



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

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Held: Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 7.00pm  
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chair), Matt Garland, Jane Herriman, Neeraj Nagpal, Paul Sainthouse, Graham Stewart.

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

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

**62/24 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Jonathan Allard

Reasons for absence were accepted.

**63/24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None.

**64/24 Public Forum**

No items. Four members of the public attended as observers.

**65/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed by the Chair.

**66/24 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s)**

Cllr Stanier (Chair) reported that the current three ward cllrs would reduce to two at the forthcoming election on 1<sup>st</sup> May. At the last full Buckinghamshire Council meeting ahead of the election, the 2025/26 budget was passed.

**67/24 Cllrs approved and welcomed the co-option of Matt Garland and Paul Sainthouse as new councillors.**

**68/24 Planning**

- a. To receive an update on Shenley Park. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. The revised Outline Planning Application notices for Shenley Park Development were posted on 28<sup>th</sup> February giving WPC until 30<sup>th</sup> March to submit a formal response, but BC would accept and consider responses until decided by the Strategic Planning Committee. A 'Call-In' has been lodged.

Cllr Stewart noted that 165 new documents had been uploaded onto the planning portal, ten containing a total of >1360 pages related to traffic and the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA). It was noted that BC Planning and Highways departments had not honoured their commitment to meet with Cllrs and residents to explain the TIA and traffic mitigations, and despite asking them to reconsider they had not responded, nor had they answered questions stopping-up process of Shenley Rd, extension of time to respond to the TIA, or whether BC/Crest Nicholson had considered alternative designs for Shenley Rd. Cllr Garland undertook to do some AI-based analysis of the traffic data to assist with simplification and understanding the implications.

It was agreed to support the proposal put forward by a Newton Longville resident to a consortium of five parishes, including Whaddon, to undertake a fresh traffic survey, on the basis that the data used by BC traffic consultants was potentially seriously flawed. An indicative contribution of £5,000 to the costs was agreed. In addition, Cllrs agreed for Cllr Stewart to approach an additional traffic consultant to secure advice and guidance on the best way to respond to BC on Crest Nicholson's proposed traffic calming along Coddimoor Lane and to report back to the council. It was agreed to attempt to challenge the traffic data with the objective of obtaining a public enquiry and securing additional funding for better traffic mitigation and improvements in the proposed highway infrastructure – all subject to the other four parishes' agreement.

Cllr Stewart updated Cllrs on the lack of the H7 Hayton Way public transport connection along Hayton Way, noting that no positive engagement had occurred between Crest Nicholson and Homes England to establish the public transport link required in the SPD. This has led to an unacceptable scheme pushing buses onto Childs Way and the A421. He also noted that the 'at grade' road crossing was a low-cost option that whilst understandable in cost terms paid no regard to the complete severing of the important wildlife corridor, despite the 'green credentials' of both councils.

It was agreed to highlight these deficiencies in the formal response from WPC to BC.

Concern was expressed, due to the complexity and volume of documents, about how to involve and assist the community with submitting responses on the planning application to BC. It was agreed that Cllr Stewart would prepare a full formal response for WPC, and the Clerk would assist to prioritise and simplify for residents' use and arrange to communicate with residents. It was agreed that the APM would be useful for this.

Cllr Stewart noted that the new Local Plan 4 Bucks was in progress and that more might be learned about the possible new development areas, and general growth policy during the next public consultation in September - but this was unlikely to be site specific. Adoption was now expected late 2027.

- b. To receive an update on Shenley Park Planning Applications 23/02180/AOP (BC) and 23/0161-/OUT (MKCC). It was noted that responses are starting to accumulate on BC and MKCC portals including requests to keep Shenley Rd open to traffic.
- c. To receive an update and agree any actions on the A421. Following the WPC email to the cabinet member for transport requesting an update, a response had been received which was unhelpful and did not provide any answers. A response would be prepared and will be circulated for comment asap.
- d. To discuss and agree next steps on the proposed Shenley Rd closure. Cllr Stewart advised that a further meeting with the parish consortium (Shenley Brook End, Shenley Church End, West Bletchley, Newton Longville and Whaddon) was scheduled for early April. An online petition from a Whaddon business owner wishing to keep Shenley Rd open had been instigated and had 500+ verified positive responses. It was noted that it was important for BC to properly investigate and respond, and this would be mentioned in the WPC consultation response to S.P. It was also noted that the developer had suggested traffic calming for Coddimoor Lane (see a. above).

- e. To discuss and agree any next steps on requesting a name change for Shenley Park development. The Clerk reported that an email had been received from E Walton of Crest Nicholson undertaking to discuss further with BC. It was agreed to include this topic in the formal response from WPC.
- f. BC S106 progress. No new items. Planning application awaited.
- g. Next steps on the Shenley Dens Planning Process. Cllr Stewart confirmed that the proposal for 1000 homes remains in play and will go forward to the next stage of public consultation of the Plan Mk in September but may be delayed for new government guidance. Provision for the longer term MKCC Mass Rapid Transport system was noted and a plan circulated which guessed at how these as yet untried or tested schemes might be influencing future development strategies ... like Shenley Dens.
- h. To review local planning applications. 24/03251/APP and 24/03252/ALB – 3 High St, Whaddon. Application refused for unsympathetic visual impact.

#### 69/24 Clerk's Update

The Clerk referred to the Update provided ahead of the meeting

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
  - i. The Clerk updated Cllrs of key dates for the forthcoming election.
  - ii. Cllrs reviewed the activity update for the period. It was agreed to provide a gift of appreciation for Cllr Hickman to thank her for her service.
  - iii. Cllrs reviewed and agreed the grant/donation of a hand-held vacuum for Winslow Community Bus cost £140 excl. vat.
  - iv. WQ Matters. The Clerk reported that invoices for advertising had been issued totalling £2,136 and income/costs were approximately breakeven.
- b. Highways
  - i. Cllrs discussed and agreed support in principle for a campaign for 20mph speed limits. It was agreed to investigate initiating an opinion poll to measure community support and proceed if findings indicated sufficient interest.
  - 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 Patemen at BC as soon as practical to explore solutions.
  - iii. Other Highways Issues. Cllr Stanier noted surface water on Shenley Rd which he had reported to the Area Technician. Cllr Stewart noted new village entrance gates had been provided on Stratford Rd and requested thanks be sent to the Area Technician.
  - iv. Cllrs reviewed MVAS traffic data.
- c. Property
  - i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised a site meeting had taken place and works to install new equipment were scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed to obtain quotes for a wood chip top up for the play pit area. The Clerk advised that a play session was booked for 13<sup>th</sup> August.
  - 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. The Clerk noted a vat refund had been obtained of £1,578.21.
- ii. The Payments Schedule and invoices were checked and approved.
- iii. 3-year budget was reviewed, and high levels of uncertainty noted.

Payments via DD & SO since last meeting:

20/02/2025	Tomato Energy	DD	Water	81.04
21/02/2025	EE	DD	Phone	28.48
24/02/2025	Hugo Fox	DD	Website	11.99
28/02/2025	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Service Charge	6.00
07/03/2025	Tomato Energy	DD	Electric	73.11
07/03/2025	Freethought	SO	Email	9.50
				210.12

Payments via BACS for authorisation at this meeting

14/03/2025	██████████	BACS	Removal of step beams	150.00
14/02/2025	BMKALC	BACS	Training	90.00
14/03/2025	Wave	BACS	Water	9.49
14/03/2025	██████████	BACS	Salary & Expenses	1,207.81
14/03/2025	Harlequin Press	BACS	Printing WQ	330.00
14/03/2025	██████████	BACS	Reimbursement Training	1,003.65
				2,790.95
Total				3,001.07

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

70/24 Other Parish Matters

- a. APM 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Cllrs agreed to go ahead with an APM, the format to be a 'drop in' with posters, leaflets and information made available to the public and light refreshments provided.
- b. Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk reported that no responses had been received from the community to the poster circulated via Whaddon Quarterly and electronically. It was agreed to include this in the APM.
- c. VE Day Celebration on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. No update.
- d. 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.
- e. Planning enforcement cases. No Items.
- f. Salden Chase sec. 106 contribution. No further update.
- g. Cllrs welcomed a member of the public as a potential councillor to be co-opted at the next meeting.

71/24 Agenda Items for the Next Meeting; no items

72/24 Date of Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (ACM), 15<sup>th</sup> May (APM,) 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: