.

d. Finance

Income

The following payments have been received:

23/12/21	HMRC Vat Refund	£2,459.35
29/12/21	Rent D Taylor – Constable’s Plot	£150.00
Various	Allotment Income	£106.00
Various	WQ Advertising Income	£247.50
Various	Interest	£0.18

Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

DD	ICO - GDPR Licence/Registration	£35.00
DD	Npower – Electric streetlights 1/10/21-30/11/21	£87.47
DD	Npower - Electric streetlights 1/12/21-31/12/21	£69.21
328	Replaces 321 lost in post and stopped	£1,128.08
329	Replaces 322 lost in post and stopped	£609.90
330	S J Lindsey – reimbursement for Christmas Tree payment	£130.00
331	Swarco Ltd – MVAS maintenance agreement	£300.00
332	S J Lindsey – salary Nov/Dec 2021	£redacted
333	S J Lindsey – expenses Nov/Dec 2021	£205.63
334	Buckinghamshire Council – Dog waste bin collections	£224.76
335	Dave Taylor Handyman – Christmas tree	£220.00
336	Tim Jenkins – IT services	£40.00
337	Harlequin Press – Printing WQ	£273.00
337	Winslow Community Bus – donation	£100.00

Bank Balances as at 12/1/22

Metro Bank Account – current	£5,639.09
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£23,743.05
	£29,382.14

55/21. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. The New Lowndes Arms. Cllrs noted that operations had been quiet for a number of months and there had been no further concerns raised by residents. Cllrs noted that some Bucks Council planning enforcement issues remained outstanding.

- b. Nomination for the New Lowndes Arms to be listed as an Asset of Community Value. Cllrs carefully discussed the possibility of submitting a second application to nominate the pub as an ACV and agreed that no action should be taken at present, but this option would be kept on the agenda and reconsidered at the next meeting.
- c. Grant Application for Parking Mitigation for Village Green. Cllrs agreed that this item should be reconsidered at the next meeting.
- d. Cllr Herriman reviewed provisional plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; a beacon arranged by Cllr Hickman with BBQ and Drinks provided by the pub on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> June TBA, 4<sup>th</sup> June an event to be organised by the Village Hall Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> June and event to be organised by the pub. Cllr Herriman advised she was awaiting further information from the pub, and had not heard yet from the Churches or School, this would be followed up. Cllrs welcomed the proposal.
- e. Provision of improved broadband service. Cllr Lemagnen advised that the provision of improved broadband had been researched by a resident and agreed to find out more information.

56/21. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A DECISION BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

None

57/21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Signed:

Chairman

Date: