



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

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Held: Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025, at 7.00pm  
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chair), Jonathan Allard, Jane Herriman, Jason Jones

Members of the Public: Ward Cllr John Chilver plus three members of the public.

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

## **73/24 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Matt Garland – absence agreed

Cllr Graham Stewart – absence agreed

Cllr Paul Sainthouse – absence agreed

## **74/24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None.

## **75/24 Public Forum**

Two members of the public expressed concern about some construction items deposited on the highway verge at the junction of Vicarage Rd and Stock Lane. It was agreed that WPC would check the status with the local highway technician.

## **76/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed by the Chair.

## **77/24 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s)**

Cllr Stanier reviewed a letter sent to Leader Martin Tett noting the proposal for a theme park in Bedfordshire and underlining the need for upgrading the A421 to cope with the traffic. Cllr Chilver noted that elections were in hand and council matters were suspended until after the election. He noted that the new Community Board had been implemented and had doubled in area to cover Buckinghamshire and Winslow. Budgets for the board had not been finalised.

## **78/24 Cllrs approved and welcomed the co-option of Jason Jones. The retirement of Cllr Napal was noted, and he was thanked for his service. Cllr approved and signed documents to update the bank mandate accordingly.**

## **79/24 Planning**

- a. To receive an update on Shenley Park. In the absence of Cllr Stewart, members referred to his planning report. The submission of WPC response as statutory consultee on 4<sup>th</sup> April was noted. Concerns about the accuracy of the Traffic Impact Assessment were also noted. The next meeting to discuss traffic (and other issues) with the neighbouring parishes is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- b. To receive an update on Shenley Park Planning Applications 23/02180/AOP (BC) and 23/0161-/OUT (MKCC). It was noted that 23 statutory consultee and 267 public responses had been submitted on the planning portal. WPC is no longer able to view

these due to their removal by BC in connection with concerns about GDPR compliance.

Parks Trust have indicated support for the 'Endowment Model' for Green Stewardship to the applicants but no further dialogue has taken place. No decision was taken on further actions.

- c. To receive an update and agree any actions on the A421. No new information.
- d. To discuss and agree next steps on the proposed Shenley Rd closure. See a., above and Cllr Stewart's planning report. Cllrs reviewed the recent information from MKCC regarding concerns about the accuracy of the TIA. It was agreed to retain the provision of £5,000 from reserves to fund a future traffic survey if needed. The offer of Signsense to assist was noted.
- e. To discuss and agree any next steps on requesting a name change for Shenley Park development. The Clerk reported that further information had been received. Cllr Stewart's suggestion of Priory Park was noted.
- f. BC S106 progress. No new items. Planning application awaited.
- g. Next steps on the Shenley Dens Planning Process. Cllrs referred to Cllr Stewart's report. 1000 new dwellings likely to be taken forward to Plan MK.
- h. To review local planning applications. 24/03251/APP and 24/03252/ALB – 3 High St, Whaddon. Revised applications received in connection with concerns from the Listed Buildings Officer. A No Objection response was agreed. 25/00872/APP – 1 Fern Farm Cottages. A No Objection response was agreed. 25/00138/ADP – Lane Rear of Fresh Fields – reserved matters. Decision awaited.
- i. Removal of Planning Comments on the BC Planning Portal. Cllrs expressed deep concern about the loss of access to electors' local knowledge and views that were depended on to inform and support the Council's responses to planning applications. A letter of objection had been sent but no response received. It was agreed it looked unlikely that BC would soften its stance. It was agreed that a notice inviting the public to share their responses with WPC should be circulated via Whaddon Quarterly, Website, etc.

## 80/24 Clerk's Update

The Clerk referred to the Update provided ahead of the meeting

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
  - i. Cllrs noted that the proposed election on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 was uncontested and Cllrs Allard, Garland, Herriman, Jones, Sainthouse, Stanier and Stewart were duly appointed to take effect on the first council meeting after 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025, viz 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
  - ii. Cllrs reviewed the briefing note on General Power of Competence (GPC). It was agreed to adopt GPC to take effect at the first meeting after the election, as above.
  - iii. Cllr reviewed the general activities update. The Clerk advised there were problems with the WPC laptop and the purchase of a replacement was agreed.

- iv. The Clerk advised that the publication date of Whaddon Quarterly had been brought forward to allow the Annual Parish Meeting to be promoted. There were three outstanding payments for advertising.
- b. Highways
- i. Cllrs discussed and agreed public opinion would be sought on 20mph speed limits at the APM. It was agreed to purchase 100 x '20 is plenty' bin stickers for free distribution to Shenley Rd, High St., and Stock Lane properties at the APM.
  - ii. Damage and HGV restrictions on High St. Cllrs noted ongoing damage to kerbs, walls and verges caused by heavy vehicles and agreed to continue to gather evidence to support an application for mitigation measures. It was agreed to proceed with a meeting with Mr Pateman at BC as soon as practical to explore solutions.
  - iii. Other Highways Issues. No items
  - iv. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.
- c. Property
- i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that the installation of new equipment was complete and had been very well received. Cllr Jones noted some repairs were needed on the cradle swing and hand grips on the climbing wall. The Clerk advised that grant funding and VAT refunds would be claimed as soon as possible.
  - ii. Allotments. No Items.
  - iii. Constable's Plot. No items.
- d. Finance
- i. Councillors reviewed and approved the Financial Reports provided, including cashbook, budget and forecast and bank statements. The Bank Reconciliation was checked and signed.
  - ii. The Payments Schedule and invoices were checked and approved.
  - iii. The Clerk advised records would be submitted for internal audit on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Payments via DD & SO since last meeting

21/03/2025	EE	DD	Phone	28.48
21/03/2025	Tomato Energy	DD	Electric	16.57
24/03/2025	Hugo Fox	DD	Website	11.99
28/02/2025	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Service Charge	6.00
07/04/2025	Freethought	SO	Email	9.50
09/04/2025	Tomato Energy	DD	Electric	74.91
				147.45

#### Payments via BACS for authorisation at this meeting

11/04/2025	Eon	BACS	Street lighting mainenance	57.60
11/04/2025	██████████	BACS	Salary & Expenses	1,544.46
11/04/2025	NBPPC	BACS	Planning	20.00
11/04/2025	Kompan	BACS	Play equipment	20,245.23
11/04/2025	Bletchely Turf	BACS	Woodchips	1,638.00

24,059.29

Total

24,206.74

All invoices listed above have been examined, verified and certified by the Clerk/RFO

#### 81/24 Other Parish Matters

- a. APM 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Cllrs agreed the suggested arrangements for the APM. It was agreed the event should be informal with no long speeches and the opportunity for residents to meet Cllrs, find out more about suggested projects and express preferences. Free refreshments to be provided.
- b. To consider next steps on the verge in Vicarage Rd. See 75/24 above.
- c. Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to include this as a topic at the APM.
- d. VE Day Celebration on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The Clerk reported the Radio Reenactors would be attending on Windy Ridge and publicity of the event would be arranged for them.
- e. Enhancements to the Village Green. Cllr Stewart reported that he had a 'ground screw' solution for the fitting. It was agreed to request two benches from Elmers Charity.
- f. Planning enforcement cases. No Items.
- g. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.

#### 82/24 Agenda Items for the Next Meeting; no items

#### 83/24 Date of Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (APM), 15<sup>th</sup> May (ACM,) 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Signed:

Chair

Date: