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DRAFT MINUTES
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 8th September 2025, 7.30pm
Conference Room, Haddenham Village Hall and via Zoom

Present: Cllr. Brown, Cllr Desmier, Cllr Garrett, Cllr. Hoare, Cllr. Kidby, Cllr. Matharu,
Cllr. Millo, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Thawley, Cllr. Truesdale (Chair), and Cllr. Wheeler.

Clerk: Ms. Gilbert

Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Mormina

Members of the Public: 1

Joining remotely via Zoom:

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PC26 46 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received as all members were present.

PC26 47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Participation

A member of the public raised two concerns:

1. There is a lot of discussion about flooding and there was a large flood on the road last week at the Thame Road end of Dollicott, and in the access crescent further along.
2. The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting recorded that the bank reconciliations for Q1 would be signed after the meeting, was this done?
The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Wheeler had done this after the meeting.

PC26 48 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th August 2025 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

PC26 49 REPORT FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

Cllr Mormina reported that she had attended the first meeting of the new West Bucks Community Board. There was some confusion about the objectives of the Community Board which were not clear. Cllr Mormina is of the view that they should provide a residents' forum with the opportunity to meet Bucks Council Officers to discuss topical issues.

Cllr Smith reported that the Local Plan for Bucks had been approved by the Cabinet this week. Winslow, Princes Risborough and Haddenham are areas for strategic growth.

PC26 50 REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

The Neighbourhood Policing Team were not in attendance at the meeting, however the Clerk had received an email asking if the Parish Council would be interested in hosting a Fraud Prevention

talk by the Neighbourhood Policing Team. The Clerk was asked to arrange this. The August update from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber had been received, which included information about a new £200k crime prevention Community Fund that is available for applications.

PC26 51 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) Report from the Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils Parish Liaison meeting.
The BMKALC AGM coincided with this evening's meeting so Cllr Truesdale has sent apologies for non-attendance.
- (ii) Report from Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board.
The first meeting of the new West Bucks Community Board was held on 4th September 2025 in Waddesdon. See Cllr Mormina's report above.
- (iii) Report from Haddenham Community Library.
The trustees are working on the year end accounts, which are likely to show a shortfall in funding, which is currently being covered from reserves. Grants are available to purchase specific items but these do not cover running costs. The options to use the funding raised by the Haddenham to Haddenham walk in 2024 are being considered.
- (iv) Report from Haddenham Village Hall.
No recent meetings held.
- (v) Report from Banks Park Recreation Ground Charity.
Repairs to the car park surface were carried out in August. The access path to the Scout and Guide Centre has been re-laid with additional acco drains, a new soak away and new water pump installed. In the heavy rainfall last week there was still some flooding of the path so additional work is needed to install an acco drain on the south side of the path and clear out the compacted soak away in the car park at the top of the path.
- (vi) Haddenham Educational Charity has not met.
- (vii) Report from Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling Group – Cllr Thawley.
As Buckinghamshire Council may be moving forward with plans for the Haddenham to Thame greenway efforts to publicise the project have been increased and over 2,300 signatures have been added to a recent petition.
- (viii) Report from Haddenham Fete Committee – Cllr Wheeler.
The committee has not met since the last meeting.
- (ix) Report from Haddenham Beer Festival Trust – Cllr Smith.
The committee has not met since the last meeting.
- (x) Report from Haddenham Sports and Social Club – The Whistler – Cllr Hoare.
The committee has not met since the last meeting.

PC26 52 PLANNING COMMITTEE

- (i) Update from the Chair.
Note the response submitted to the Station Road application on the minutes of the 4th August

Planning Committee meeting, which has been quite critical of Buckinghamshire Council.

- (ii) It was AGREED to accept the quote from PCMS of £29,750 +VAT for the next stages of the Village Hall Improvements project, to be reclaimed though S106.
- (iii) It was AGREED to allocate up to £5,000 from the Neighbourhood Plan reserve to cover additional consultant time, banners and presentation boards for the Future Haddenham Growth Scenarios consultation.
- (iv) It was NOTED that the Future Haddenham Growth Scenarios consultation will run from 25th September to 12th October 2025, with the following events:
15th September 19:00 – pre-consultation presentation to Councillors.
25th September 15:00-20:00 community engagement launch event, Airfield Pavilion.
27th September 10:00-15:00 community engagement event, Conference Room, Village Hall.
- (v) It was NOTED that the planning application for 700 homes at the Airfield has been registered with Buckinghamshire Council, but the Parish Council hasn't yet been consulted.

PC26 53 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- (i) The updated asset register prior to renewing the insurance was NOTED.
- (ii) It was AGREED to delegate to the Clerk to renew the Parish Council's insurance policy once the quote had been updated in line with the asset register changes.
- (iii) No further updates from the Chair.

PC26 54 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Please see confidential item.

PC26 55 FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- (i) It was NOTED that three quotes have been obtained for the upgrade of the urinals at Woodways Pavilion and using delegated authority the Clerk accepted the lowest quote of £1665. The work is now being scheduled.
- (ii) It was NOTED that the street light energy contract has been renewed for 3 years with Ecotricity.
- (iii) It was NOTED that a community engagement event has been arranged by the Flood Group at 18:00-20:00 on 11th September 2025 in the Conference Room.

PC26 56 CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The Committee has not met since the last meeting.

PC26 57 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Correspondence:

1. A request for improved HGV signage on Dollicott submitted in Fix My Street received a long response about what might be possible, but all options would require Parish Council funding. The resident has forwarded to the Parish Council to ask for this to be considered.
2. A complaint has been received from a HYFC parent about the 2 hour limit on free parking without recording the vehicle number plate in the tablet at the Airfield pavilion car park.

Most parents of HYFC are there just over 2 hours allowing for some time before and after matches, so it is inconvenient to all have to register. They are also concerned about not being able to return within 1 hour if only dropping off and picking up.
The Clerk will find out if Horizon can increase the free period to 3 hours and remove the no return within 1 hour.

PC26 58 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was RESOLVED to exclude members of the public for the following agenda item because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

PC26 54 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Clerk gave an update regarding the Committee and Communications Officer position which is now vacant and will be advertised.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 20:30.

Signed: _____ DRAFT _____
Chair

Date: 12th January 2026