

Padbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Padbury Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 8pm.

Present: Councillors C Dinwoodie (Chairman), V Murray, R Manasse, S Dickens, A Tulud and S Ovey-Horwood.

Also present: C Swannell (Clerk) and one resident.

1. Period of Public Participation

It was noted that a number of comments had been made on Facebook regarding the time of opening and unlocking the pavilion carpark gate. The installation of a pedestrian gate was discussed, however this was ruled out as Members agreed that it was mainly the request from dog walkers, and this site is primarily a sports field. It was also noted that there has been an increase of dogs seen being exercised off the lead and dog waste has been found on the pitches. It was further agreed that the current opening hours were adequate and could not be tailored to individual requests.

2. Apologies - County Councillor J Chilver.

3. Absent - Cllr Clymer.

4. Declarations of Interest – None.

5. Minutes

Members approved the minutes of the Parish Council held on the Thursday 5th February 2026 as a correct record – PPC/09/25-26.

6. Updates from Buckinghamshire Councillor

Cllr Chilver provided a report for both the Annual Parish Meeting and this meeting, these are recorded as part of the minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting.

7. Sports Field, Play Area and Woodland

7.1 Cllr Dinwoodie is still in discussions with the architect used for the pavilion refurbishment in respect of the requirement for additional instalment of hand rails which the Planning Department have specified for the ramp, and safety handrail in the disabled toilet that are preventing sign off of Building Regulations.

7.2 Play Area - It was noted that the Clerk has had a discussion with the volunteer for the removal of the concrete tunnels, and he will liaise with Cllr Dickens regarding access. The anti-slip paint is still to applied to the slide/multi play.

7.3 Following the repair of verges outside the Main Street play area and it was noted that the verge remain temporarily cordoned off with poles and tape whilst grass growth is monitored.

7.4 Members agreed to the request from the Garden Club to plant and maintain the small garden area outside the play are gates.

7.4 Members noted that the RoSPA annual inspection has been confirmed in May, and monthly inspections of the play area continue to be undertaken and documented, and that all benches had been cleaned.

7.5 Woods – The main five barred gate is attached to a fence and starting to cause damage, Cllr Dickens agreed to install an additional post to rectify this.

8. Planning

8.1 Members noted the decision made by Bucks CC on PL/25/5784/FA – Refused; and PL/25/5849/OA land north of A413 up to 45 dwellings pending consideration.

8.2 Members noted the new planning applications:

PL/26/01503/OA Land South of Springfields A413. Outline application for up to 65 dwellings, a shop/community building, a mobility hub, associated public open space (including a Locally Equipped Area for Play), landscaping and sustainable drainage system. Although formal notification is yet to be received, It was agreed an objection will be made and Cllr Chilver will call it in. Cllr Dinwoodie will draft response.

PL/26/01808/VRC 12 Main Street. Variation of approved plans to allow for minor amendments.

8.3 Members noted two applications in respect of tree work: PL/26/01913/KA and PL/26/02474/KA.

8.4 Members noted that no new applications were received following the issue of the agenda.

9. Finance

9.1 Members noted the balances for the bank accounts as at the 31st March:

- Barclays Community Current account ending 959 £19,969.33.
- Barclays savings account ending 970 £45,266.70.
- Barclays Millennium Wood account ending 198 £13,978.51.

9.2 Members approved the following payments:

- Tesco Stores £9.70 pavilion cleaning supplies.
- Lebara Mobile Limited £4.90 Clerk's mobile phone.
- Octopus Energy £67.55 pavilion electricity.

9.3. Members noted payments paid between meetings, as detailed at end the of the agenda, together with the income received since the last meeting.

9.4 Members reviewed and agreed the Receipts, Payments and Summary Report including budget/actuals statements as at 31st March 2026.

9.5 Members reviewed and agreed the bank reconciliations as at 28th February and 31st March 2026, these were countersigned by Cllr Tulud.

9.6 Members reviewed and agreed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – page 4 - Section 1 Annual Governance statement 2025/26 and page 5- Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26.

9.7 Members noted the first precept payment is expected to be received in April.

10. Other Parish Council Business

10.1 Members agreed to the entry for the Best Kept Village competition, and noted that judging will take place between 1st June and 14th July.

10.2 Fix My Street – Grass cutting steep verge on the North side of the road near The Hermitage, and Parking on footpath between The Maltsters and Gore Lodge. Cllr Dinwoodie will undertake a walk-around on 19th April.

10.3 In accordance with Assertion 10 (with new requirements for Parish and Town councils), Members noted and adopted the revised policies:

- Document Retention;
- Data Audit;
- IT Policy and Data Protection

10.4 Members noted the new .gov.uk website and email addresses are operational, and that TEEC Ltd will undertake an annual service check of data and website compliance.

10.5 Cllr Ovey-Horwood has taken over responsibility for Pump advertising and will forward details of new enquiries to the Clerk.

11 Funding

HS2 Road Safety Fund application has been approved and further information is awaited.

12 Contracts and Similar Matters

Members noted that the Annual Contract with Lynch Garden Services in respect of verges and Play Area mowing has been signed, and confirmation of insurance cover received.

13 Meetings, Events and Training

Members noted that the Clerk is to attend a Clerks Forum on 27th April.

14 Maintenance/Environmental Issues

Cllr Dinwoodie advised that ad-hoc walks around the village are undertaken to identify areas requiring attention, including litter picking and pruning. This is assisted by volunteers and although an article was placed in the Pump, a more positive response has been received by a personal approach to individuals.

15 Highways

15.1 The repair cost of one of the speed cameras is estimated to be £200.

15.2 Members noted a new Local Area Technician will be appointed by Bucks CC.

16 Dates of next meetings - Members to note dates:

13th May; 10th June; 12th August; 14th October, and 9th December.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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..... Chairman / Date.....

13/may/26.