



HADDENHAM Parish Council

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MINUTES SPORTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 10th March at 19:00 Conference Room, Haddenham Village Hall

Members present: Cllr. J Wheeler, Cllr. D Hoare, Mr. B Wilson, Mr. R Mott, Mr. A Wagstaff, Mr. T Finch
Deputy Clerk: Emma Marsden
Committee and Communications Officer: Matthew Fox
Members of Public: 0

SF26 38 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Truesdale. No apologies received from Cllr. J Brown and Mr. J Cliffe.

SF26 39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

SF26 40 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting from 16th December 2025 and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

SF25 41 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – WOODWAYS AND AIRFIELD

The Deputy Clerk gave information regarding the Grounds Maintenance at Woodways and the Airfield. The following points were **NOTED**:

- (i) Mr. Final, the Parish Council's Facilities Manager, was receiving quotes for undertaking spring maintenance works including fertilising and herbicide the ground. This will also include quotes for sand dressing the Airfield pitches.
- (ii) There has been a detrimental impact to Woodways from the consistent bad weather occurring since the start of the year, Haddenham United have used the Airfield pitches so no games were cancelled. HYFC report that Youth matches were cancelled due to bad weather at the Airfield.
- (iii) The latest claim for Pitch Power grant will be submitted for the Airfield Pitches.
- (iv) The grass is now being cut alongside pitch marking at both sites.
- (v) Sports matches at the Airfield and Woodways are likely to be taking place until the middle of May due to a backlog of fixtures from the bad weather.

SF25 42 WOODWAYS GENERAL MAINTENANCE

The Deputy Clerk gave information regarding General Maintenance at Woodways. The following points were **NOTED**:

- (i) A discussion is taking place and quotes will be considered at the next Facilities Committee Meeting (16/03/26) on changing the fire door from The Whistler to the patio area.
- (ii) Mr Wilson queried about a wider distribution of access to the door code as he has had multiple requests, the Deputy Clerk gave information that there wasn't an agreed Key code Policy as previously only the nominated members had access. Previously the tennis club had multiple keys which was a security risk and unnecessary. However, the users of the tennis courts should be able to access the toilet facilities. The Deputy Clerk will liaise with the Facilities Manager and report back.
- (iii) Concerns were raised that the new foot scraper which has been placed too close to the patio. It may need to be repositioned to be slightly further away to stop mud getting onto the patio.
- (iv) A request was made for installing a new postbox as mail has been occasionally getting wet from the bad weather. The Deputy Clerk gave information that a new post box has been purchased and is waiting to be installed.

SF25 43 ASTON ROAD PAVILION AND CRICKET GROUND

The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the Aston Road Pavilion planning permission and tender.

The following points were NOTED:

- (i) The Pre tender qualification questionnaire has been submitted on Find a Tender and with the ambition of building works to begin in Summer and cricket matches to begin in 2027.
- (ii) Mr Wilson queried about the fences which have been put up over the Dandara site by the cricket ground requesting whether these could be removed for wider access. The Deputy Clerk responded that as the land is not owned by the Parish Council. Once the Council owns the land this can be reviewed.
- (iii) The cricket ground is under its maintenance period. Before the Parish Council takes ownership of the cricket ground, it will need to be signed off by the England and Wales Cricket Board

SF25 44 FUTURE HADDENHAM SPORTING PROVISION

It was **NOTED** that within the latest update to the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire, there would be a greater need for sporting infrastructure to be present within Haddenham. The Parish Council have been in contact with Knight, Kavanagh & Page (KKP) – the consultants for Buckinghamshire Council (who are preparing Bucks Sporting Pitches Strategy) They will advise on what provisions are necessary within Haddenham currently and the future, as more housing developments take place. Haddenham Parish Council will also be completing their own sports strategy to be included with their updated neighbourhood plan.

It was **AGREED** that the Sports Facilities Committee may be split into two, with one section focusing on maintenance and be included within the Facilities Committee. With a new Committee focusing on the development of existing and future Haddenham's sporting facilities.

SF25 45 REPORTS FROM SPORTS CLUBS AND THE WHISTLER

(i) Haddenham Youth Football Club:

Mr Wagstaff presented that the Football Club, was going well with girls football being a success. The fixture backlog is the biggest challenge that faces the Youth Football Club. If the weather remains dry, the Youth Football Club aim to finish the backlog of

fixtures in May. They will be celebrating their 30th anniversary with an award evening and event in the Village Hall.

(ii) Haddenham Cricket Club:

No update given as no representative present.

(iii) Haddenham Tennis Club:

Mr Wilson confirmed the Tennis Club are having its hedges trimmed in the next couple of weeks. The Tennis Club are at maximum capacity and would appreciate more court space. They have their own development plans for additional courts, should land become available .

(iv) Haddenham Table Tennis Club:

Mr Mott presented that the Table Tennis Club's season finishes this month until September. The aim is to expand the Table Tennis to two evenings a week next season.

(v) The Whistler:

Mr Finch presented that The Whistler is going well and that the new smoking shelter has been built and is being used appropriately. The Deputy Clerk informed The Whistler that a request had been made for disco lights and this was being considered at the Facilities Committee meeting.

SF25 46 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA

It was **NOTED** that the Whistler will provide £500 to each of the sports teams as their contribution to the sports club's license fees for the following year. The 2026/2027 license will move from RPI to CPI. This measure will be used for licence fees for the 2027/28 season.

SF25 47 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be announced after the 2026/2027 meeting calendar is resolved at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 18th May 2026.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

With all the business transacted the meeting was duly closed at 19:35.

Signed: _____
Chair

Date: 7th July 2026