

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

Held: Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021, at 6.00pm  
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, Hazel Hedges, Jane Herriman, Peter Lemagnen, Graham Stewart. Cllr John Chilver.

Members of the Public: None

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

14/21. PUBLIC FORUM

None

15/21. APOLOGIES

None

16/21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17/21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllrs approved the minutes which were signed.

18/21. UPDATES ON RESOLUTIONS FROM MINUTES

None presented.

19/21. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stanier (Chairman) advised that the next Community Board meeting would take place on 14<sup>th</sup> July, and he would be attending in his role as Vice Chairman. Cllr Stewart requested clarification on how WPC funding applications would be handled and was advised these would be discussed by the Board Committee privately and put forward to the Board for discussion and vote in the usual way. This was a new function and details would evolve.

Cllr Chilver advised that Matt Whincup would be returning to the area as Local Area Technician to replace Paul Foot. A formal announcement would be made shortly.

20/21. PLANNING

- a. Cllrs discussed the letter of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 sent to Rob Smith, Service Director for Highways and Maintenance, regarding traffic and highway issues in the village, and the reply from Rosie Tunnard dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Whilst it is good news that TfB have confirmed all the road lining in the village, including that outside the school, would be refreshed once the weather improves, Cllrs agreed that the response was incomplete, particularly on the topic of double yellow lines on the High St/Stock Lane/Nash Lane junction, and a further letter should be sent, as per planning report. Cllrs agreed that further investigations on obtaining double yellow lines should be undertaken. Cllr Hedges, as Churchwarden, felt church goers would not object, as most walked to church.

Cllr Stewart asked for clarification on the use of cones positioned by private individuals and how to acquire a supply. He also expressed concern about the personal safety of individuals positioning them. He felt a letter of authorisation was needed to clarify their official status and approval. Cllr Chilver suggested TfB should be approached for cones and authorisation, depending on the response residents should be kept informed as to the works being undertaken, for the safety of both the community and road users.

Cllr Stanier advised that he had tried to get in touch with Cllr Steve Broadbent in connection with the provision of double yellow lines in a similar situation in his area, and had been unable to do so, Cllr Chilver agreed to follow up.

- b. Cllr Stewart reviewed progress on drainage, water supply and verge upgrade for the allotments. No update had been received from Bucks SUDs team and this would be chased. The Clerk advised that quotations for the allotment water supply were being obtained and Cllrs reviewed and agreed plans and proposals for the verge. It was agreed that an application for grant funding for the water supply and verge upgrade would be presented to the Community Board shortly.
- c. Coddimoor Lane field gate. Cllr Stewart advised that BC had asked to be kept informed of progress on the field gate, which currently does not comply with planning and highways requirements, and it was agreed The Clerk would provide the requested update, but only if the required works had not been undertaken by the time of WPC's next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- d. Salden Chase (SWMK) 20/0165/CONS. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report, and stated that the appeal had been heard and the Inspector's final report awaited, hopefully before WPC's next meeting. He clarified that the Inspector's decision (outcome of the hearing) would likely have implications for the VALP, and especially on the wider development of 1855 houses; especially if site approval and access concerns were not resolved.
- e. VALP – Hearing Update. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. It is expected that the inspector is unlikely to find the allocation of Shenley Park unsound, but no decision is expected for around two months. Cllr Stewart advised it will be very interesting to hear the Inspector's decision on the landscape issues in respect of the southern half of the site where the AVDC landscape evidence was targeted as being unsound. Cllr Stewart confirmed that he would endeavour to advise Cllrs and residents of the Inspector's decision as soon as it became available.

- f. Local Planning, updates and appeals. Cllr Stewart referred to his planning report. Cllrs reviewed 21/02510/APP – 4 Briary View and it was agreed that while no objection would be made, WPC should comment on the upstairs windows overlooking adjacent property which does not appear to comply with the BC design guidance for two storey extensions, and parking concerns.

## 21/21. 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 significant difficulties were being experienced securing support and resources from TVP and BC departments for the unprecedented level of issues facing the village currently. In particular the planning department in connection with planning regulation breaches and timely processing of planning applications, also TVP regarding monitoring and enforcement in connection with illegal activities and antisocial behaviour around the operations at the Lowndes Arms. It was agreed that these issues needed to be escalated via Cllr Stanier and Cllr Chilver to higher levels in BC and TVP, to raise awareness and obtain help and resolution. Cllr Chilver advised that AV planning department was performing particularly poorly, and Cllrs agreed that the option to submit a formal complaint might be considered.
- b. Highways
- i. Cllrs reviewed quotations for the provision of new streetlights for Shenley Rd and on Stock Lane. It was agreed Cllrs would check the light levels and this topic would be reviewed at the next meeting.
  - ii. Cllrs reviewed traffic data.
  - iii. Cllr Stewart commented that the village needed attention to weeds, cycleway and barrier gate cleansing at the traffic calming areas, etc. The Clerk was requested to investigate the options. The issue would also be raised in the response to highways (see above).
- c. Property
- i. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that F Hayward had been in touch to advise he would like to continue with litter picking. D Taylor had been asked to monitor the condition of the play equipment when doing the mowing and strimming.
  - ii. Allotments. Cllrs reviewed the quote for the provision of mains water. Cllr Lemagnen recommended a central position for the provision of a standpipe. Cllrs discussed billing for water, and it was agreed that a pro-rata arrangement for plot holders would be preferable. It was agreed that the provision of match funding by WPC for the water supply would be considered once details were clearer.
  - iii. Constable's Plot. Cllrs agreed quarterly rent should remain at £150.
- d. Finance

The following payments have been received:

25/6/21	D Taylor – rent Constable’s Plot	£150.00
Various	Interest	£0.52
	Total	£150.52

#### Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

305	T Jenkins – IT support/set up Cllr Herriman	£60.00
306	R& S Landscapes – weed spraying	£408.00
307	S J Lindsey – salary May/June 2021	£1,597.65
308	S J Lindsey – expenses May/June 2021	£253.51
309	F Hayward – rec litter picking/check, mailing WQ Apr 2021	£17.82
310	D Taylor - mowing	£645.00
311	E.On Energy – street light maintenance	£54.00
	Total	£3,035.88

#### Bank Balances as at 7/7/21

Metro Bank Account – current	£7,383.36
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£12,741.78
	£20,125.14

#### 22/21. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. The New Lowndes Arms. Cllrs reviewed the ongoing complaints from Parishioners surrounding the operations of the pub, particularly extensive amounts of antisocial behaviour and dangerous and illegal parking. It was agreed that the level of problems amounted to the importation of a ‘town pub’ along with its problems into a rural setting, and the level of issues caused were unprecedented in the village, and not likely to abate in the foreseeable future. It was agreed that efforts to find a solution should continue.
- b. Cllrs reviewed the proposal to provide a bench on the village green, funded by Elmer’s Charity. D Taylor’s quote for provision of a concrete base was reviewed, and further clarification would be sought. It was agreed that WPC would provide ‘top up’ funds if needed. In addition, provision of planters and/or bollards or rocks would be investigated as an option to prevent pub customers parking on the grass.
- c. Cllrs noted that no progress had been made on the repair and replacement of granite kerb setts on the High St., but this issue would be further address in the letter to highways (see above).

#### 23/21. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A DECISION BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

None

24/21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be at 7pm; 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: