

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 10th March 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, Hazel Hedges, Jane Herriman, Helen Hickman, Peter Lemagnen, Graham Stewart.

Members of the Public: Two

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

58/21. PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr Stanier (Chairman) read out a statement from the New Lowndes Arms Public House.

59/21. APOLOGIES

Cllr John Chilver

60/21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

61/21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed.

62/21. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

63/21. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stanier (Chairman) reported that Leader of Council, Martin Tett, had agreed a 3.99% increase in Council Tax, with 2% to go towards adult social care resulting from the pandemic. Cllrs commented that in the light of recent events this might prove inadequate.

64/21. PLANNING

- a. 7 Vicarage Rd. 21/03014/APP. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. No further complaints or comments had been received. Work is progressing. It was agreed that no further action is needed at this time.
- b. Shenley Park Traffic Modelling. Cllr. Stewart referred to his planning report, plus notes and maps distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr Stewart updated Cllrs that Bucks Council (BC) were unlikely to commence work on the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) until late spring/early summer and emphasised the importance of participating in the promised early planning discussions with BC at an early stage. He recommended that if possible, the existing traffic calming scheme should be upgraded to a proper 20mph speed limit and was hopeful that data could be provided from the MVAS unit to support that position. He added that whilst S106 funding should cover these costs, it might be

more difficult to secure support for HGV restrictions, as these problems are historic (and growing), but not necessarily caused by the Shenley Park development in isolation - but whilst consulting on one, the other could be included. Securing funding assistance from East/West Rail might be an option to look into, but Whaddon was nowhere near as badly affected as other communities to the south of the A421.

Cllrs reviewed the maps showing likely traffic flows resulting from the construction of Shenley Park and Salden Chase developments and agreed that WPC should take a lead in presenting a proposed 'wish list' to BC of recommended traffic management solutions on behalf of residents.

It was agreed that Cllr Stewart should proceed, with the assistance of Mr D Catlin in the capacity of highway consultant, with a proposal for a proper 20mph speed limit, an HGV restriction, the possible closure of Shenley Rd to prevent rat-running but with provision of footpaths and red ways to nearby MK facilities, dualling of the A421 from the new Shenley Park/Salden Chase roundabout to Whaddon Roundabout and traffic calming/speed limits for Coddimoor Lane, which could become the main access into Whaddon if Shenley Road is closed.

- c. 20 mph speed limit. Dealt with above.
- d. Drainage under Stock Lane. Cllr Stewart advised that recent drain clearance had helped the situation and no further work was needed currently, but the situation should be monitored.
- e. Coddimoor Lane Field Gate. Cllr Stewart advised that the landowner's agent had been in touch to say that newly dug field ditches were being used to dump garden waste by local residents. Cllr Stewart had inspected and removed two items of rubbish. It was agreed to monitor the situation and ask allotment holders for assistance.
- 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. This item to be covered in item b going forward.
- g. Local Planning, updates and appeals.

New Local Plan. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. The announcement of a public consultation is expected shortly

Cllr Stewart reviewed 22/00221/APP and 21/04926/APP, Thrift Farm Nursery. It was agreed that as no response had been received from the developers, outstanding queries on these applications would be submitted direct to BC Planning. Cllrs expressed concern over traffic levels and over lost provision for adult care currently provided.

Cllr Stewart reviewed 18/01333/APP – Field Stratford Rd. Cllr Stewart advised there had been no change since last time; 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, frequency, 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 advised that an appeal had been won and this was proceeding on the basis that the original structure would be retained.

65/21. 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 NALC had issued new pay scales and Cllrs approved a raise of 23p/hr (1.7%).
 - iii. Cllrs reviewed a quotation from Ross Lawry for mowing and hedging and agreed the price increases he requested. Concern was expressed about steeply rising fuel costs affecting his business.
 - iv. The Clerk reviewed progress on the domain name upgrade and advised that the .gov.uk application had been successful. Next steps would be the transfer of email services, followed by the website.
 - v. The Clerk advised that the application for a new bank account with Unity Trust Bank had been successful and the account up and running. Cllrs signed approvals for three amendments to the setup to add additional Cllrs and amend an address. Cllrs agreed the closure of Metro Bank accounts.
- b. Highways
 - i. The Clerk reviewed minor highway issues and reporting.
 - ii. The Clerk advised that grant applications for yellow lines and allotment kerbs/parking were in progress and being monitored. No progress was expected in the short term.
 - iii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.
- c. Property
 - i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that there had been complaints regarding dogs being exercised on the recreation ground and it was agreed this would be monitored. Cllrs agreed a pay rise for litter picking in line with minimum wage from £8.91 to £9.50/hr. The Clerk advised that the annual safety inspection would be scheduled shortly.
 - ii. Allotments. The Clerk reported that the upgrade of the water supply had been chased, and better weather was awaited. Work would commence as soon as weather permitted.
- d. Finance

Income

The following payments have been received:

13/1/22	G Hosier – allotment rent	£5.50
14/1/22	J Jaworski – allotment rent	£32.00
18/1/22	Macintyre Law – advertising	£72.00
19/1/22	Starlight Oil – advertising	£148.75
	No access to February/March bank statement - TBA	

Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

DD	Npower - Electric streetlights 1Jan22-31Jan22 paid 16/1/22	£69.21
BACS	F Hayward – litter picking	£40.10
BACS	S J Lindsey Pay and Expenses	£1,391.18
BACS	T P Jenkins – IT services	£70.00
BACS	E.On Energy Solutions Ltd – Lighting maintenance	£54.00

Bank Balances as at 10/3/22

Metro Bank Account – current	£0.00
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£0.00
Unity Bank – current	£27,196.05

66/21. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Cllr Herriman suggested the installation of a flagpole in connection with Jubilee Celebrations, but to be of use for other celebrations also. It was agreed to obtain further information.
- b. Cllr Herriman reviewed arrangements for celebrations for the Queen’s Jubilee. It was agreed that further information would be obtained for the provision of a celebratory gift for school children, such as red/white/blue wildflower seeds. Clarification would be sought on the £500 match fund request for Whaddon Residents to participate in Nash Street Parties.
- c. Distribution of Whaddon Quarterly. The Clerk distributed details of the addresses to which copies of Whaddon Quarterly was mailed. Cllrs Lemagnen and Stewart agreed they might be willing to hand-deliver some of these copies. List to be circulated, marked up and returned to the Clerk.
- d. The New Lowndes Arms. Cllrs discussed the statement provided by the New Lowndes Arms and read out at the Public Session. Cllrs agreed their total support for the retention of the pub in the village for the residents but stated that it was outside the Council’s remit to be involved in any way with the running of the business. It was hoped that going forward the business would be operated to keep within the rules and not cause nuisance to residents. Disappointment was expressed that the owners were not more willing to engage in dialogue with the Council to find positive routes forward.

The owners’ suggestion that the Parish Council and community might like to purchase the premises was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would not be willing or able to consider a purchase. But the Council would undertake research into ways to support and encourage a community sale, should that become an option.

The Clerk advised that BC had recently updated its licencing policies and procedures, and it was agreed that the Council might consider requesting a licence review in order to bring

the current premises licence up to date, as the existing licence had not been reviewed for around 20 years and was in need of bringing into line with current needs.

- e. Grant Application for Parking Mitigation for Village Green. Cllrs agreed that this item should be reconsidered at the next meeting.
- f. Provision of improved broadband service. It was agreed that more information was needed, to be discussed at the next meeting.

67/21. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A DECISION BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

None

68/21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

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

Signed:

Chairman

Date: