

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Held: Thursday, 13th September 2018, at 7.30pm at School Room, Whaddon Chapel, Stock Lane, Whaddon.

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

Members of the Public: Neil Smith.

Clerk: Suzanne Lindsey

1. PUBLIC SESSION

- a. Mr Smith (representing the land owner) advised he wished to update the Council on the situation on 18/01333/APP Land at Stratford Rd application for change of use. Cllr Stewart advised that at this time no decision had been made by AVDC and it was very much overdue. The delay was due to changes in staff and lack of new information from the applicant required to properly consider the application. Mr Smith advised that all the information had been provided and while the scale had been omitted from the drawings it was being added; he was not aware of any other outstanding items.

2. APOLOGIES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

5. UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WQ

- a. Administration
 - i. Following a complaint via the Parish Website by some members of the public who had allowed their dog onto the recreation ground and had been asked to remove the dog but initially refused, the Clerk advised that the police had been notified regarding the incident. As the complaint had been directed at a Cllr, this would be referred to AVDC legal department who would handle any further requirements.
 - ii. The Clerk advised that an insurance claim had been filed and settled for the damage to the basket swing on the recreation ground.
 - iii. The Clerk advised that a LAF funding application had been submitted for funding for High St pavement repairs, the demarcation of the verge at the Stock Lane traffic calming, and repairs to the verge on the corner of Vicarage Rd and Stock Lane.
- b. Highways
 - i. The Clerk advised that letters regarding hedge trimming in Vicarage Rd and High St had been sent. High St had been trimmed, but there had been no response regarding Vicarage Rd.
 - ii. The Clerk advised that WPC Community Emails had been sent alerting residents to a road closure at the corner of High St and Stock Lane for a new water main to be installed.
- c. Property
 - i. Constable's Plot. The Clerk reported that Freeths would handle the Land Registry and the cost would be £40 for the registration fee.
 - ii. Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that wood chips had been topped up on the play area. Cllrs thanked Cllr Hickman for researching the chips and getting quotes. The vandalised basket swing had been removed and

Cllrs decided to postpone replacing the swing until matters had had time to settle down. The Play around the Parishes session had been very well attended and it was agreed another session for next year should be booked.

- iii. Allotments. The Clerk advised that one of the three invoices recouping allotment clearance costs had been settled by a former tenant. Cllr Hain agreed to assist with chasing payment from P Bush. It was noted that the hedge trimming at the rear of the allotments had not been done, and Sir Beville Stanier (Chairman) agreed to chase this matter with Weatherby's Land Agent.

d. Finance

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

Income

The following payments have been received:

13/7/18	Whaddon Under Fives – inv. 11710 WQ Ad	£96.00
17/7/18	Vale Chimneys – inv. 1172 WQ Ad	£96.00
17/7/18	D Taylor – inv. 1174 – WQ Ad	£60.00
18/7/18	S A Green – inv. 1167 WQ Ad	£96.00
18/7/18	M Beckwith – inv. 1110 WQ Ad	£72.00
19/7/18	F Warren – inv. 1165 WQ Ad	£96.00
20/7/18	D Cook – inv. 1151 – Allotment Clearance	£107.33
20/7/18	Country Funerals – inv. 1171 – WQ Ad	£96.00
23/7/18	J Tuckwell 0 inv 1161 – WQ Ad	£96.00
25/7/18	HMRC Vat Refund	£4,546.15
25/7/18	AVIVA insurance claim basket swing	£658.00
26/7/18	Clear Pest – inv. 1153 – WQ Ad	£170.00
15/8/18	Tring Auctions – inv. 1159 – WQ Ad	£170.00
	Misc interest	£3.13
	Total	£6,362.61

Expenditure

The following invoices have been received for approval:

144	D Taylor – Rec. maintenance.	£300.00
145	R & S Landscapes – weed spraying	£408.00
146	Kompan – wood chippings	£1,653.99
147	Will Keeves – hedge trimming	£120.00
148	Suzanne Lindsey – clerk's expenses Jul/Aug 2018	£266.79
149	Suzanne Lindsey – clerk's salary Jul/Aug 2018	£890.64
150	Freeths – Professional Fees Constable's Plot	£1,020.00
151	NBR Printing – WQ Printing	£312.00
152	Eon – Street Lighting Maintenance	£125.10
	Total	£5,096.52

Bank Balances as at 13/8/18

Metro Bank Account – current	£9,355.84
Metro Bank Account – deposit	£9,150.20
Metro Bank Account - charity	£0.17
	£18,506.04

6. PLANNING

- a. Cllr Stewart advised that he had attended a planning forum regarding the East-West Expressway. Roads are not expected to be put in much before 2030.

- b. Cllr Stewart advised that no progress had been made on planning enforcement issues. Nash Parish Council continued to press for enforcement of planning regulations, and had used the process by the book to force the issue.
- c. Cllr Stewart advised that the High St closure for a new water main had initially been agreed with two-way traffic lights, however this had had to be abandoned, as there was insufficient space, and the road would be closed with a diversion put in place. Parishioners will be kept informed.
- d. Cllr Hickman enquired about progress on an application for use of land for re-contouring of agricultural land using inert waste, CM/0068/18. Cllr Stewart agreed to check the status. Cllr Hickman pointed out that there is a Roman Road in the area, and numerous Roman artefacts had been found. Cllr Stewart recommended this be added to Cllr Hickman's objection to the application.

7. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a. Cllr Hickman updated the meeting regarding arrangements for the Beacon Lighting to commemorate 100 years since the end of WWI. It was agreed that Sir Beville Stanier (Chairman) would do a reading, the Last Post would be played and Whaddon Choir would attend. Food and drinks would be available and donations would be requested to support appropriate charities.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council will be 8/11/18.