



HADDENHAM Parish Council

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MINUTES FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 15th February 2021, 8.00pm
Held remotely via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Mrs. Aston, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hoare, Mr. O’Hanlon, Mr. O’Loughlin, Ms. Poole, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Thawley, Mr. Truesdale (Chair) and Mr. Young.
Bucks Cllrs: Mrs. Brandis and Mr. Foster.
Clerk: Ms. Gilbert.
Deputy Clerk: Mrs. Marsden.
Assistant Clerk: Ms. Griffiths.
4 members of the public.

PC21 64 APOLOGIES

Longstanding apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr. Wheeler.

PC21 65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Aston declared an interest in Haddenham Tennis Club, Haddenham Village Hall Management Committee, the Playing Field Management Committee and Haddenham Youth Club. Mr Sharp declared an interest in Haddenham Community Library. Mr Truesdale declared an interest in Haddenham Youth Club. Ms. Poole declared an interest in Haddenham Village Hall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests to participate.

PC21 66 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2021 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

PC21 67 COVID-19 UPDATE

The parish helpline, intended to help with shopping and prescriptions, has received requests from Buckinghamshire Council to support villagers with complex caring needs. The Parish Council does not have the training and resources to provide this level of caring support. Mrs. Brandis will take the issue up with Buckinghamshire Council.

PC21 68 REPORT FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

Mr Foster asked whether the Parish Council were finding the Community Boards to be more successful than the Local Area Forums (LAFs).

Mr Truesdale advised that it was early days. The Community Boards are much broader than the LAFs and are trying to take a broader look at issues within an area. The boards include areas further afield that are less familiar to Haddenham residents.

Mr Foster will be involved with the Community Board support for the reopening of local high streets and village shops.

Mrs Brandis reported that she has written to planning officers involved with the Land West of Churchway application and also to Redrow regarding the damaged witchert walls at the boundary of the site. Mrs Brandis has also been in contact with the planning department regarding outstanding applications.

PC21 69 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) Haddenham Youth and Community Centre – Has not met. Haddenham Community Junior School continues to use the centre to assist with covid-19 requirements.
- (ii) Haddenham Village Hall Management Committee – Mrs Aston
The committee are due to meet later on this week to make a decision on the CIO. Comprehensive electrical work has been carried out. The hall continues to be used for blood donations once a month.
- (iii) Haddenham Community Library – Mr Sharp
The library has donated some used IT equipment to schools for pupils in Buckinghamshire to use.
- (iv) Playing Field Management Committee – Has not met
- (v) The Sports and Social Club Committee – Has not met.
- (vi) Banks Park Recreation Ground Charity – Has not met. An update on the Day Care Centre refurbishment, which Banks Park RGC is responsible for, is featured later on the agenda.

PC21 70 PLANNING COMMITTEE

- (i) The minutes of the meetings held on 14th December 2020, 4th January and 25th January 2021 were noted.
- (ii) The Department of Energy has issued two consultations on the future of energy use in domestic and non-domestic buildings.

PC21 71 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- (i) It was AGREED to adopt the draft internal controls policy, subject to the minor alterations agreed in the meeting.
- (ii) It was AGREED to delegate the decision on the IT Equipment to Mr Truesdale, Mr O’Hanlon and the Clerk.
- (iii) It was AGREED to set a budget of £10,000 for the Parish Office Furniture. It was AGREED to defer a decision on the furniture for the conference room until coronavirus restrictions permit the viewing of equipment.
- (iv) It was AGREED to delegate to the Clerk to purchase the office furniture within the agreed budget.
- (v) The Clerk reported that the building work will be completed during the week commencing 8th March 2021.
- (vi) Mr O’Hanlon is delivering a presentation on the climate emergency to the WI on 18th February and to Snakemoor and Townsend Community Orchard volunteers on 24th February. Research is continuing into a food waste initiative and an electric vehicle club.

PC21 72 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

- (i) The draft minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2021 were noted.

- (ii) Mr Young reported that the council has taken over responsibility for the Aspen Park playground at the former airfield site. The Woodways playground survey closed on 14th February. The deputy clerk, assistant clerk and Ms. Poole are meeting virtually to discuss the results of the survey.
- (iii) The Allotments Committee are next meeting on 17th March 2021.
- (iv) The Community Orchard Committee met on 8th February 2021. Working Groups are currently not permitted due to covid-19 restrictions. It is hoped that an event will be able to be held to welcome people back to the orchard when restrictions permit.
- (v) Wood chippings are due to be delivered to Snakemoor to help prevent paths from becoming overly muddy.

PC21 73 TOWN AND PARISH CHARTER

It was AGREED to support Buckinghamshire Council’s draft Town and Parish Charter but to request that Town and Parish Councils are permitted to speak for three minutes each at planning committee meetings rather than allowing three minutes total for all Town and Parish Council contributions.

PC21 74 TRANSFER OF LAND AT HADDENHAM AIRFIELD

The transfer of land has been completed and the Parish Council has taken over responsibility for the playing fields and the playground. The land has been added to our insurance and asset register.

PC21 75 TRANSFER OF LAND AT ASTON ROAD

Mr Truesdale, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk met remotely with Dandara representatives on 2nd February. The main discussion was the transfer of amenity land to the Parish Council, which will be in stages. It is anticipated that the burial ground land will be completed in the summer and can be handed over if the Parish Council is willing to waive the maintenance period. The remaining highway work to deliver the footway on Aston Road to St. Mary’s School and the new access for the pavilion and burial ground will be done this year, the land to build the pavilion can then be transferred to allow building work to start. The inspection for the issue of the provisional certificate on the country park and LEAP still hasn’t taken place but is hoped to be done this month. Provided all is well and the certificate is issued, this will trigger the start of the 2 years’ maintenance period prior to hand over to Parish Council. The NEAP and cricket pitch will be the last areas for hand over on completion of the site as the land will be used as the yard.

The footpath behind Willis Road, through to Churchway will remain closed until April. Tree work is currently being carried out and then surfacing will be done. The diverted path across to Aston Road through the new burial ground will be opened once the burial ground has been laid out. A meeting with the Parish Council’s solicitor has been arranged for 11th Feb to hopefully finalise the deed of transfer that Dandara have requested. There are still a few outstanding queries / concerns.

PC21 76 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There has been vandalism to some of the trees at the Aston Road site.

PC21 77 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monday 8 th March 2021	Planning Committee	19:00
	Environment Committee	19:30
Wednesday 17 th March 2021	Allotments Committee	09.30

Monday 29th March 2021

Planning Committee

19:00

Full Parish Council

19:30

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.

Signed: _____

Chair

Date: 29th March 2021