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MINUTES OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT

Monday 2nd February 2026, 8.00pm
Conference Room Haddenham Village Hall and via Zoom

Members Present: Cllr. Garrett, Cllr. Kidby, Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Thawley (Chair), Cllr. Truesdale

Deputy Clerk : Emma Marsden

Committee and Communications Officer: Matthew Fox

Members of the Public: None

Joining remotely via Zoom:

Members of the public: 2

CE25 38 APOLOGIES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr. Smith and Mr. Proctor.

CE25 39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Thawley made a declaration of interest in Agenda item CE25 44 and CE 46 as he undertakes paid work from these organisations.

CE25 40 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2025, and these were duly signed by the Chair.

CE25 41 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CE25 42 CARBON LITERACY STATUS

It was **NOTED** that there was no carbon literacy training coming up for Cllr. Garrett, Cllr. Kidby or Cllr. Thawley. However, it was **NOTED** that as the Deputy Clerk is already Carbon Literacy trained, there is an opportunity to undertake inhouse training. To do this, the Deputy Clerk would need to attend an online Delivery of Training Workshop which would be used alongside the Public Authorities Toolkit to run the training inhouse. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead and look at this option.

CE25 43 CARBON STANDARDS

It was discussed that within all elements of the Parish Councils operations, ways to decrease Haddenham's carbon footprint should remain a clear focus. Concerning the new

Neighbourhood Plan, it was mooted whether the Parish Council could include enhanced building standards such as increased insulation etc. However, it was **NOTED** that a new NPPF document is in its consultation phase, and as in the past Neighbourhood Plans had to align with national planning policies and standards, it was unlikely that requesting enhanced building regulations would be accepted. Nevertheless, it was **NOTED** that there was more scope for making comments on enhancing hedgerows and other green corridors, maintaining and improving water courses, and encouraging solar and wind turbine options.

CE25 44 HADDENHAM COMMUNITY EV CAR CLUB & CHARGING POINTS

- (i) The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the EV car in partnership with Zimbl. It was **NOTED** that there had been 78 users, the revenue has been £6500, 24 people have used the service more than once, there has been 149 bookings, and the average duration of using the EV was 5 hours.
- (ii) It was **AGREED** that further marketing of the service was needed and Zimbl were organising a direct marketing campaign to all the households in Haddenham. Organising a video advertisement with Councillors to show how easy a EV is to drive will also be scheduled to be shared on Haddenham Parish Council media platforms.
- (iii) It was **NOTED** that following a review of the EV Hire Scheme costs, the costs incurred were in line with the resolution at Full Council. The cost for the staff member was currently less than budgeted as the service was not as busy. Whilst the Climate Emergency Committee and Council as a whole continue to support the EV hire scheme – as a key component within their business plan – it was right to monitor the ongoing costs as the EV Hire Car could (potentially) be 50 % of the overall Climate Emergency budget.

CE25 45 THE FOOD WE EAT, THE FOOD WE WASTE

Following the success of the Foodrise Project - during which five sessions were delivered with 'eco-warriors' from Haddenham Community Junior School, focusing on practical ways to reduce food waste - it was **AGREED** that a peer-to-peer approach within the school would be beneficial. This would involve students who have already received the training teaching other pupils, thus creating a structured dissemination of information and awareness of food sustainability. The school agreed to this approach.

It was also **AGREED** that to coincide with Foodwaste Week, an event would be held at the Airfield Pavilion on 7 March to replicate the school-based sessions. The event would take place from 15:40 to 19:00, with activities running from 16:00 to 18:00. It will be a free ticketed event for residents to learn about food sustainability. It was suggested to speak with the Scout and Guides associations as they had attended the Climate Collaboration forum and have a strong eco ethos.

CE25 46 HOME ENERGY

- (i) Cllr. Thawley gave an update on the number of Warmer Home Assessments undertaken in Haddenham. It was **NOTED** that 20 assessments had been booked up and that Buckinghamshire Community Energy were a little disappointed with the uptake even though this number had increased from the last meeting. One piece of feedback was that residents were unaware of how to view their EPC rating, it was **NOTED** that this information would be useful to post in the next social media posts.

(ii) It was **NOTED** that while a programme that supported drafty and leaky homes is a good idea, the Parish Council is not the best vehicle for getting this programme up and running as it would require a large amount of volunteer time.

CE25 47 EFFICIENT ENERGY HOME FAIR 2027

It was discussed whether to organise another Efficient Energy Home Fair in 2027. After discussion it was **AGREED** to revisit this agenda item at the next meeting where information from previous fairs and the Warmer Home Assessment would be available, enabling a more informed decision to be made.

CE25 48 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

CE25 49 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was **AGREED** that a review of whether to hold another Efficient Energy Home Fair and to review the extension of the Food Waste Project with Haddenham Junior School will be included as items for the next agenda.

CE25 50 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting calendar for 2026/2027 will be resolved at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

With all the business concluded the meeting was duly closed at 21:20

Signed: _____

Chair