



HADDENHAM Parish Council

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MINUTES FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 28th June 2021, 8.09pm Conference Room, Haddenham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mr. Brown, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Hoare, Mr. Kidby, Mr. O'Hanlon, Ms. Poole, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thawley, Mr. Truesdale (Chair), and Mr. Wheeler.
Bucks Cllrs: Mr. Smith
Clerk: Ms. Gilbert
Deputy Clerk: Mrs. Marsden
Assistant Clerk: Ms. Griffiths
Members of the public: 9

PC22 18 APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors. Apologies were received and accepted from the following Buckinghamshire Councillors: Mr. Branston and Mr. Brown.

PC22 19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Wheeler declared an interest in the allotments, Mr. Truesdale in the Youth and Community Centre and Mr. Thawley in Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling Group.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Could a pinch point be added to Stanbridge Road to slow the traffic down and make it easier to cross?
This could be looked at as part of the Streetscapes project.

PC22 20 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2021 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

PC22 21 COVID-19 UPDATE

The staff who have been fully vaccinated are now working in the new office. The office will re-open to the public when COVID-19 restrictions are fully lifted, currently scheduled for 19th July.

PC22 22 REPORT FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

Mr. Smith hopes the three Councillors representing Bernwood can work together to represent local interests.

PC22 23 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) Haddenham Youth and Community Centre – Mr. Truesdale
The lease of the building from Buckinghamshire Council to Haddenham Junior School is still being finalised. The Youth and Community Centre charity will then step down and the school will take over and manage lettings.

- (ii) Haddenham Village Hall Management Committee
The working group has not met.
- (iii) Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board – Mr. Truesdale
Each board will have four action groups that replace the previous working groups:
 1. Highways and Transport
 2. Health and wellbeing
 3. Environment
 4. Economic Recovery
- (iv) Haddenham Community Library – Mr. Sharp
Mr. Sharp has retired as a trustee from the library after 9 years. Mr. Truesdale thanked Mr. Sharp for his work.
The library has re-opened in line with Covid-19 restrictions. Borrowers are steadily increasing and there are lots of new joiners. It is hoped to restore service levels in Autumn.
- (v) Banks Park Recreation Ground Charity (BPRGC) – Mr. Truesdale
The relationship between BPRGC and the Parish Council is currently being reviewed. The working relationship with Haddenham Village Management Committee is also being reviewed to ensure that it works as smoothly as possible.
- (vi) Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling Group (HADSWACG) – Mr. Thawley
The group met in May and discussed the Streetscapes Project, which HADSWACG are keen to be involved with. They would like to see more bike stands around the village, ideally with some close to the village green. Cynthia Floud will be standing down as Chair and Mr. Thawley will be taking over. Cynthia was thanked for her contribution.

PC22 24 PLANNING COMMITTEE

- (i) The draft minutes of informal meeting held on 7 June 2021 were noted.
- (ii) No further update.

PC22 25 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- (i) The finance reports for year ending 31st March 2021 were received. It was noted that there was an overall surplus of £8,206.
- (ii) The Annual Governance Statement for 2020-21 was APPROVED and signed.
- (iii) The Annual Accounting Statement for 2020-21 was APPROVED and signed.
- (iv) The dates for the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights are 30th June 2021 - 10th August 2021. It was confirmed that the Notice was published on the Council's website on 18th June 2021.
- (v) The quote for publishing the village guide of £1,750 was APPROVED.
- (vi) The Clerk was CONFIRMED as a signatory for the Council's bank and savings accounts for internal transfers and administrative queries, but not to authorise payments.
- (vii) No further update.

PC22 26 FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- (i) The draft minutes of the informal meeting held on 7 June 2021 were noted.
- (ii) The Grounds Maintenance Contract is almost ready to sign and should come into effect from 1 July 2021.
- (iii) The recommendation to investigate alternative options for general pond maintenance was APPROVED. It was suggested that it may be worth engaging with volunteers from around the village to see whether there is community interest in helping to maintain the ponds.
- (iv) The recommendation to proceed with stage one of the silt removal from Church End Pond, which is to test it for contaminants to determine how the silt can be disposed of, was APPROVED.

- (v) The recommended course of action for the Playing Fields Management Committee was APPROVED as follows:
 - 1) To hold a meeting of the old Playing Field Management Committee to wind it up and then
 - 2) hold a meeting of the new Playing Fields Management Committee as soon as possible to agree on a new arrangement.
 - 3) To co-opt the sports clubs' representatives to the new committee.
 - 4) To discuss a new occupational arrangement to run the Sports and Social Club
- (vi) The draft licence for use and fees for the Tibbs Road pitches was received and it was AGREED to delegate to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair to finalise the agreement with Haddenham Youth Football Club.
- (vii) No further update.
- (viii) There are currently 16 people on the Allotments waiting list. The 3 newly created plots have been occupied. 12 plot holders have been written to recently as their plots have become overgrown.
- (ix) Community Orchard
It is hoped that some of the old grass matting from Woodways playground can be used to make the path through the Orchard more accessible.
- (x) A working party has been scheduled for 10th July at Snakemoor. Chippings have been laid along the paths to make them less muddy.

PC22 27 CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Mr. O'Hanlon will arrange a committee meeting in the near future to establish how the working groups will work. There will be four working groups: 1. Food Waste, 2. Electric Vehicles 3. Home Energy 4. Land Use.

PC22 28 TRANSFER OF LAND AT ASTON ROAD

The legal agreement for transfer of the amenity land was signed by Parish Council representatives.

PC22 29 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was requested to add improvement of wheelchair access to the Community Orchard to the next agenda.

A suggestion was made to consider a pedestrian crossing on Stanbridge Road by the garden centre.

PC22 30 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The next meetings scheduled are the Planning Committee and Finance & Governance Committee for 19th July 2021, subject to the removal of Covid-19 restrictions by this date.

PC22 31 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.26pm.

Signed: _____
Chair

Date: 9th August 2021