

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 8th September 2021, at 7.00pm
at The Chapel School Room, Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS

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Present: Cllrs Sir Beville Stanier Bt (Chairman), Helen Hickman (Vice Chairman) Georgina Geddes, Jane Herriman, Graham Stewart.

Members of the Public: One

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

25/21. PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public commented on traffic issues in Stock Lane and suggested a communications strategy may be helpful around the area of Whaddon School. It was agreed that his suggestion should be forwarded to the School and School Governors for consideration.

26/21. APOLOGIES

Cllrs J Chilver, H Hedges, P Lemagnen

27/21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

28/21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed.

29/21. UPDATES ON RESOLUTIONS FROM MINUTES

Cllr Stewart updated fellow Cllrs that the proposed Elmers Charity bench on the village green had been postponed but with no loss of funding, and he requested it should be put back on the agenda for further consideration in the new year.

30/21. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stanier (Chairman) advised that there was a huge backlog in processing planning applications, and despite best attempts no 'straight answer' had been forthcoming on what was being done to resolve the problems. A shortage of staff was blamed.

31/21. PLANNING

- a. Cllrs discussed parking and traffic issues and Buckinghamshire Council's response to the recent WPC letter. Cllr Stewart confirmed that the application for double yellow lines on the junction of High St and Stock Lane had been submitted and a consultation was likely if the Winslow Community

Board approves the funding. Police are supportive, but enforcement may be difficult.

Cllr Stewart confirmed that road markings outside the school had been refreshed, and TfB had raised orders for other lining to be done and traffic calming gateways repaired along with traffic calming buildouts cleaned.

- b. Cllr Stewart reviewed progress on drainage, water supply and verge upgrade for the allotments, and reported that the ditch had been cleared in the Weatherby's field, which should ease flooding, but water is now pooling in the area of the culvert under Stock Lane. The LAT had been asked to get this cleared before flooding occurs. An application for road and verge improvements to provide allotment car parking is being prepared.
- c. Coddimoor Lane field gate. Cllr Stewart advised that no progress had been made on the upgrading the temporary gate that was not compliant with proper standards. Steve Essam at Buckinghamshire Council would be kept informed.
- d. Salden Chase (SWMK) 20/0165/CONS. Cllr Stewart advised that the appeal had been granted and a 'green light' given to developers for 1855 new homes. The inspector agreed that the traffic mitigation measures were acceptable. A draft sec. 106 agreement covers payment for highway improvements for Whaddon, relating to kerbing and 20mph variable speed limit on Stock Lane on both approaches to the school. Possible price increases are being investigated. Agreed improvements could be installed before 2026.
- e. Shenley Park and VALP. Cllr Stewart advised that the inspector had found the VALP and Shenley Park plans sound and final adoption will be considered by BC on 15th September for final adoption by the year end.

It was agreed that WPC should write immediately to BC confirming that Whaddon would be involved in the early stages of the development of the Supplemental Planning Document, and that Cllr Chilver would speak on behalf of WPC at forthcoming meeting at BC to ensure this was agreed and minuted. It was agreed that information on these important decisions and expected outcomes should be included in the forthcoming edition of Whaddon Quarterly.

- f. Local Planning, updates and appeals. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. Application 21/03014/APP 7 Vicarage Rd extension and driveway parking for three cars was reviewed. Seven objections from residents had been lodged, and it was agreed that WPC should also lodge the objection drafted in Cllr Stewart's planning report.

Cllrs discussed APP/PO 430/W/21/3269545 Park Hill Farm – recontouring of agricultural land using inert clays and soils. It was agreed that this appeal was allowed contrary to BC waste management policy, probably to promote economic growth, productivity and diversification. Planning conditions had been imposed and would need careful monitoring.

Cllr Stewart provided information on the length of time taken for planning applications that remain undetermined, ranging from five to 22 months. Cllr Stewart expressed concern about proposed changes to the way comments from the general public on planning applications are displayed on line.

32/21. CLERK'S UPDATE

- a. Administration and Whaddon Quarterly
 - i. The Clerk referred to her Update provided, and Cllrs reviewed recent activities and events for the period.
 - ii. The Clerk advised that the audit had been completed and signed off by the external auditor, and public notices published as required.
 - iii. Cllrs reviewed and adopted the new model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.
- b. Highways
 - i. Cllrs agreed the provision of new street lights on Shenley Rd and at 5 Stock Lane. Cllr Hickman agreed to liaise with the resident in Stock Lane.
 - ii. Cllrs reviewed traffic data.
- c. Property
 - i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that the annual safety inspection had been completed and suggested repairs reviewed with D Taylor, his quotation for £420 to undertake the work was approved. It was agreed that covid signs would be removed, leaving one remaining on the entrance gate. Cllrs reviewed the condition of the wooden steps adjacent to the slide on the mound, and agreed that they were in adequate condition particularly as they had passed safety inspection.
 - ii. Allotments. Cllrs reviewed quotations for the cost of a water supply for the allotments agreed to proceed with the grant application for both provision of water and the verge improvements. It was agreed that the tap should be located in a central position on the allotments.
- d. Finance

Income

The following payments have been received:

Various	Interest	£0.78
	Total	£0.78

Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

DD	On 13/7/21 E.on – electricity street lighting	£77.83
312	D Taylor – Mowing OMC, The Green, Recreation Ground	£645.00
313	Buckinghamshire Council – Election Costs	£95.52
314	S J Lindsey – salary Jul/Aug 2021	£1,111.76
315	S J Lindsey – expenses Jul/Aug 2021	£117.78
316	PKF Littlejohn – audit fees	£240.00
317	Harlequin Press – printing WQ	£305.00

318	Buckinghamshire Council – Play Around the Parishes	£552.00
319	F Hayward – Litter picking and WQ distribution May/Jun	£17.82
	Total	£3,162.71

Bank Balances as at 7/9/21

Metro Bank Account – current	£4,287.47
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£12,742.56
	£17,030.03

33/21. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. The New Lowndes Arms. Cllrs reviewed the current status and noted that there were no recent complaints from residents. It was noted that the property was currently on the market. It was agreed that the breaches of planning regulations would continue be followed up with BC planning department and further enquiries made on reinstatement of provision of car parking. Cllrs discussed the option to request a premises licence review, and it was agreed that this would be difficult to undertake but should be considered again in the future if needed.

Cllrs discussed the importance of this valuable village asset to residents and reiterated their wish to see the current problems resolved and the pub to be successful and remain in business. It was agreed to continue to seek mediation opportunities, but up until this point all approaches had been firmly declined by the owners.

- b. Cllrs reviewed the offers of funding for High St regeneration from the ‘Welcome Back Fund’ and agreed to seek further information on funding for the seats, planters and ornamental rocks for the village green and for the purchase of Christmas Lights.
- c. Cllrs noted that progress had been made on the repair and replacement of granite kerb setts on the High St., but due to poor workmanship they were already displaced. This had been reported to the LAT who had agreed to check them and arrange a village walk-around.

34/21. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A DECISION BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

None

35/21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 11th November 2021, 13th January 2022, 10th March 2022.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: