

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL www.whaddonbucks-pc.gov.uk

Held: Thursday, 9th May 2024, at 7.00pm
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chairman), Jonathan Allard, Jane Herriman, Neeraj Nagpal, Graham Stewart, Derek White.

Members of the Public: None

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

1/24 Election of a Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations were requested for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllr Beville Stanier and Cllr Helen Hickman were proposed and elected unanimously. Cllr Stanier accepted the nomination and signed the Declarations of Acceptance. Clerk to obtain declaration from Cllr Hickman.

2/24 Public Forum

None present.

3/24 Apologies

Cllrs John Chilver and Helen Hickman

4/24 Declarations of Interest

None

5/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed by the Chairman.

6/24 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

7/24 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s)

Cllr Stanier (Chairman) noted that the costs of adult and juvenile care remained very concerning. The recent Annual Meeting had not resulted in any major changes of direction or policy.

8/24 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 report. He noted that it was proving impossible to obtain responses to questions, and he was relying on updates on the planning website. He advised that a huge amount of research was taking place on traffic and an updated transport assessment was expected from Crest Nicholson, to support their revised planning application which is not expected until later this year. This would be followed by consideration by both Buckinghamshire Council (BC) and MKCC of what mitigation measures would be needed to make the development acceptable in highway terms. This was expected to take some time, and a further round of public consultation can be expected to follow – including the necessary CEMP (Construction Management Plan). No

updates were available on the MK side. However, an indication of population growth had been obtained from BC, with an estimate of 90 houses/225 people a year following commencement probably in 2026. This was considered likely a slight underestimate.

- b. BC Response on SPD Issues. Cllr Stewart noted that paper copies of the final SPD had been received and circulated. Further clarification on some outstanding questions (heads of terms for PPA and visit of BC highway officer) is still awaited.
- c. Update on Plan MK, WEA Expansion. Cllr Stewart advised that MKCC and BC had met to discuss ongoing work on the MKCC New City Plan, with MKCC presentation showing the Western Expansion Area 'over the ridge' north of Whaddon as a possible option of various sites being considered. The public consultation is likely to take place mid-July through October.
- d. Valued Landscape Strategy. Cllr Stewart reported that the agreed response from WPC had been submitted, and the results are expected to be published with the MK City Plan 2050 when the opportunity to comment will be available as 'c' above..
- e. To review 22/000221/APP and 21/04926/APP Thrift Farm. Cllr Stewart noted that new consultee responses have appeared on the BC planning website including a new plan with one greenhouse remaining. Highways objections had been withdrawn.
- f. A421 Study. Cllr Stewart advised he had requested an update on progress, and it is hoped that the postponed November 2023 working group meeting will be held later this year. Prospects were not looking good and any recommendations will then need prioritising and funding.
- g. To review local planning applications. Cllr Stewart noted 24/00808/APP 29 Stock Lane had been responded to with 'no objection' but with accompanying comments. A decision is awaited. No new information had been received on the solar farm..

9/24 Clerk's Update

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
 - i. Review of statutory paperwork. Cllrs reviewed statutory paperwork. The Clerk advised that a new set of Financial Regulations had just been issued; these along with other policies would be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - ii. Review and approval of Annual Audit.
 - a) The report of the internal auditor was noted. The Clerk clarified that all required documents were actually available on the website, but access to them would be made clearer.
 - b) Approval of Section 1 AGAR. This document was approved.
 - c) Approval of Section 2 AGAR. This document was approved.
 - d) Exercise of public rights. Dates were approved.
 - iii. Review of a website communications policy was held over to the next meeting.
 - iv. Review of general activities. The Clerk referred to the update provided. The Clerk provided details of training for new Cllrs, and it was agreed to cover the costs. Cllrs approved changes to the signatories for the bank accounts to add Cllr Allard and remove retired Cllrs.
- b. Highways
 - i. Minor highway issues. The Clerk referred to the update provided.
 - ii. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.
- c. Property
 - i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised some amendments had been requested to the grant application for the Hill Climber which would be attended to.
 - ii. Allotments. The Clerk advised that vacant plots had been readvertised.

- iii. Constable's Plot – Cllrs reviewed the FBT and agreed no increase in rent for the period July 2024-July 2027.

d. Finance

- i. Payments were approved. It was noted that confirmation of bank details was awaited from the village hall and the payment would be held until receipt of that information.

Income

The following income has been received:

25/3/24	Rent Constable's Plot	£150.00
31/3/24	Bank Interest	£375.39
12/4/24	Precept	£17,500.00
	Total	£18,025.39

Expenditure

The following payments have been made since the last meeting:

15/3/24	DD	NPower - Electric	£88.80
18/3/24	BACS	Bucks Council – Dog Waste Bins	£201.77
18/3/24	BACS	Harlequin Press – Printing WQ	£305.00
18/3/24	BACS	Anglian Water – Allotments	£11.42
18/3/24	BACS	S J Lindsey – Salary & Expenses Jan-Feb 2024	£1,781.04
18/3/24	BACS	D Taylor – Grass Cutting	£203.50
19/3/24	DD	Nest Pension	£4.31
21/3/24	DD	EE phone	£26.40
25/3/24	DD	Hugo Fox – Website	£11.99
31/3/24	DD	Bank service charge	£18.00
8/4/24	SO	Freethought – email services	£9.50
15/4/24	DD	NPower - Electric	£90.95
18/4/24	DD	Nest Pension	£8.35
22/4/24	DD	EE Phone	£28.48
24/4/24	DD	Hugo Fox – Website	£11.99
7/5/24	SO	Freethought – email services	£9.50
			£2,811.00

The following future payments require approval:

BACS	North Bucks PPC – Subscription	£20.00
BACS	J Groom – Internal Audit	£75.00
BACS	E.On Streetlight Maintenance	£57.60
BACS	St. Mary's PCC – Burial Ground Maintenance	£100.00
BACS	Jubilee Hall – Cleaning Grant ****Awaiting paperwork****	£250.00
BACS	D Taylor – Mowing	£610.50
BACS	S J Lindsey Salary & Expenses Mar-Apr 2024	£1,521.52
BACS	BMKALC – Subscription	£81.06
BACS	Wave – Allotment Water	£11.93
BACS	Clear Insurance Management Ltd – Insurance	£739.08
BACS	Buckinghamshire Council – match funding £1000.00 ****HELD****	£0.00
	Total	£3,466.69

Bank Balances as at 9/5/24

Unity Bank – deposit	£67,359.42
Unity Bank – current	£4,466.69

10/24 Other Parish Matters

- a. Cllrs welcomed the appointment of Cllrs Allard and Nagpal.
- b. Cllrs confirmed the appointment of Cllr White as a Trustee of Elmer’s Charity.
- c. The Clerk reported that yellow lining for the High St/Nash Rd Junction were scheduled for July-September 2024.
- d. D-Day Celebration. Cllr Herriman reviewed progress on the arrangements. Cllrs reviewed and agreed the risk assessment. Cllrs agreed expenditure of £300 for various supplies for the event.
- e. Planning enforcement cases. No new information available.
- f. Benches and Planters for Village Green. It was agreed to await the completion of the yellow lines and to proceed with this project.
- g. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.

11/24 Other correspondence requiring a decision before the next meeting.
No items.

12/24 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:

Chairman

Date: