

Padbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Padbury Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th February 2026 at 7pm.

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

Also present: C Swannell (Clerk) and County Councillor J Chilver

114. Period of Public Participation

None present.

115. Apologies

None.

116. Declarations of Interest – None.

117. Minutes

Members approved the minutes of the Parish Council held on the 9th December 2025 as a correct record – PPC/08/25-26.

118. Updates from Buckinghamshire Councillor

Cllr Chilver provided an update on the 2026/2027 budget and the proposed housing plans.

The opening date of the new EW rail link station in Winslow is still unknown.

Cllr Murray asked about plans for mobility hubs between the station and Buckingham and whether Padbury would be included. Cllr Chilver will investigate.

119. Sports Field, Play Area and Woodland

119.1 Cllr Dinwoodie has been in discussions with the architect used for the pavilion refurbishment in respect of the requirement for additional instalment of hand rails for the ramp and safety handrail in the disabled toilet that are preventing sign off of Building Regulations. Cllr Dinwoodie expects a response within the next few weeks.

119.2 It was noted that, following confirmation of appropriate cover from the PC insurers, Cllr Manasse has successfully completed the first part of the Health & Safety course for chainsaw use in relation to maintenance of the Millenium Wood.

119.3 Members discussed the state of verges outside the Main Street play area and it was agreed that safe access is required. Cllr Dinwoodie will discuss the road access with the Highways Technician to discuss ownership and maintenance, and in the meantime the verge will be temporarily cordoned off with poles and tape/rope whilst grass seed is planted. Following advice from Highways, quotes for repair may be sought.

119.4 Monthly inspections of the play area were discussed and agreed, Conclusion: February Cllr Clymer; March Cllr Tulud; April Cllr Manasse; May Cllr Dinwoodie; June Cllr Murray; July Cllr Ovey-Horwood; August Cllr Dickens, and September Clerk. Clerk to also send electronic copies of the inspection form.

120. Planning

120.1 Members noted the decisions made by Bucks CC on PL/25/3211/FA and PL/25/5208/FA since the last meeting.

120.2 Members noted the new planning applications: Stratfords Lower Way PL/26/00215/KA, the tree is actually on PC land; and PL/26/00445 Old End.

120.3 Members noted that no decision has been made by Bucks CC on 6 West Furlong application.

120.4 PL/25/5849/OA Land North of A413. The Planning Sub Committee provided an update. Following a meeting with, and feedback from residents, members agreed that an objection would be submitted. Cllr Clymer to circulate a final draft for the Clerk to formally submit.

120.5 Bucks CC Housing Plan is to be submitted by the end of 2026.

121 Finance

121.1 Members noted the balances for the bank accounts as at the 31st January:

- Barclays Community Current account ending 959 £23,170.66.
- Barclays savings account ending 970 £45,152.40.
- Barclays Millennium Wood account ending 198 £13,978.51.

121.2 Members noted the two transfers from Millenium Wood Account to the current account to cover relevant invoices.

121.3 Members approved the following payments:

- C Swannell: £480.00 January net salary.
- HMRC: £147.54 PAYE for January.
- R Gough: £75.00 Caretaker for January. Standing order
- R Gough: £7.98 materials for pavilion patio repairs.
- L Hawkins: £82.15 - £75.00 Cleaning pavilion for January plus £7.15 cleaning materials.
- M Jackson: £60.00 Securing the gate for January. Standing order
- Vale Training Services: £547.00 Chainsaw training course
- Npower: £253.77 Street lighting

121.4 Members noted payments paid between meetings, as detailed at end the of the agenda, together with the income received in December and January.

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

121.6 Members reviewed and agreed the bank reconciliations as at 31st December 2025 and 31st January 2026, and were countersigned by Cllr Tulud.

121.7 Members noted that the precept request for £36,000 (no increase on the 2024/2025 request) was submitted to Bucks CC and acknowledged on 21st January 2026.

122. Other Parish Council Business

122.1 In accordance with new requirements coming into force in April 2026, the Engagement Sub Committee has reviewed resources for provision of the '.gov.uk' domain and email address. Providers considered were Aubergine and TEEC, who the PC is currently with. An overview of the framework and costs of each provider were given and Members agreed to the enhanced option with TEEC. This will now be progressed and a further update will be provided at the next meeting. The arrangement will also be reviewed in October 2026.

122.2 Cllr Ovey-Horwood provided an update on the tree planting following the grant allocated to Greener Padbury. The number to be planted will depend on the cost of each tree, however 10-12 sites have been identified. The grant must be used by the end of the month and Cllr Ovey-Horwood will provide members with details of planned locations and variety.

122.3 Cllr Dinwoodie confirmed that a notice has been placed on the PC Facebook page requesting that any owners of what is considered to be obsolete equipment for the Sports Field have until the end of March 2026 to claim or confirm disposal.

123 Funding

Cllr Dinwoodie has circulated the draft HS2 Road Safety Fund proposal for some traffic calming measures on Main Street, at no cost to the PC. It was agreed that as lighting is during all hours of darkness, an option to dim this will be requested.

124 Contracts and Similar Matters

124.1 Bucks CC has confirmed there is no change to the subsidy for devolved services.

124.2 A written quote for 2026/27 verges and Play Area mowing has been received from Lynch Garden Services and it was agreed that they remain the contractors for this service. Cllrs Dinwoodie and Clymer will review and update the current service agreement.

124.3 An agenda item regarding hedge cutting is to be added to the agenda for the June meeting.

125 Meetings, Events and Training

125.1 Members noted that the Clerk is to attend an up-coming AGAR training session, and may enrol on other Year End related courses.

125.2 The Clerk had previously issued a list of future meeting dates, Cllr Dickens advised that an additional meeting in May 2026 was required.

126 Maintenance/Environmental Issues

Cllr Dinwoodie proposed first date of 15th February to repair verges outside Play Area. Also to consider trimming of trees and pressure washing benches. Village entrance gates to be sanded and repainted when weather improves in April/May.

127 Fix My Street

The Clerk advised that a number of potholes and blocked drains had been reported. Due to the high volume of potholes being reported repairs are being prioritised and some repairs are temporary due to weather and water issues.

The reporting system is being enhanced to improve accuracy in rural areas.

128 Dates of next meetings - Members to note dates:

15th April; 13th May; 10th June; 12th August; 14th October, and 9th December.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed..... *Redacted* Chairman / Date..... 15 / 04 / 2026