

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 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.

Members of the Public: Cllr J Chilver (BCC) John Mortimer (WQ Editor)

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

### 1. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Chilver commented on the success of the road repairs on Stock Lane and Coddimoor Lane. He added that Vicarage Rd was in a poor state and plain and patch repairs were needed.

### 2. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Following a request for nominations, Cllr White proposed and Cllr Stewart seconded the nomination of Sir Beville Stanier as Chairman. Sir Stanier agreeing to stand and the vote being unanimous Sir Stanier was duly elected.

### 3. APOLOGIES

Cllr Graham Hain.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest

### 5. MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

### 6. UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WQ

#### a. Administration

- i. The Clerk reported that an email hosting provider had been secured and the transfer of the Parish email system was expected shortly. As a first step Cllrs would be provided with web based hosting, and then work to link emails to existing users' email software would take place as a second step.
- ii. The Clerk presented audited accounts for review and signature by Cllrs. Accounting management and procedures were reviewed and approved. Sir Beville Stanier (Chairman) signed the accounts.

#### b. Highways

- i. Cllrs reviewed the successful resurfacing of Stock Lane and Coddimoor Lane. The Clerk advised that clearance of blocked drains had been requested.
- ii. The Clerk advised that encroachment on the footpath adjacent to Thrift Lodge had been reported via the BCC online reporting system.
- iii. The Clerk advised that a street light adjacent to 33 Stock Lane had been reported faulty, but it was not repairable. Cllrs reviewed the quote for a replacement low voltage LED street lamp and agreed to go ahead.

#### c. Property

- i. Constable's Plot. No items.
- ii. Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the basket swing had been replaced successfully and was being used. Football nets had been stolen over the Easter Holiday, and Cllrs agreed to the purchase of new nets and installation/fixing with cable ties to prevent future thefts. Cllrs reviewed a Kompan quote for the annual recreation ground safety inspection and periodic maintenance. It was agreed to go ahead with the safety

inspection, cost £187.50 and further options and quotes would be obtained for the maintenance requirements.

- iii. Allotments. The Clerk reported that the agreed settlement cheque had been received from P Bush in connection with allotment clearance, and reported that two allotment renters who had offered to take allotments had withdrawn from the agreement through lack of time for their upkeep. It was agreed that David Taylor should contact Cllr White to agree water tank repairs.

d. Finance

- i. The Clerk presented income and payments for approval, as follows:

**Income**

The following payments have been received:

19/3/19	Allotment rents – J Jaworski and S Jaworska	£50.00
25/3/19	D Taylor – rent Constable’s Plot	£150.00
30/4/19	Precept	£8,000.00
	Misc Interest	£4.59
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,204.59</b>

**Expenditure**

The following invoices have been received for approval:

179	Whaddon Jubilee Hall grant	£250.00
180	BMKALC annual subscription	£88.90
181	Eon – electric for street lights	£303.49
182	NBPPC annual subscription	£20.00
183	Eon Energy Solutions – street light maintenance	£125.10
184	Suzanne Lindsey – salary Mar/April 2019	£704.43
185	Suzanne Linsey – expenses	£37.69
186	Harlequin Press Ltd – printing Whaddon Quarterly	£340.00
187	D Taylor Handyman – fixing nest swing recreation ground	£60.00
188	F Hayward – litter picking recreation ground	£72.00
189	St Mary’s Church – burial ground grant	£100.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,101.61</b>

**Bank Balances as at 9/5/19**

Metro Bank Account – current	£17,284.83
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£9,168.58
Metro Bank Account – charity - closed	-
	<b>£26,453.41</b>

**7. PLANNING**

- a. Cllr Stewart reported there were no new planning applications received.
- b. Regarding updates on existing applications: Park Hill Farm, Bletchley Rd, tipping of inert waste, a decision was expected 20<sup>th</sup> May. A highways report had been submitted for review.
- c. Cllr Stewart reviewed progress on 18/01333/APP Stratford Road, Whaddon. No formal decision has yet been made, but AVDC have indicated that the dealing officer was writing it up for refusal. Similarly, no decision has been made on retrospective application 18/02929/APP for the works undertaken without consent,

- at the same site. This application was unlikely to be determined until the 18/01333/APP – temporary dog training application, has been formally confirmed.
- d. Cllr Stewart advised that application 19-00074-ALB Whaddon Hall Gatehouse, skylights had been reviewed by the Historic Buildings Officer and flat skylights had been recommended in place of pyramid style. A formal decision is still awaited.
  - e. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) and Cllr Stewart reviewed progress on VALP, and advised that progress was delayed by the environmental agency for flooding checks. Publication was expected after August/September, with adoption expected by year end. It was expected that 300 homes would be dropped from Buckingham and 300 houses on the edge of Milton Keynes would be required, altogether 1115 houses were needed. Salden Chase had been ruled out as a potential location, leaving Shenley Park and Eaton Leys in the running, depending on flood assessments. Cllr Stewart expressed concern that Shenley Park may well be the preferred location, and suggested that the Parish's objectives should be to work closely with AVDC and the developers to achieve the best possible outcome and benefits for the village, especially in regard to landscape issues (amount and future management/ ownership of any green gap), transition and type of development (City edge to rural settlement/countryside), traffic/transport concerns and management to reduce/prevent rat-running through the village; perhaps even by the part-closure of Calverton Lane, and other planning related issues, all of which would need careful consideration by residents of Whaddon. It will be very important to discuss these important matters, immediately the content of the final version of VALP is published in 2-3 months' time, so that an appropriate WPC response can be submitted with the expected 6-week consultation period.

#### 8. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) advised that progress on the Unitary Authority was going well. A shadow authority with over 200 members from the five merging Councils has been created for one year with a shadow executive of 17 members. During the period to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 when the Buckinghamshire Council takes over, the five existing Councils continue as normal and are then abolished. Elections would be next May. Further discussion and meetings would take place in the interim.
- b. Cllr Hedges advised that the Village Hall was submitting a grant application for funding for improvements, and asked for Parish Council endorsement; which was unanimously agreed.
- c. Cllr Hedges reported that a D-Day wireless communication re-enactment would take place on Windy Ridge on 6<sup>th</sup> June. The Village Hall were organising facilities and refreshments for participants and visitors.
- d. Cllr Stewart reported that Mr R Porter, resident at Kreewood, Vicarage Rd, had approached him for assistance with solving parking issues close to his property. Mr Porter is in poor health with limited mobility, and emergency ambulance attendance was hampered by encroaching parked cars. Cllr Stewart reported he had contacted BCC Highways and an on-line application for a white parking 'H' line had been requested. Refuse collections and deliveries were also being blocked by poor parking.
- e. Cllr Stewart reviewed PlanMK. It was agreed that Cllr Stewart would draft a response stating the WPC wished to be kept informed.
- f. Cllr Hedges advised that a member of the Selby Lowndes family, Lillian, would be buried in the churchyard on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

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

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