HADDENHAM
Parish Council

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MINUTES
SPORTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 19:00

Woodways Pavilion

Members present: Cllr. J Wheeler, Cllr. D Hoare, Mr. B Wilson, Mr. R Mott, Mr. A Wagstaff, Cllr D Truesdale, Mr J Cliffe, Ms R Bamford (Deputising for T Finch)

Deputy Clerk: Emma Marsden

Members of Public: 0

SF27 1 TO APPOINT A CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Wheeler as the Chair of the Committee.

SF27 2 TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Hoare as Vice Chair of the Committee.

SF27 3 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES FROM SPORTING BODIES AND PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED to appoint the following representatives

(i) Haddenham Youth Football Club – Mr Alex Wagstaff
(ii) Haddenham Cricket Club – Mr Joel Cliffe
(iii) Haddenham Tennis Club – Mr Bev Wilson
(iv) Haddenham Table Tennis Club – Mr Roger Mott
(v) The Whistler – Mr Tim Finch

SF27 4 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received an accepted from Mr T Finch. Cllr J Brown had given his apologies via email (during the meeting) due to transport issues.

SF27 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

SF27 6 MINUTES

The minutes of 10th March 2026 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

SF27 7 TERRORISM (AND PROTECTION OF PREMISES) ACT 2025 (MARTYN'S LAW)

The Deputy Clerk gave information regarding Terrorism (and Protection of Premises) Act and its impact on sporting activities. In particular the large tournaments which both football and cricket hold can fall into scope. It was emphasised that this legislation was law but we were in a grace period to ensure organisations could implement relevant procedures. There was discussion on

how sports clubs and The Whistler need to review their current risk assessments (they have for using Woodways and the Airfield) and take a considered approach to risk assess their activities for any potential terrorism threat. The Deputy Clerk advised the clubs to undertake free online training from Protect UK who produce Action Terrorism Training- (ACT) e learning which helps build awareness of possible security breaches. The Parish Council is pleased to assist each sporting organisation with their plan as the Council has sought specialist consultant advice on the Parish Council's documentation.

It was **AGREED** each sports club would produce a risk assessment (incorporating Martyn's Law) and send to the Parish Council.

SF27 8 HADDENHAM SPORTING STRATEGY

The Parish Council were waiting for the Buckinghamshire Sports Strategy to be published but it is still in consultation phase. Due to the expansion of housing developments in Haddenham, the Parish Council is being asked to nominate Sports and Leisure Projects for S106 contributions. Therefore, the Council has decided - in the absence of the Bucks Strategy - they would draft their own Sporting Strategy. This draft is being sent to all the Sporting Clubs in Haddenham to assess current and future need of sporting facilities within Haddenham. Sports Clubs were asked to review the policy with their respective Committees and provide feedback after the summer holidays.

SF27 9 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – WOODWAYS AND AIRFIELD

The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal update that the weather has been challenging with it being so dry. The Council are considering bringing in specialist sport pitch maintenance in house and securing the necessary equipment through grant applications. The Deputy Clerk will provide further information at the next meeting. Both the HCC and HYFC expressed concern regarding tyre tracks left by the grounds maintenance vehicle when they are emptying the bins. The Deputy Clerk will report this to the Facilities Manager.

SF27 11 WOODWAYS GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Nothing outstanding to report.

SF27 12 ASTON ROAD PAVILION AND CRICKET GROUND

The Parish Council are delighted that they have now awarded the build of the Cricket Pavilion and it is anticipated that the construction will start at the end of the month. The cricket club continue to assist in the maintenance of the new cricket wicket and outfield.

SF27 13 REPORTS FROM SPORTS CLUBS AND THE WHISTLER

(i) **Haddenham Youth Football Club**

HYFC gave information on a new initiative from the FA that U6/U7 will be 3v3. This will put pressure on existing facilities as more matches will be needed as more space is needed for these smaller games. HYFC have requested that the Council consider if they could use the adult pitch at Woodways. The Deputy Clerk to speak with the Facilities Manager.

(ii) **Haddenham Cricket Club**

HCC have expanded their cricket provision this season with a very strong junior participation. They have girls and woman's teams and two men's teams this season.

(iii) **Haddenham Tennis Club**
The tennis club continues to grow with 270 members and 150 non members (who turn up a play). They continue to run summer camps throughout the holiday period, but are looking at ways to offer other sports, not just tennis, to attract participation.

(iv) **Haddenham Table Tennis Club**
HTTC continue to have two teams on a Tuesday evening and would like to build to four teams and play on Monday evening as well. The Parish Council will provide some support if HTTC need assistance with promotional material.

(v) **The Whistler**
The Facilities Committee had not discussed the disco lights request from The Whistler. This will be added to the next Agenda.

SF27 14 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA

To discuss the possibility of installing a water fountain outside the Pavilion for the clubs and public to use.

SF27 15 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

27th October 2026

The meeting was closed 20:07.

Signed: ……
Chair

Date: 27th October 2026