

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 8th November 2018, at 7.30pm at School Room, Whaddon Chapel, Stock Lane, Whaddon.

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chairman), Hazel Hedges, Helen Hickman, Peter Lemagnen, Graham Stewart, Derek White.

Members of the Public: John Mortimer (WQ Editor), Robert Collin.

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

1. PUBLIC SESSION

- a. Mr Robert Collin presented his concerns about planning application 18/03477/APP relating to 9 Stock Lane, Whaddon, which is located adjacent to his property. He felt that the proposed two storey extension to the rear would reduce his amenity and enjoyment by blocking light, and the proposed side windows would overlook his property intruding on his privacy. Concern was also expressed about the size of the two storey front porch which was out of keeping with the adjoining similar property, and about the removal of the conifer hedge which needed to be replaced with a new similar hedge to retain the integrity of the street scene. It was agreed that Cllrs would not formally object to the application, but Cllr Stewart would highlight to planners the concerns expressed by Mr Collin and shared by the Cllrs.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr John Chilver – BCC. Cllr Graham Hain.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stewart expressed an interest in planning application 18/03946/APP The Glebe which is being submitted by a relative.

4. MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

5. UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WQ

a. Administration

- i. The Clerk presented a schedule of meeting dates for the forthcoming year. Cllrs agreed the dates.
- ii. The Clerk advised that Mr John Mortimer, magazine editor, wished to change printers as the current printer would be moving. Mr Mortimer had found a replacement printer, Andy Gibb, and the price was cheaper. Cllrs agreed to the change of provider.
- iii. The Clerk advised that audit results for FY 2017/18 had still not been received. Advice would be sought from BALC.

b. Highways

- i. Cllrs discussed the proposed closure of Coddimoor Lane at the end of November. Concern was expressed about ensuring delivery lorries and customers could access businesses. Signs saying 'Businesses Open as Usual' to be requested.

c. Property

- i. Constable's Plot. The Clerk reported that the land registry application to register the lease had been submitted by Freeths. Applications were currently taking two months to process.
- ii. Recreation Ground. Cllrs agreed to not replace the basket swing until the spring. The Clerk reported a PATP session had been requested and date awaited
- iii. Allotments. The Clerk advised that partial payment had been received from P Bush for the clearance of his former allotment. The cheque had not

been banked. Cllrs instructed the Clerk to contact Mr Bush to ask him to explain his position so any concerns could be dealt with and the full amount paid. Cllrs discussed a complaint from lease holders concerning problems with the water storage tanks and the need to spray weeds. It was agreed that quotes for repairs and spraying should be obtained. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) advised that he had discussed the need to trim the allotment rear hedge with Weatherby's agent and little progress had been made; access to the field had been sold off and therefore it was not possible to do anything.

d. Finance

- i. The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2019/20. Provision for election expenses was added, and the precept agreed at £16,000.
- ii. The Clerk advised that debtors had been reviewed and £700 was outstanding in advertising income. This would be chased.
- iii. The Clerk presented income and payments for approval, as follows:

Income

The following payments have been received:

15/8/18	D Bradley WQ Ad. Inv. 1155	£170.00
25/9/18	AVDC Precept	£7,750.00
2/10/18	D Taylor Constable's Plot	£150.00
10/10/18	MacIntyre Law WQ Ad. Inv. 1175	£36.00
13/10/18	A Markwick Allotment Clearance Inv. 1149	£107.33
15/10/18	DGS Construction WQ Ad Inv. 1159	£96.00
15/10/18	P Logan Allotment Rent Inv. 1181	£20.00
16/10/18	C T Mowers WQ Ad Inv. 1163	£96.00
2/11/18	P Dobson Allotment Rent Inv. 1180	£25.00
9/11/18	A Bennett WQ Ad Inv. 1164	£96.00
9/11/18	P Bush WQ Ad Inv. 1158	£96.00
	Misc Interest	£4.59
	Total	£8,646.92

Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

153	CPRE Donation	£36.00
154	S J Lindsey Clerk's Expense Aug-Sep 2018	£16.67
155	S J Lindsey Clerk's Pay Aug-Sep 2018	£416.49
156	E.On UK Ltd – Electric Street Lights	£262.35
157	E.On Energy Solutions Ltd – Street Light Maintenance	£125.10
158	E.On Energy Solutions Ltd – Street Light Repairs	£28.16
159	D Spencer – Remembrance Wreath	17.00
	Total	£901.77

Bank Balances as at 8/11/18

Metro Bank Account – current	£15,388.74
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£9,154.79
Metro Bank Account - charity	£0.17
	£24,543.70

6. PLANNING

- a. Cllr Stewart reviewed planning application 18/03946/APP at Glebe Farm for conversion of a garage to an annexe. Cllrs agreed there was no objection.
- b. Cllr Stewart updated Cllrs on a retrospective planning application for land at Stratford Rd covering the barn and klargester. Cllrs agreed no objection. The application for change of use from agricultural land to dog training was discussed and concerns were raised regarding parking, gunshot noise related to training gun dogs and the frequency of training sessions, and about overnight kennelling of dogs. It was agreed that Cllr Stewart would communicate the concerns to AVDC planners.
- c. Cllr Hickman enquired about progress on an application for use of land for re-contouring of agricultural land using inert waste, CM/0068/18. Cllr Stewart advised that further information was being sought from BCC Planning Department and if the application goes to committee for determination then it will not be until the New Year, and WPC have asked to be notified in case we wish to register to speak.
- d. Cllr Stewart presented recent information on Plan MK stating that the inspector had recommended a joint approach to the provision of housing with adjacent authorities. The Shenley Park/Crest Homes' Shenley Park site is likely to be promoted very hard by Crest to possibly fill the extra housing need close to Milton Keynes, and if this happens as the VALP moves forward WPC should work closely with both Crest Homes and AVDC to secure the best possible outcome for the village. This with particular emphasis on road layouts to help the worsening rat-running problems, the separation distance and landscaping treatment between Whaddon and any new development to ensure the village's future separate identity, and any other issues that would benefit the village (footpath-cycle connections along Shenley Rd, extension of gas to the village, etc.)

7. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Cllr Hickman updated the meeting regarding arrangements for the Beacon Lighting to commemorate 100 years since the end of WWI. Sponsorship had been obtained for the provision of refreshments and attendance was estimated at 100 visitors.
- b. Cllrs agreed to the expenditure of £17.00 for a Parish Council Wreath for the WWI commemoration. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Spencer to ask him in future years to submit his request through the Clerk.
- c. Cllr Lemagnen presented a request for permission to re-enact WWII wireless transmissions on Windy Ridge on 6th June 2019. It was agreed to support this initiative and to request permission from the grazing tenant.
- d. The Clerk advised that Reg Porter, contractor, had offered to trim the hedge on the corner of Vicarage Rd for £50 whilst cutting other hedges around the village. Since it was very unlikely the land owner would do anything about it, Cllrs agreed the Clerk should write to the land owner proposing to get the hedge cut on his behalf and sending him the bill. A deadline to get in touch with the council to be imposed.
- e. Cllrs discussed the street lighting upgrade, it was agreed the Clerk should proceed.
- f. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) advised that the Unitary Authority had been announced, to create a district council for Buckinghamshire based on divisions with two or three cllrs per ward. The situation on elections was uncertain, and elections for the new authority were expected in 2020, and it was likely Parish elections would also take place at that time.
- g. Cllr White enquired about the status of Barnhill Farm motocross. Cllr Stanier confirmed just the motocross had been stopped for health and safety compliance reasons, but the vehicle trailing was continuing. Motocross was expected to be up and running again shortly.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be 10/1/19, 14/3/19, 9/5/19, 11/7/19, 12/9/19, 14/11/19, 9/1/20, and 12/3/20.