

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 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. Cllr John Chilver - BCC.

Members of the Public: John Mortimer (WQ Editor)

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

### 1. PUBLIC SESSION

No Members of the Public Present

### 2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Graham Hain.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest

### 4. MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

### 5. UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WQ

#### a. Administration

- i. The Clerk reported that the Council had been registered with ICO under GDPR 2018. The requirements included audit of information held by the Council, preparation and dissemination of policy statements for the management of information, for current members of databases to re-opt into the lists, and for Cllrs to have a Parish Council email address to ensure Parish materials were segregated and kept confidential and secure. Cllrs agreed for the Clerk to investigate the best method of securing additional email addresses for Cllrs and arranging for their setup on Cllrs' devices.
- ii. Cllrs reviewed the quote for mowing and hedging from Mr Reg Porter and agreed to accept.
- iii. Comments from Cllr Hain on blocked drains and the overgrown hedge opposite Ladymead were reviewed; it was agreed that the Clerk should request hedge maintenance from the owner, and the drainage issues would be referred to BCC Highways.

#### b. Highways

- i. Cllrs reviewed proposals to resurface Coddimoor Lane. Cllr Chilver advised that it was unlikely work would start until April in the next financial year. Cllrs Hedges and Hickman emphasised they would need access at all times, as Coddimoor Lane was their only available route.
- ii. The Clerk advised that a review of the village street lighting had taken place with Sparkx Electrical and a quote for upgrading the lights requested for review by the Council and comparison with the quote from Eon.

#### c. Property

- i. Constable's Plot. The Clerk reported that registration of the new lease was still awaited due to the backlog at the Land Registry.
- ii. Recreation Ground. Cllrs agreed to go ahead and replace the basket swing. The quote from David Taylor to install it was £60.
- iii. Allotments. The Clerk advised that no response had been received from Mr Bush asking for clarification on why he refused to pay more than 50% of his allotment clearance bill; it was agreed the Clerk should make an appointment to visit and discuss the issue with him directly. Cllrs discussed the possibility of a submitting claim via the small claims court if

no progress were made. Cllr Hedges reported that Mr R Weatherby had expressed agreement to undertake cutting the allotment rear hedge; he confirmed access to the field had been sold off and therefore arrangements for alternative access were in hand. A quote for the repair of the water tanks is awaited. A prospective tenant for an allotment had contacted the Council and arrangements lease a plot are in hand.

d. Finance

- i. The Clerk reviewed debtors including three outstanding bills for double plots for the allotments and five advertisers. These amounts would be chased.
- ii. The Clerk presented income and payments for approval, as follows:

**Income**

The following payments have been received:

19/11/18	WWI Beacon Charity Night Funds	£750.00
19/11/18	D White Allotment Rent inv. 1176	£25.00
26/11/18	K Ambler Allotment Rent inv. 1179	£25.00
26/12/18	D Taylor Rent Constable's Plot	£150.00
	Misc Interest	£4.59
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£954.59</b>

**Expenditure**

The following invoices have been received for approval:

159	D Spencer – Wreath for WWI Remembrance Service (issued 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2018)	£17.00
160	BALC – Local Admin text book	£110.00
161	Winslow Community Bus	£100.00
162	Eon Energy Street Light Repairs	£28.16
163	Eon Energy Street Light Maintenance	£12.10
164	Eon Energy Electric for Street Lights	£262.35
165	Reg Porter – Mowing and Hedging	£2628.00
166	Swarco Traffic Ltd – MVAS Maintenance Contract	£264.00
167	F Hayward – Litter Picking etc. Recreation Ground	£43.20
168	AVDC – Dog Waste Service	£212.59
169	S J Lindsey – salary Nov/Dec 2018	£429.30
170	S J Lindsey – expenses Nov-Jan 2019	£71.02
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,177.72</b>

**Bank Balances as at 10/1/19**

Metro Bank Account – current	£15,436.97
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£9,159.38
Metro Bank Account - charity	£0.17
	<b>£24,596.52</b>

**6. PLANNING**

- a. Cllr Stewart reviewed progress on 18/01333/APP Stratford Road, Whaddon, stating that decisions were well overdue, and nothing had happened since November 2018. No response had been received regarding consultation with Bucks Highways regarding the traffic issues. Cllrs agreed for Cllr Stewart to write again requesting clarification.

- b. Cllr Stewart reviewed the application to tip inert waste at Park Hill, and advised that the date for review had been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. A transport assessment was being requested. New gates accessing Briar's Bank Farm were noted.
- c. Cllr Stewart reviewed 18-03477-APP 9 Stock Lane, advising that revised plans had been submitted which answered the objections from 7 Stock Lane, apart from the likely but unfortunate shading issue. However the redesign transferred the issues and allowed for 11 Stock Lane to be overlooked. Also the porch had been reduced but was still overly large for the street scene.
- d. Cllr Stewart reviewed 19-00074-ALB The Gatehouse, 28 High Street for roof lights in the flat kitchen roof. The plans called for dark materials to lessen the possible visible impact when approaching from the Hall direction down the hill. It was agreed that there was no objection, dependent on inputs from the Historic Buildings Officer.
- e. Cllr Stewart reviewed progress on VALP, and suggested that the Shenley Park site was likely to be put back into the plan, although it is known that AVDC are considering all sites adjoining the MK boundary (in line with the Inspector's recommendation) including Salden Chase, Newton Leys etc.
- f. Cllr Lemagnen reviewed plans for the provision of additional Travellers Sites from MK Council. He reported that he had attended the Cabinet Meeting, and it was felt that no proper consultation had taken place and there were a large number of objections. Cllr Lemagen stated that the lack of transit sites slowed up the process of moving illegally parked caravans. It was agreed to continue to engage in the process with MK Council.

#### 7. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) reviewed the status of the proposed Unitary Authority, stating it had been agreed to combine into a single authority. A shadow executive would be formed, to exist until May 2020. The various Councils remain until a new Unitary Council is elected in May 2020, with each district having two members, this had been objected to by AVDC. Elections would be postponed to May 2020.
- b. Cllr Hickman updated the meeting regarding the Beacon Lighting Event to commemorate 100 years since the end of WWI. Attendance had been very high and £750 had been raised for Military Charities. Cllrs congratulated and thanked Cllr Hickman for her hard work and on the success of the event. Cllr Hickman to provide details of the charities for distribution of the funds.
- c. Cllr Hedges confirmed that the Wireless Transmission Event planned to commemorate and re-enact events of WWII had been agreed. The Village Hall would provide refreshments.
- d. Parking on pavements at corner of High St and Stock Lane. Cllrs agreed that a letter should be sent to the car owners asking them to park in alternative places, as access for wheel chairs and push chairs was prevented by cars parked on the pavements.
- e. Cllr Hedges reported that The Village Hall was applying for grant funding for improvements to the Village Hall, including a disabled access and a second meeting room. Cllrs agreed to support the application for funding.

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

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