



HADDENHAM Parish Council

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MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14th July 2025, 7.30pm

Conference Room, Haddenham Village Hall and via Zoom

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

Clerk: Ms Gilbert

Committee and Communications Officer: Mrs Hull

Members of the public: None

Joining via Zoom:

Cllr. Millo due to not being able to attend the meeting in person.

Leani Haim of O'Neil Homer Planning Consultants

Two members of the public.

PC26 32 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Kidby and Cllr. Millo.

No apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Brown and Cllr. Desmier.

PC26 33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Participation

There were no requests from members of the public to participate.

PC26 34 HADDENHAM SCENARIO PLANNING

The presentation of scenario planning for the future growth of Haddenham, prepared by O'Neil Homer, was circulated ahead of the meeting and Leani Haim joined the meeting to run through the rationale for carrying out the exercise. The recommendation is to take a scenario planning approach for Haddenham and community consultation because it:

- **Prepares for Likely Future Growth**
National and local housing pressures mean that Haddenham is likely to face further development. Scenario planning helps the village respond proactively rather than reactively.
- **Supports Infrastructure-Led Planning**
Different growth options can be tested against infrastructure capacity (e.g. schools, drainage, roads), ensuring development is aligned with sustainable infrastructure delivery.
- **Improves Deliverability and Realism**
Consulting landowners confirms which sites are available and viable, while infrastructure providers can clarify investment constraints and opportunities.
- **Strengthens Local Legitimacy and Influence**
Involving residents and stakeholders builds community trust, improves policy quality, and enhances the Council's influence with Buckinghamshire Council and developers.

There was a discussion about the risks of carrying out this exercise as the community is struggling with the growth it currently has and we are talking about further growth. However all agreed that the growth will happen anyway and we could sit back and do nothing and let it happen, or at least try to influence and get the most for the community out of what is coming Haddenham's way.

The question of at what point the settlement might become a town rather than a village was raised and the Clerk explained that they are the same in terms of legal status, and that the Parish Council could simply pass a resolution to be known as a town. The potential advantages or disadvantages of becoming a town need to be further investigated and considered in the future, and the views of the community taken into account.

The Parish Council **AGREED** to move forward with the scenarios and carry out a community consultation.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8pm

Signed: _____
Chair

Date: 4th August 2025