

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Held: Thursday, 12th September 2024, at 7.00pm
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chair), Jane Herriman, Helen Hickman, Graham Stewart.

Members of the Public: Two

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

21/24 Apologies

Cllrs John Chilver, Neerag Nagpal, Derek White.

Cllr Jonathan Allard did not give apologies or attend

22/24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

23/24 Public Forum

A member of the public attended to discuss the provision of play equipment for smaller children under the age of seven for the recreation ground. It was agreed to investigate further including obtaining funding from the Community Board and Elmers Charity.

A member of the public attended to discuss the setting up of Community Speed Watch and offered to organise it. It was agreed to put him in touch with Newton Longville Parish Council to take the project further.

24/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed by the Chair.

25/24 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s)

Cllr Stanier (Chair) noted that there was a great deal of concern about the 42% uplift in new housing allocation, which was not good news for rural areas. With 71% of council tax funding social care, BC was under a great deal of pressure. £300 million of current debt at BC was noted. Cllr Stewart requested to be kept informed about when BC will discuss their proposed response to the MK Plan development, specifically relating to Shenley Dens.

26/24 Planning

- a. To receive an update on Shenley Park Planning Applications 23/02180/AOP (BC) and 23/0161/OUT (MKCC). Cllr Stewart referred to his planning update. He reported that he had obtained a response from BC that traffic analysis was still being undertaken by Ardent consulting engineers for Crest Nicholson (CN), and that the revised application to accord with the SPD was expected in December/January. A copy of the traffic analysis has been requested when available, after which a meeting with highway/planning officers would be arranged and agreed.
- b. "Parishing" and wider engagement. The Clerk reported that no responses had been received from CN or Sarah Armstrong of BC to communications initiating engagement with them. Cllr Stanier (Chair) undertook to escalate the BC email sent to Sarah Armstrong to Cabinet Member Cllr Strachan. The Clerk reported that in the absence of a response from CN, contact had been made with White House PC where a CN development was underway, and it was agreed that Cllr Hickman and The Clerk should arrange an exploratory meeting. Cllr Stewart noted that engagement with BC and CN up until now had been very disappointing and advised caution with current

efforts. The possibility of making an official complaint, and, if necessary, escalating it up to the Ombudsman, regarding lack of consultation was considered positively by Cllrs. The Clerk reviewed findings and research on Warding and Parishing, and while suggesting strongly that no firm decision should be made ahead of having all the information to hand, it was looking likely that the best option would be for the parish not to be split into two wards. It was considered unlikely for a community governance review to find good reason to necessitate splitting the parish into two parishes, but residents could petition for a split if they identified good reason, workable boundaries and had sufficient support.

- c. Response on SPD issues. Cllr Stewart reported that outstanding questions remained on hold, and the revised outline planning application when published will almost certainly result in widespread changes.
- d. Update on MK City Plan 2050 and Shenley Dens. Cllr Stewart reported that he had attended the MKCC exhibition to research the change of position on Calverton Plateau to no longer respect or concur with 'important' landscape decisions made in the 2003 inspector's report. It was noted that if a large number of objections were received from residents to the change the designation, then it might affect future decisions. No response was received about future plans for the burned-down farmhouse. It was agreed that WPC should send a response on Plan 2050, before the 8th October deadline and encourage residents including Nash and Beachampton to also respond to the consultation.
- e. Update on MKCC Valued Landscape Strategy. See above.
- f. A421 Study. Cllr Stewart advised that after further chasing he had received a notification that a second engagement workshop was at the planning stage, and we should be notified of a new date within 2-3 weeks.
- g. Buckinghamshire Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Cllr Stewart reported that the old AVDC area remained on S106 but preparations for a move to CIL were in hand. The Clerk noted that the existing WPC 'wish list' for S106 funds comprised all traffic related items, and suggested and it was agreed that preparations should start to explore other potential benefits, e.g., for the village hall and the church if possible.
- h. Next steps on NPPF Consultation. It was agreed that this consultation was aimed at Local Authority level and WPC should await the BC response and submit its response in support.
- i. Councillor Planning Surgeries. It was agreed to maximise use of these surgeries to put forward issues and requests on behalf of WPC. The Clerk to assist.
- j. To review local planning applications. Cllr Stewart referred to his report, and noted planning applications relating to Salden Chase had been submitted, but these were mainly to satisfy 'Reserved Matters'. It was agreed that these would not impact WPC, but support for Newton Longville should be offered if appropriate.

27/24 Clerk's Update

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
 - i. Reserves Policy. Cllrs discussed and approved the Reserves Policy.
 - ii. Village Hall. It was agreed that Cllr Herriman and The Clerk should attend the forthcoming AGM/Public Meeting and update the committee on future plans relating to the Shenley Park development.
 - iii. General Activities. The Clerk referred to the report provided. The Clerk advised and cllrs noted that the external audit was complete.
 - iv. The Clerk advised WQ had been distributed. Cllrs agreed the request from C Anderson MP to submit content, which would be subject to the same editorial requirements as other contributors.
- b. Highways
 - i. Minor highway issues. The Clerk referred to the update provided.
 - ii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.

c. Property

- i. Recreation Ground. Cllrs agreed that a quote and grant applications should be prepared for new equipment for smaller children for further consideration. It was agreed that a quote would be obtained to pollard the willow and repairs for the damaged basket swing investigated for future approval as appropriate. The Clerk reported that the annual safety inspection had been completed and the specified repairs completed.
- ii. Allotments. The Clerk presented details of the current occupancy and expected income for Oct '24-Sep'25. It was noted that two tenants' leases would not be renewed due to non-cultivation. It was agreed for the rental cost to remain at 26p/sq meter for the coming year. The Clerk to undertake marketing to increase the occupancy.
- iii. Constable's Plot. No items.

d. Finance

- i. Councillors reviewed and approved the Financial Report 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.

28/24 Other Parish Matters

- a. Community Speed Watch. Cllrs welcomed the initiative and agreed to refer the volunteer to the Chair of Newton Longville PC to initiate implementation.
- b. Yellow Lines High St/Nash Rd Junction. Cllrs noted progress on the approvals.
- c. Planning enforcement cases. A response for The Oaks had been received.
- d. Benches and Planters for Village Green. It was agreed to await the completion of the yellow lines and to proceed with this project.
- e. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.

29/24 Agenda for Next Meeting. The Clerk advised the budget would be on the agenda for the next meeting and circulated a list of likely expenditures for consideration. Cllrs agreed that representatives of Newton Longville PC should attend the meeting to discuss progress on Salden Chase. It was agreed that the scheduled training session for this meeting would be postponed to the next meeting due to absence of three cllrs.

30/24 Date of Next Meetings

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

Signed:

Chair

Date:

**Whaddon Parish Council
Bank Reconciliation**

As at: 31/8/24

Cash Balance b/f 01/04/2024	54,484.88
Plus Income YTD	18,389.38
Less Expenditure YTD	8,450.13

Total Cash Book 31/8/24	64,424.13
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Bank Balances	Current Account	1,133.64
31/08/2024	Deposit Account	63,290.49

Total Cash Bank 31/8/24	64,424.13
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Signed:  Clerk

Date: 12/9/24

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Whaddon Parish Council **Payments for Approval**

Payments via DD & SO

18/07/2024	Nest	DD	Pension	20.93
22/07/2024	EE	DD	Phone	28.48
22/07/2024	HMRC	DD	Paye/Nics	8.42
24/07/2024	Hugo Fox	DD	Website	11.99
08/08/2024	Freethought	DD	Email	9.50
13/08/2024	nPower	DD	Electric	69.25
19/08/2024	Nest	DD	Pension	17.90
21/08/2024	EE	DD	Phone	28.48
27/08/2024	Hugo Fox	DD	Website	11.99
08/09/2024	Freethought	SO	Email	9.50
14/09/2024	nPower	DD	Electric	69.98
30/09/2024	Unity Bank	DD	Bank Charges	18.00
				234.60

Payments via BACS

12/09/2024	CPRE	BACS	Membership	36.00
12/09/2024	[REDACTED]	BACS	Mowing	1,019.00
12/09/2024	E.On Energy	BACS	Street light maintenance	57.60
12/09/2024	[REDACTED]	BACS	Litter picking	67.73
12/09/2024	Harlequin Press	BACS	WQ Autumn Edition	380.00
12/09/2024	Harlequin Press	BACS	Training materials	120.00
12/09/2024	Kompan	BACS	Playground Inspection	291.67
12/09/2024	NBPPC	BACS	Webinar	50.00
12/09/2024	PKF Littlejohn LLP	BACS	Audit	252.00
12/09/2024	R&S Landscapes	BACS	Weed spraying	408.00
12/09/2024	[REDACTED]	BACS	Salary & Expenses	1,571.00
12/09/2024	[REDACTED]	BACS	Logo Artwork	480.00
12/09/2024	WAVE (Anglian Water)	BACS	Water	12.48
				4,745.48

Total 4,980.08

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

Signed: [REDACTED] Clerk

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