



## **Facilities Committee Meeting**

### **Facilities Manager's Report**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

#### **FA26 59 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

We have purchased and taken delivery of our new van. The return of the hire van cost around £1800 for what was basically some small scratches and two stone chips. We did argue this but didn't get very far. Another reason why buying our own van is a good thing.

One member of the grounds team was absent through sickness for the first six weeks of the year. He has fully recovered and back to working fitness.

Usual winter works have taken place with large scale cutting back of road hedges and footpath's. Playground repairs and fence removal/repairs.

All servicing of machinery has taken place and we are ready to start the cutting season in earnest.

#### **FOOTBALL PITCH MAINTENANCE/DISSION**

We have been reviewing our football pitch maintenance and how it is managed.

Currently we have a contractor that carries out work for us which is directed by the Football Association (F.A.) as part of the pitch power grant following pitch inspections.

The same work has been carried out at the same time over 4 to 5 years. Although this work has definitely benefitted the pitches there continue to be issues which are due to the high specification to which the pitches were laid out with a large number of drainage channels. The Parish Council needs to consider ways to improve the pitches without escalating costs which are already very high.

The F.A. offer grants of up to 75% of the cost of specialist machinery to carry out works in-house. An option would be to employ someone on a part-time basis to work solely on football pitches at both sites and also some minor repairs to both pavilions.

This would mean the pitches would have more time spent on them and have works done at a time that is best for them rather than when it can be fitted in. A long term project could be worked on ensuring our pitches keep on improving. We could potentially then hire the facilities at a good rate to other interested senior teams. If the Committee supports progressing this option then further research can be carried out to provide a better estimate of the set up and ongoing costs when compared to contracting the work.

#### **FA26 60 NEW CRICKET PITCH AT ASTON ROAD**

The Clerk and Facilities Manager met with various parties to inspect the new cricket pitch at Aston Road. We had some concerns that the ground would not be ready for the 2027/28 season and wanted to get ahead of this. The site manager of Agripower who are building the ground has assured us that this will be ready for that time. We have asked for regular meetings and progress reports to keep on top of this.

The new pavilion tender is underway with the initial pre-qualification assessment to be received from contractors in mid-March and building to start in the summer.

The new license for Haddenham Cricket Club is still to be drawn up.

**FA26 61 ASTON ROAD YARD**

As resolved at the last Facilities Committee meeting we have obtained a quotation for the design stage of the proposed new yard at Aston Road. The fee quotation along with the proposal letter are with-in the papers. We have done some temporary works here spreading some stone for a driveway and some cheap road chippings for ease of walking around the building.

**FA26 63 ASBESTOS REMOVAL**

With-in the allotment site we have an old shed where the walls are made from asbestos. As a result of this we cannot use the plot its self. We have two choices either pay for it to be removed, or leave in situ and fence it off. If not disturbed it is harmless. Quotes are in the papers for removal.

**FA26 64 ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD**

The Conservation Architect is making arrangements for a new survey of the lychgate to start preparations for repair as the next phase of the Churchyard improvements work.

This quote can be found with-in the papers.

The quote from Eagle Eye Construction for the bin store was chosen at the last Facilities meeting by the Committee and they have been booked in to do the work early Spring. There is a substantial amount of lime work to be done so we will need to wait for the warmer weather. The bore hole drilling is only around a month's lead time at present so we will hopefully be up and running before summer.

**FA26 65 DEVOLVED SERVICES**

Bucks Council have eventually sent out the memorandum of understanding which will need considering and signing if agreed. The Clerk has asked BMKALC if legal advice can be obtained due to significant differences between the old licence and the MoU. The parishes have been given two weeks to sign, or payment will be delayed in April, the advice of the Clerk is to delay signing until the legal advice is received as late payment of the devolved service contribution is not a significant financial risk.

**FA26 66 BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

We are looking at entering the BKV competition again this year and after coming second twice in three years this time we aim to go one better.

**FA26 67 SPORTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

To note Sports Facilities met on the 10<sup>th</sup> March

**FA26 68 COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE**

Meeting minutes from the last **informal** meeting are in the papers.

The Orchard was also successful in obtaining a grant from Haddenham Beer Festival Trust group. This money will be used for new stakes, tree plaques, and a new notice board.

**FA26 69 SNAKEMOOR**

See attached docs

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