HADDENHAM
Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES
SPORTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 19:00
Parish Council Offices

Members present: Cllr Brown, Cllr Hoare, Cllr Wheeler, Mr Finch, Mr Mott, Mr Wilson
Deputy Clerk: Ms Marsden
Committee and Communications Officer: Mr Fox
Members of Public: 2 – Treasurer of Haddenham Tennis Club and a member of Haddenham Junior Football Club Committee

SF27 17 APOLOGIES
RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** apologies from Mr Cliffe and Mr Wagstaff.

SF27 18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.

SF27 19 MINUTES
RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2026 as a true record and signed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
The Treasurer of Haddenham Tennis Club notified the Committee that the club has had to halt new memberships due to reaching full capacity. The club has been in correspondence with Greg Smith MP who was in support of the Tennis Club's proposals to develop two additional floodlit tennis courts at Woodways Playing Fields, and has since written to the Parish Council, notifying of his position. The Parish Council informed The Tennis Club that any expansion to sporting facilities in Haddenham would be in line with the new Haddenham Sporting Strategy, which is in the process of being developed.

Cllr Brown arrived at the meeting at 19:05

SF27 20 HADDENHAM SPORTING STRATEGY
With continuous expansion of housing developments in Haddenham, the Parish Council is being asked to nominate Sports and Leisure Projects for Section 106 contributions. In the absence of an up-to-date Buckinghamshire Council Sporting Strategy, the Parish Council is creating its own. The Parish Council is currently reviewing external consultants, with the general consensus being that a sports hall will be the next big project.

Cllr Hoare arrived at the meeting at 19:15

SF27 21 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – WOODWAYS AND AIRFIELD
(i) It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council has hired a new Sports Pitch Maintenance Operative.

(ii) It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council is waiting for a new Pitch Power report to re-apply for the Football Foundation grant for ground maintenance equipment.

SF27 22 WOODWAYS GENERAL MAINTENANCE

(i) This agenda item was withdrawn.

(ii) It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council are currently in the process of hiring a new Caretaker for Woodways Pavilion, after the previous final applicant rescinded their application.

SF27 23 ASTON ROAD PAVILION AND CRICKET GROUND

(i) It was **NOTED** that the land for the Aston Road pavilion has been acquired, and the Aston Road Pavilion construction has begun.

(ii) It was **NOTED** that Dandara still own the cricket square, with Haddenham Cricket Club continuing to assist in the maintenance of the new cricket wicket and outfield. The Parish Council will take over the new pitch when the England and Wales Cricket Board sign it off.

SF27 24 REPORTS FROM SPORTS CLUBS AND THE WHISTLER

(i) Haddenham Youth Football Club

The Festival of Football was a success during the bank holiday, with over 90 teams, 500 games and 1000 players. Unfortunately, due to the bank holiday numbers for girls teams had dwindled so they have agreed to change the date for 2027 to a later weekend. The Club also undertook a Martyn's Law Risk Assessment for the first time for the tournament. This was **NOTED.**

(ii) **Haddenham Cricket Club**

The Cricket club continue to look after the new cricket square and discussing the logistics of having grounds maintenance equipment at both sites. They are aiming to run the All Stars program at the new cricket ground in the summer and would like to be able to have portaloos as the Aston Road Pavilion won't be finished to allow access to the toilets. This was **NOTED**.

(iii) **Haddenham Tennis Club**

The Tennis Club had a successful finals day for both the adults and juniors, with the event being undertaken with a Martyn Law Risk Assessment. The Tennis Club have also had success with multiple teams achieving promotions. It was re-iterated that the club has reached full capacity and has stopped accepting memberships, they also presented self-drawn plans for two new tennis courts and increased parking at Woodways. This was **NOTED**.

(iv) **Haddenham Table Tennis Club**

No further updates.

(v) **The Whistler**

There has been a change of steward, with the previous Deputy taking on this role and a casual bar staff taking on the vacant deputy role. This was **NOTED**.

Introducing a new water fountain outside The Whistler and disco lights will be brought forward onto the Facilities agenda, taking place 09/11/2026.

SF27 25 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA

None.

SF27 26 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
19th January 2027, 18th March 2027

The meeting was closed 20:00.

Signed: ……DRAFT……

Chair:

Date: 19th January 2027