

Padbury Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Padbury Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors C Dinwoodie (Chairman), V Murray, R Manasse, S Dickens and S Ovey-Horwood (advised in advance would be late due to other commitments).

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

73. Period of Public Participation

Non present.

74. Apologies

Cllr Tulud.

75. Declarations of Interest – None.**76. Chairmans Welcome**

Cllr Dinwoodie welcomed all to the meeting, provided a reminder on meeting etiquette and also the need for Cllrs to respond to requests from the Clerk especially as the next meeting is three months hence.

77. Minutes

Members approved the minutes of the Parish Council held on the 8th July 2025 as a correct record – PPC/05/25-26.

78. Updates from Buckinghamshire Councillor

Cllr Chilver advised that he was pleased that Road Safety Funding from HS2 had been secured. Although the exact proposed changes are to be discussed it was noted that Ox Lane may be possible for inclusion.

Following the installation of the Enforcement Camera at the end of Lower Way, no infringements have been reported.

A question was raised as to where any possible proceeds from fees incurred would be paid and Cllr Chilver agreed to investigate.

79. Sports Field, Play Area and Woodland

79.1 Members noted that Electrical Equipment Testing (EET) regarding the Pavilion has been completed, and that checks of the Tennis Club lighting had not been possible.

79.2 Clerk awaits quote from Churches Fire Security Ltd.

79.3 Pavilion building regulations – Clerk to chase and provide an update before the next meeting.

79.4 With regards to issues resulting from the RoSPA Annual Report Cllr Manasse volunteered to apply the anti-slip paint to the relevant play area equipment.

Clerk to share the examples of post protection solutions provided by RoSPA and Cllr Manasse agreed to cost and share with PC members.

79.5 Members agreed to rotate the Monthly Walkaround inspections – monthly inspection of the Play Area is a requirement under the lease arrangements and other PC assets are to be included – agreed rota:

- September – Cllr Dinwoodie.
- October – Cllr Murray

- November – Cllr Manasse.
- December – Cllrs Dinwoodie and Dickens.
- January/February – Cllrs Clymer / Tulud.
- Ash tree dieback is noted. As the trees are relatively immature there is no risk of large branches falling, although ash trees represent a high proportion of trees planted.
- It is planned to walk from the pathways outward into the wood to identify infected trees and Cllrs Dickens and Manasse agreed to inspect and remove as necessary, and to remove some where there is overcrowding.
- It was agreed that a regular walkaround by Cllrs should be resumed, and a date is to be agreed and consider requesting volunteers from residents if required.

79.6 Cllr Dinwoodie has costed blinds for the pavilion to improve acoustics and initial quotes are c.£300/£350. Members agreed that this option should be explored further before other options are considered, and all safety requirements must be met. Cllr Dinwoodie to provide details of quote to Cllr Ovey-Horwood to respond. A maximum budget of £500 was agreed without further consideration by members. Clerk to check if the cost could be included under S106 claims.

80 Planning

80.1 There were no new applications for consideration.

80.2 Members noted a 'No Objection' response was submitted in response to applications for College Farm, Main Street.

80.3 No new applications had been received since the issue of the agenda..

80.4 Members noted that the applications in respect of College Farm, Main Street were pending consideration.

81 Finance

81.1 Members noted the balances for the bank accounts as at the 29th August:

- Barclays Community Current account ending 959 £14,013.71.
- Barclays savings account ending 970 £44,723.53.
- Barclays Millennium Wood account ending 198 £14,663.51.

81.2 Members approved the following payments:

- Buckinghamshire Council (Election Recharges) £274.00.
- NALC training course fee £42.00.
- Npower street lighting electricity £124.50.
- Lynch Garden Services £80.00.
- Oakpark Alarms & Security £132.00.

88.3 Members noted payments paid between meetings, as detailed at end the of the agenda.

88.4 Members reviewed and agreed the Receipts, Payments and Summary Report including budget/actuals statements as at 31st August 2025. Cllr Dinwoodie noted an error in use of appropriate cost code, Clerk to amend.

88.5 Members reviewed and agreed the bank reconciliations as at 31st Luly and 31st August 2025 and these were countersigned by Cllr Manasse.

89. Other Parish Council Business

89.1 Cllr Ovey-Horwood advised that estimates for a payroll provider varied between £25 and £40 per month and agreed to contact BMKALC to obtain further information and forward to Clerk.

89.2 Fix my Street - A number of advertising signs have been removed and it was agreed that the Parish Council will continue this process and store signs in the shed until claimed. Overgrown hawthorns on the A413 have also been removed.

89.3 Members discussed communication and engagement with residents and acknowledged that it was particularly important to listen to concerns and encourage support. It was agreed that a Sub-Committee would be established to discuss proposals and action. This group will work to reach agreements on best approach for topics discussed and present to wider group with recommendations. Cllrs. Manasse; Murray; Ovey-Horwood and Dinwoodie volunteered to take this forward, and the option is open to Cllr. Tulud to join. Other Sub-Committees i.e. planning, may be considered.

89.4 Cllr Dickens noted that item 64 of the previous minutes had been omitted from the agenda. It was agreed that the issue of rocks on verges will be added to the December agenda.

90. Funding

It was noted that the HS2 Road Safety Fund application submitted on the 19th July for some traffic calming measures on Main Street has received approval. Cllr Dinwoodie has contacted the team regarding their intentions and input from the PC.

91. Contracts and Similar Matters

There was nothing to report.

92. Meetings, Events and Training

It was noted that training courses had been booked for Cllr Ovey-Horwood and Cllr Dinwoodie, clerk to chase confirmation of Cllr Dinwoodie courses.

70 Maintenance/Environmental Issues

Cllr Dinwoodie has received a request from a resident to remove the wooden style at the top of Millenium Wood and replace it with a gate. Clerk to liaise with Woodland Trust and Cllr Dinwoodie to contact the Webb family regarding access. Woodland Trust to be advised of outcome.

71 Dates of next meetings - Members to note date:

9th December. Frequency and dates of future meetings to be discussed and agreed at the December meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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