

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30pm at School Room, Whaddon Chapel, Stock Lane, Whaddon.  
Present: Cllrs Sir B Stanier Bt (Chairman), Pat Haig, Hazel Hedges, Peter Lemagnen, Derek White. Cllr John Chilver – AVDC District Councillor  
Members of the Public: Mrs Pauline Winward  
Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

### PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Pauline Winward expressed concern about the need to highlight the forthcoming deadlines for submission of comments and objections to the proposed housing expansion and planning applications for Shenley Dens Farm, Plan-MK and the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). She submitted an information sheet summarising the important points and deadlines, and suggested it should be circulated around the village. She also suggested a public meeting should be organised to inform parishioners and request their help and inputs into opposing housing expansion in the Whaddon area.

### APOLOGIES

Cllr Helen Hickman. Cllr Graham Stewart.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

### PROJECT UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### Roads and Footpaths

1. The clerk reported that the village highways 'Walk About' had taken place on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 with Mr Matt Whincup (MW) of BCC Highways. The list of points compiled by Cllr Stewart were reviewed in detail and findings and action points described in the report sent by the Clerk on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015. MW advised that WPC should seek clarification of the ownership of the 'petrol pump' area beside 2 Vicarage Rd with the land registry as a precursor to considering this area for public parking. Some potholes were identified by MW for emergency repair. The new drainage works in Vicarage Rd were reviewed and while the water was not flowing to completely empty the ditch, it was working adequately. No further extension of the kerb or ditch was possible due to funding issues. Photographs provided by Mrs Clare Garland of agricultural machinery driving on footpaths were reviewed, and number plates were requested for future photos to provide evidence for prosecution.
2. The Clerk reported that MW had inspected the recreation ground pedestrian entrance gate with a view to improving the safety of the road crossing and accessibility of the recreation ground for wheel chairs, and had provided a drawing and specification of the works needed for submission to BCC's approved contractor C Dowdy. The Clerk advised that a quotation was expected from C Dowdy shortly. Unfortunately the current sign post formerly displaying no dogs and no motorbikes signs was not provided by highways, and therefore replacement was not a highways remit.

#### Recreation Ground

1. The Clerk advised that additional insurance had been put in place with WPCs providers to cover the new equipment in the recreation ground at a cost of £14.79.
2. Cllrs approved expenditure of up to £200 for a bin to be provided for the recreation ground.
3. Maintenance manuals for the play equipment had been received from Kompan, and any requirements would be identified and implemented.

#### Communications

1. The Clerk advised that the council's domain name registration had been renewed for the maximum period of nine years, expiring 30/11/2024.

#### Finance and Administration

1. The Clerk confirmed that the audit was complete and statutory notices displayed as required.
2. The Clerk presented an annual council budget for consideration by the Cllrs. Cllrs agreed to keep the precept at £15,000 for financial year 2016/17.
3. The Clerk confirmed TSB bank accounts had been closed.
4. The Clerk confirmed that as requested by various parishioners, the application to request that the Lowndes Arms be registered as a Community Asset and to establish a Community Right to Bid had been submitted to AVDC. Mrs Suzy Chandler, the owner, had expressed some concerns, and the Clerk was chasing

AVDC to get them to respond to Mrs Chandler to clarify the position and give her the opportunity to have her say.

#### Allotments

1. The Clerk provided new allotment leases for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to Cllr White, for distribution to allotment holders.

#### Planning

1. Cllrs discussed the requests submitted by Mrs Winwood at the public session. Cllrs agreed that the text of the information sheet provided by Mr Winward needed to be more punchy, and there was not time to re-write, print and deliver these by hand around the village or organise a public meeting before 4<sup>th</sup> December deadline for submission of comments. It was agreed that a punchy version should be compiled and emailed around the village urgently, reaching approximately fifty households, and further fliers could be handed out at the Official Opening of the Recreation Ground on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
2. Cllrs reviewed and agreed the letter prepared by Cllr Stewart on 2a/2b High St – 15/00094/REF - for despatch.
3. Cllrs reviewed and agreed the Council's VALP submission document.
4. Cllrs agreed that an objection on the basis of 'not in keeping with street scene in the Conservation Area' should be made to the planning application to replace a hedge with a close-board fence at Fine View, High St. 15/03803/APP.
5. Cllrs agreed to make no comment on the retrospective planning application for car parking at The Cottage in Kennel Lane. 15/03799/APP

#### Other

1. The Clerk reported that Cllr White and Cllr Stewart had been confirmed/renewed as Trustees of Elmers Charity.
2. The Clerk reported that Land Registry had confirmed ownership of Constables Plot by WPC. Cllrs agreed that professional advice was needed on how to take things forward regarding leases, insurance, establishing a market rent, etc. Progress on the registration of the recreation ground and allotments would be chased.
3. The Clerk confirmed that the telephone box was now working, albeit difficult to use due to poor instructions.

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The following payments have been received:

28/9/15	Transfer from TSB – ref WQ advertising	£40.00
28/9/15	Rent Constables Plot	£145.00
29/9/15	AVDC Precept	£7,500.00
13/11/15	TSB interest balance – close accounts.	£0.27

The following invoices have been received for approval:

019	Suzanne Lindsey – cash for recreation ground expenses – ref Stuart Grace	£100.00
020	Aon Insurance – premium adjustment	£14.79
021	Unicorn Skips – ref recreation ground site clearance	£570.00
022	Swarco Traffic Ltd – MVAS maintenance contract	£163.49
023	Eon – Lighting maintenance	£125.10
024	CPRE Membership	£36.00
025	Mazars – Audit Fee	£120.00
026	Eon – lighting	£181.74
027	Suzanne Lindsey – WPC domain name renewal to 30/11/24	£30.15
028	Wilder Engineers & Consultants Ltd WQ Printing	63.44
		£1,404.71

Bank Balances as at 18/11/15

Metro Bank Account – current	£1,755.26
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£15,308.41
Metro Bank Account - charity	£1,373.48

#### REPORTS

1. Cllr Haig confirmed that the recreation ground had been completed and handed over to WPC by Kompan on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Arrangements for the Official Opening on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were in hand, and included a ribbon cutting ceremony, brass band, and hot food and drinks. The Chairman of AVDC, the

Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes, the Mayor of Buckingham, the Chairman of Shenley Parish Council, and District Councillor John Chilver were expected, along with representatives of suppliers Kompan, and Wren, and numerous members of the community.

2. Cllr Haig advised that her final edition of Whaddon Quarterly had been finished and printed and was being distributed. A new editor was still being sought. While Suzy Chandler had printed the current edition, it was uncertain whether she would be able to continue with this service.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ALREADY DEALT WITH

There were no additional matters.

#### AOB

1. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) expressed regret about the death of John Hanson, a former Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllrs marked the death of Mrs Writon who at 104 had been the village's oldest resident.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016.