

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Held: Thursday, 11th January 2024, at 7.00pm
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

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

Members of the Public: None
Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

45/23 Public Forum
No Items.

46/23 Apologies
Cllr Georgina Geddes. Ward Cllr John Chilver.

47/23 Declarations of Interest
None

48/23 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting
Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed.

49/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes
None.

50/23 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors
Cllr Stanier (Chairman) noted that BC focus was 100% on reducing costs for the forthcoming financial year. He expressed concern that there was a lot of pressure on funding for the Community Boards which he sought to mitigate as much as possible.

51/23 Planning

- a. To receive an update on Shenley Park Planning Applications 23/02180/APP and 23/0161/OUT. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. He noted that a response had been received to WPC enquiries from MKC indicating that MKC would enter into a PPA with Crest Nicholson which WPC could not be part of. Legal advice had stated MKC were required to consider the impact of the whole development not just the access points. Legal advice called for both parties to agree a suitable way forward. WPC would not be involved in this work but will be re-consulted when the work is complete. It was agreed to await the revised planning application from Crest Nicholson later in the year, and little could be done before that. While a response to Cllr Stewart's 24 points of concern and clarification had been received from BC just prior to the meeting, only a few points would be raised requesting further information at this stage. Cllrs discussed if WPC should open discussions with Crest Nicholson to ascertain if they would be willing to make concessions or assist WPC on any points. It was agreed that this would have limited probability of success and benefit, but the situation would be monitored in case this situation changed and an approach was considered beneficial.
- b. See above.

- c. To review 22/000221/APP and 21/04926/APP Thrift Farm. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. It was agreed that he would request clarification and confirmation that one green house would be retained for adult learning purposes, and request a guarantee that adult care would continue, and BC should be reminded about highways concerns on traffic, bearing in mind their own highway department's initial objection. BC should also be asked to inform the A421 study consultants about this application.
- d. Update on A421 Study. Cllr Stewart reported that the study had been put back due to concerns about the results of the traffic study information provided by the consultants which was based on a new traffic model. Problems needed to be ironed out. No further workshops were expected until at least March.
- e. To review local planning applications. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report and noted 23/03007/APP had been approved as a result of changes to the design to reduce impact. 22/03492/APP Land at Manor Farm Beachampton – solar farm - Cllr Stewart noted that this had been approved and expected this to have an impact on the application for a Solar Farm at The Oaks the increasing likelihood of approval. Concern was expressed that this development, if finally allowed, may result in MKCC investigating this land, within their district for housing development over the ridge, within their emerging new Plan MK, because of the intrusion that industrial development within the valley would have. It was noted that submission of the expected application for a solar park at The Oaks was delayed, and the applicant intended to attend WPC's next meeting on 14th March.

52/23 Clerk's Update

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
 - i. General Activities. The Clerk referred to the Activities Update provided. Cllrs noted that the Christmas tree and associated festivities had been welcome and had gone well.
 - ii. Whaddon Quarterly. Cllrs welcomed the offer from a resident to take on editorship of WQ. It was agreed that Cllr Stewart and the Clerk would arrange a meeting to arrange the hand over.
- b. Highways
 - i. Minor highway issues. The Clerk reviewed information provided by highways on outstanding highways issues. It was agreed to continue to monitor progress and press for the many necessary outstanding repairs.
 - ii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.
- c. Property
 - i. Recreation Ground. It was agreed to book a Play Session for the summer at a cost of £505.
 - ii. Allotments. The Clerk advised that only one tenant still owed rent of £53.88. It was agreed that the tenancy could be terminated for nonpayment and vacant plots should be advertised ahead of spring. The Clerk advised that padlock code would be changed shortly to improve security.
 - iii. Constable's Plot – no items.
- d. Finance
 - i. Budget for FYs 2025-2027 was reviewed and agreed. It was noted that the future was very uncertain.
 - ii. Payments were approved.

Income

The following payments were received:

29/12/23	D Taylor – rent Constable’s Plot	£150.00
31/12/23	Interest on deposit account	£402.29
Various	Rent allotments invs. 1333, 1334, 1337	£121.64
	Total	£673.93

Expenditure

The following payments have been made since the last meeting:

13/11/23	BACS	F Hayward – litter picking Aug/Sep 4hrs @£10.42	£41.68
13/11/23	BACS	E.ON Streetlight maintenance contract Jul-Sep 2023	£57.60
14/11/23	DD	Npower electric streetlights Oct 23 due 14/11/23	£80.52
13/11/23	BACS	Kompan Ltd – parts for equipment repair	£51.90
13/11/23	BACS	Ross Lawry – mowing and hedging Apr-Oct 2023	£3,000.00
13/11/23	BACS	S Lindsey Salary and Expenses Sep-Oct 2023	£1,406.84
13/11/23	BACS	D Taylor - Mowing	£130.00
24/11/23	DD	Hugo Fox Website Maintenance	£11.99
6/12/23	DD	Nest Pension payment	£19.36
7/12/23	SO	Freethought email services	£9.50
15/12/23	DD	Npower electric for streetlights	£92.33
15/12/23	DD	HMRC PAYE	£5.33
27/12/23	DD	Hugo Fox Website Maintenance	£11.99
31/12/23	DD	Unity Bank Quarterly Service Charge	£18.00
8/1/24	DD	Freethought email services	£9.50
9/1/24	DD	ICO Annual Fee	£35.00
			£4,981.54

The following future payments require approval:

BACS	E.ON Streetlight maintenance contract Oct-Dec 2023	£57.60
BACS	D Taylor – Christmas tree installation/removal	£250.00
BACS	Wave – water for allotments	£10.75
BACS	S J Lindsey – Salary and expenses Nov-Dec 2023	£1,350.43
BACS	Bruce Mcrae – IT expenses oil syndicate	£61.20
BACS	Harlequin Press – WQ Printing	£320.00
BACS	Winslow Bus Donation	£100.00
DD	Npower electric streetlights December due 14/1/24	£96.80
	Total	£2,246.78

Bank Balances as at 11/1/24

Unity Bank – deposit	£53,820.01
Unity Bank – current	£4,051.88

53/23 Other Parish Matters

- a. Co-Option of new Cllr(s). The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy for a Cllr had been advertised and no response received, therefore the go ahead had been given by BC for WPC to proceed to co-option. Cllrs reviewed two applications and agreed to invite the candidates to attend the public session of the next meeting.
- b. Upgrades to the Recreation Ground. Cllrs reviewed a quotation for the provision of a Hill Climber Rope to replace wooden step beams. The Clerk was instructed to

prepare a proposal for review by Cllrs and to submit for funding via Community Board.

- c. D-Day Celebration. Cllrs Herriman and Hickman updated Cllrs on arrangements. Cllr Hickman confirmed the event was registered. It was agreed that all proceeds should go to the village hall. Confirmation was needed that the sheep would be removed from the site. Preparation of risk assessments and safety requirements were in hand. Event to be advertised in WQ and on Facebook.
- d. Yellow Line Project. The Clerk advised delays continued and that this had been chased with Highways and Community Board. Community Board confirmed that the funds would not be forfeit due to lack of take-up if the project was further delayed.
- e. Overgrown Hedge Stock Lane. The Clerk was instructed to write to the landowner requesting dangerous briars are cut back.
- f. Cllrs reviewed an update on planning enforcement NC/22/00368/LB and noted that the enforcement notice had been appealed in respect of windows, chimney and external staircase. NC/23/00112/OPDEV – The Oaks; Cllrs noted that no progress had been made and a new investigator had been assigned to the case.
- g. Benches and Planters for Village Green. It was agreed to await the completion of the yellow lines and to proceed with this project.
- h. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.

54/23 Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 14th March 2024, 9th May 2024 (AGM), 11th July 2024, 12th September 2024, 14th November 2024, 9th January 2025, 13th March 2025.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: