

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 9th January 2020, at 7.30pm at School Room, Whaddon Chapel, Stock Lane, Whaddon.

Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chairman), Graham Hain, Helen Hickman, Graham Stewart, Derek White.

Members of the Public: WQ Editor.

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

1. PUBLIC SESSION

- a. WQ Editor stated that he wished to step aside as editor. It was agreed that further advertising for a replacement would be done. Sir B Stanier (Chairman) and Cllrs thanked the Editor for his ongoing hard work and dedication and for the excellent quality of the publication.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Hazel Hedges, Peter Lemagnen

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sir B Stanier (Chairman) declared an interest in VALP Shenley Park Development
Cllr Stewart declared an interest in planning application 19/03666/AOP

4. MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

5. UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WQ

a. Administration

- i. The Clerk reviewed progress on Cllrs' email upgrades to comply with GDPR. Two further emails will be upgraded shortly to complete the move.

b. Highways

- i. The Clerk advised that a meeting had been requested with the street light supplier to discuss upgrades of street lights. In addition to the two previously agreed on The Village Green and at the corner of Shenley Rd/Briary View, two lights are not working on Ladymead and one on Church Lane. Cllrs agreed to proceed with the replacement of these five lamps as appropriate.
- ii. Mowing and Hedging. The Clerk advised that following the retirement of Reg Chapman, a quote for hedging and verge trimming had been received from Ross Lawry Agricultural Services. Cllrs reviewed prices and agreed to the quote. An offer to mow and strim the recreation ground, Old Manor Close junction and the Village Green had been received from Dave Taylor, and Cllrs agreed to the daily rate of £130 for this work.

c. Property

- i. No Items

d. Finance

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

Income

The following payments have been received:

23/12/19	Rent Constable's Plot	£150.00
	Misc Interest	£9.73
	Total	£159.73

Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

216	Tim Jenkins – email setups and advice	£100.00
217	Winslow Community Bus – donation	£100.00
218	Reg Porter – mowing and hedging 2019	£4,020.00
219	AVDC – dog waste services	£218.11
220	Eon - Street light maintenance	£125.10
221	Suzanne Lindsey – admin work Nov/Dec 2019	£575.31
222	Suzanne Lindsey – Expenses Nov/Dec 2019	£137.85
223	Eon - Electric for street lights	£327.94
224	David Taylor – MVAS ground anchor repairs	£70.00
DD	Direct Debit approval for ICO annual fees £40 p.a.	£40.00
	Total	£5,714.31

Bank Balances as at 9/1/20

Metro Bank Account – current	£7,544.79
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£17,192.19
	£24,736.98

6. PLANNING

- a. Cllrs discussed planning application 19/04232/APP and 19/04176/APP for 1 Ladymead Close and 1 Nash Rd extensions. Cllrs agreed no objection to these applications. The Historic Buildings officer had reviewed Nash Rd, and was satisfied the planned proposal will be an attractive addition.
- b. Cllr Stewart advised that 33a Stock Lane carport application had been refused on the basis of consistency with other applications and the building being forward of the building line.
- c. Application ref. 19/03666/AOP rear of Freshfields; Cllr Stewart recused himself from this discussion. This application is still awaiting determination.
- d. Cllr Stewart stated that there had been no progress on 18/01333/APP Stratford Road and 18/02929/APP The Oaks main house, reporting that the applications were still undetermined. An appeal had been lodged against the refusal of retrospective planning permission on Stratford Rd. The original application for dog training is still not determined, although a refusal is expected, and is awaiting sign off. Cllr Stewart had written to the planning inspector in support of rejecting the appeal.
- e. VALP. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) recused himself from this discussion. Cllr Stewart advised that Shenley Park responses had been hand-delivered to AVDC inside the time limit. A pre-action letter regarding a possible request for Judicial Review had been submitted to AVDC and a response received and circulated. A response from the planning inspector is expected in March 2020. The closure of RAF Holton had been pushed back, and the potential for provision of housing on that site was less likely. Crest Homes will no doubt suggest in their VALP response to AVDC that any shortfall on housing numbers, likely to be 500 or so prior to 2033, should be added to the minimum of 1150 houses proposed at Shenley Park, Whaddon. The alternative site of Eaton Leys had flooded recently and this is likely to weaken the argument for building at that location.

7. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Unitary Authority and budget. Cllr Stanier (Chairman) reviewed progress and plans for the forthcoming Unitary Authority. He advised that morale was low at AVDC and many senior employees were leaving. Cllrs also discussed the forthcoming election. It was agreed to advertise for Parish Cllrs in WQ, via WPC Email and on the noticeboard.
- b. MVAS. Cllr Stewart advised that a volunteer had offered to assist with traffic statistics analysis in the light of the expected closure of Calverton Lane and expected reduction in rat-running traffic through the village. It was agreed that an article for WQ would be requested.
- c. Cllr Stewart reviewed traffic signage for the proposed closure of Calverton Lane. It was agreed that currently the warning signs were difficult/impossible to read and needed revising, and were badly positioned. Also, a 'businesses open as usual' sign was needed. It was agreed that Cllr Stewart would send a request to MK Highways for the upgrade and changes to signs.
- d. Cllrs reviewed the RTA on 20th December 2019 that destroyed the BT Cabinet at the junction of Coddimoor Lane and Stock Lane. It was agreed the Clerk would request a review of the roads and signage with the Local Area Technician to ascertain whether any improvements could be made to reduce the likelihood of another incident.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be 12/3/20.