



Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 in MS Teams Virtual Meeting, commencing at 6.33 pm and concluding at 8.20 pm.

BC Councillors present

A Waite (Chairman), C Branston (Vice-Chairman), M Caffrey, P Irwin, Cllr A Macpherson, I Macpherson, F Mahon, M Rand and G Smith

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

S Bramley (Worminghall PC), K Birkby (Cuddington PC), F Jacob (Ashendon PC), B Kolbert (Ickford PC), J Lewis (Chearsley PC), J Mole (Oakley PC), C Nicholls (Stone PC), A Powell (Shabbington PC), E Robinson (Stone PC), E Slater (Brill PC), S Terry (Waddesdon PC), A Thawley (Haddenham PC), D Truesdale (Haddenham PC), M Usherwood (Dinton PC) and N Smith (Quainton PC)

Others in attendance

S Allen, R Binstead, R Cook, J Davies, S Green, E Hassall, H Hulme Hunter, Hillary, A Jenner, C Martin, T Shaw, Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Clerk

Apologies

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Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome and introduction to the Community Board

The Chairman welcomed members and guests to the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

3 Declarations of Interest

None.

4 Spotlight on local charities and how they link in with their local community

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton

Stephen Green, Trustee at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, informed the Community Board of the steps the centre had taken to work more closely with the local community. Working with John Knox, Chairman of Quainton Parish Council, the railway centre had developed relationships with other organisations who could benefit from the site. As of this meeting, the café had longer opening times from Monday to Friday, to allow local residents to use the centre as a social meeting point and to reduce isolation. The car park had also been utilised to reduce congestion from a nearby building site, as the café provides food to the builders.

It was identified that the centre was aiming to diversify its usage, by working with the Community Board to develop schemes such as a lending library and repair café. Mr Green explained that their volunteers were highly skilled and had agreed to donate an extra day to help these projects. Moreover, the centre had developed a disused railway carriage with the intent of starting a pop-up hairdressers. It was also discussed that the centre was working with bus companies to allow buses to use the car park as a turning point.

Haddenham Village Hall Repair Café

Tim Shaw was in attendance to present an overview of the Haddenham Repair Café. The Community Board were informed of their aim to reduce and mitigate impact of climate change and environmental degradation through education and raising awareness in local community. It was explained that the Repair Café was part of a larger initiative, Zero-Carbon Haddenham, which runs other projects including ReLEAF, whose goal was to double the amount of tree cover in the parish over the next 10 years.

It was noted that the Repair Café had the purpose to keep broken items out of landfill, by encouraging repairing rather than replacing. This was to help reduce waste and unnecessary consumption. The café was started in January 2020 however, was shut due to COVID-19. They transferred operations to a virtual café and individuals were able to book repairs through their website. They returned to a physical café towards the end of 2021 and held monthly meetings on the first Saturday of the month. Members noted the aims of the café to increase advertisements, build the volunteer team, invest in a card payment machine for donations, and to become financially self-sustaining. The presentation slides referred to in this meeting would be appended to these minutes.

In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that this was an initiative that could be rolled out across the Community Board area, if partners were willing to get involved. Mr Shaw agreed that he would be willing to share the experiences and knowledge of setting up a repair café with other interested parties. Members were informed that the Community Board was working closely with the Waste Prevention Team to provide strategic oversight and to coordinate similar activities across the area. It was suggested that the Community Board help develop a system to repair

items to be passed on. Facilities such as Haddenham.net and the Love Crendon Facebook Group were noted as being existing hub to pass on items. In regard to how the Community Board could help other than funding, it was mentioned that publicity and advertising of these projects would be useful.

Responding to a query on insurance, Mr Shaw informed the Board that specialist insurance companies that understand the concept of a repair café could offer an insurance package designed for such initiatives. It was mentioned that Andrew Jenkins, Waste Prevention Team Leader, was developing a group-buying scheme for insurance. It was explained that the repair café was in discussion with the insurance company to clarify whether they would have to undertake Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) regularly.

Haddenham Community Library

Robyn Cooke informed the Community Board of the Haddenham Community Library and the presentation referenced in the meeting would be appended to these minutes. It was noted that the library was located in the heart of Haddenham, serving local villages including Haddenham, Stone, Dinton, Cuddington, and Long Crendon. The Public Library Service was linked with the Buckinghamshire Council Library Services, providing a Council Access Point to support the community and help to access Council resources. It was explained that the library service was run by volunteers and had welcomed Duke of Edinburgh volunteers to provide an insight into what young people would like to see in a library service.

Following on from COVID-19, the library had been focusing on re-engaging with the growing community, providing fully accessible services, and lifelong learning through computers, books, and other resources. Emphasis had been placed on re-building the library's visibility within the community and maintaining relevance, as refurbishment had been planned to make the library more inviting and modern. Members were informed that the library had been growing as a community hub for people to meet, connect, and overcome social isolation. It was noted that Councillor Greg Smith had been using the library as a venue to hold monthly meetings. Activities such as 'Knit and Natter' and knitting for junior schools had also been restarted.

The Community Board were informed that the library aimed to develop partnerships with other local initiatives and organisations. Local schools were already utilising the library's facilities and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) were using the library as a venue to meet in a quieter and private environment. The Haddenham Library welcomed the Community Board to utilise the library as a community venue. In response to a query into how the library sources its books, it was explained that the community library had an agreement with the county library service to supply the computer system and a majority of their books. The county system ensures that all community libraries share their books, allowing for a changing representative of books on the shelves. The Haddenham Library also had its own book budget, to

allow it to buy its own copies of popular publications to better serve the local community. Stephen Green, Trustee at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, explained that the site had an excess of donated books and offered to contribute to the library.

5 Review of 2021-22

Councillor Ashley Waite, Chair of the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board, explained that the aim was to increase the volume, diversity and geography of applications. Elaine Hassall encouraged applicants to gather photographs of the projects once completed, update the Community Board, and to potentially create a launch event with Buckinghamshire Councillors. Overall, 31 projects had been funded within the 2021/22 financial year. The presentation referred to in this meeting would be appended to these minutes. Some points to highlight were:

- The Ashendon's Wild Aylesbury Vale Project to increase biodiversity through tree / shrub planting, bird boxes, and wood piles. Elaine Hassall introduced the concept of an open wildlife garden event, with the emphasis on creating spaces to encourage wildlife through wormeries and compost heaps. Residents and local groups were encouraged to get in contact with the Community Board.
- Stone Café in the Park which benefitted from a large griddle plate, warmer, shirts, and aprons purchased with help from the Community Board. The commercial equipment helped to deal with the demand.
- Restoration of Chearsley's Stockwell Pond

6 New community board projects for 2022

Councillor Ashley Waite notified the Members of new community board projects for 2022 including:

- The Library of Things. It was noted that the Community Board had been working with the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre in Quainton to provide space for the project. Next steps were to approve the funding application to help with establishment costs and setting up a task and finish group to help with the launch of the project. Emphasis was placed on promotion and advertising to help with the growth plan moving forward, as well as communication with local residents to identify useful items. Members were encouraged to contact Elaine Hassall to get involved.
- Discussions to establish a pilot programme with schools to get children involved in the work of the Community Board. It was proposed that they devise a project to benefit the surrounding area and possibly attend future Community Board meetings.
- Community Benches

In the discussion that followed, it was confirmed that the software package to be utilised by the Library of Things would enable the library to lend items on behalf of a third party. Concerns were raised about the carbon footprint of the project if residents had to travel to a singular point to collect items. It was explained that the

project would start out small until the viability could be assessed however, the benefits of a community pick-up mobile van and a virtual library were noted.

7 Community Board and Funding update

Elaine Hassall introduced the item and informed Members of the 11 projects that had been supported since the last meeting in November. It was noted that the online funding applications had closed and would likely re-open in April. The following points were highlighted:

- As of this meeting, £55,265 of the budget was remaining to be allocated to complete projects. Deducting applications still being processed, £3,297 of the budget remained. It was proposed that this be allocated to youth and school work.
- Projects to be deferred to the 2022/23 budget included the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre - Play park and New York Subway Café and the Community Benches.
- The 2022-23 Transport for Bucks projects awaiting costs to then be circulated to the Community Board including Upper Winchenden traffic calming, which was on hold pending discussion at the Highways Action Group.
- It was suggested that speed reduction projects be proposed to the Community Board Highways Action Group to help develop applications. These projects usually come with large feasibility study costs and it was important to narrow the scope for a more targeted approach.

8 Community Matters

Councillor Ashley Waite, Chair, informed Members that the Transport Strategy Team were not undertaking work to investigate the feasibility of the route between Long Crendon to Thame. The development and delivery of a route such as this would require external funding and liaison with third party landowners and partners, including the Oxfordshire County Council due to the cross county boarder. Recent information from central government in the form of cycle infrastructure designs had recommended that routes be separated from main roads, high volumes, and speed where possible. The Buckinghamshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) was the government endorsed approach to developing walking and cycling networks. This county-wide plan identified priority walking and cycling routes for the council area and identify which routes were prioritised for investment. The LCWIP would engage with community boards to identify key walking and cycling aspirations.

Regarding the Burnwood Bus food donations, Member noted that food banks were witnessing a decreasing amount of donations and subsequently stock, despite the rise in demand. Councillor Ashley Waite called for individuals to get in touch to volunteer to collect donations, identify more locations to collect from, and to help promote the project.

9 Date of next meeting

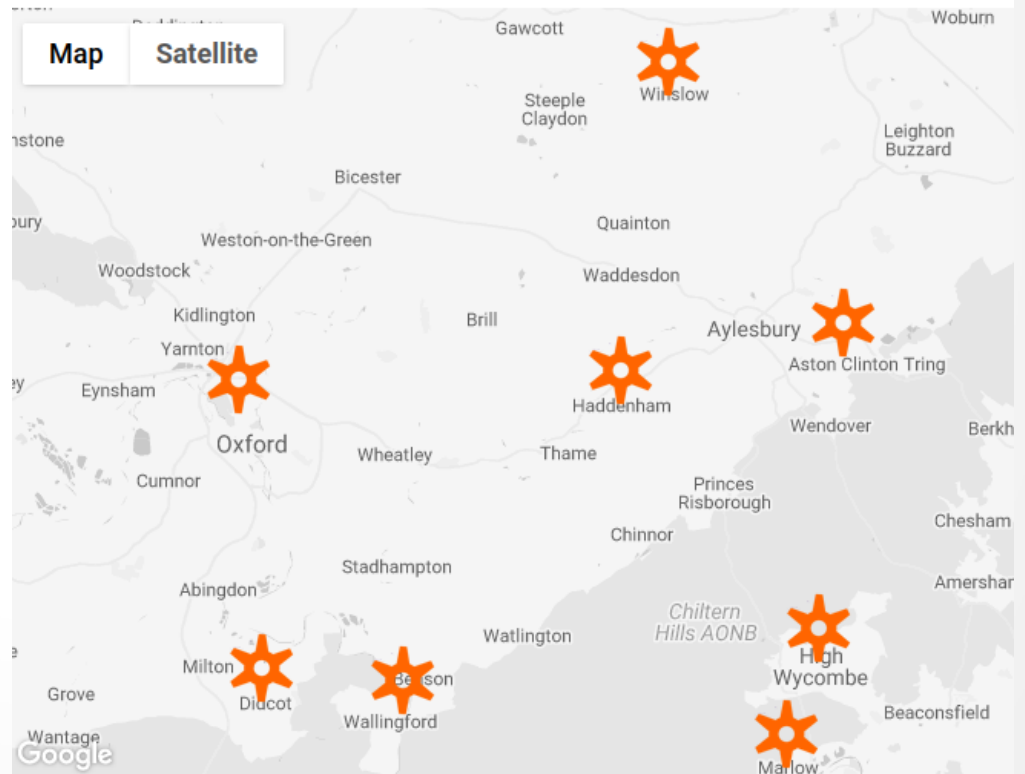
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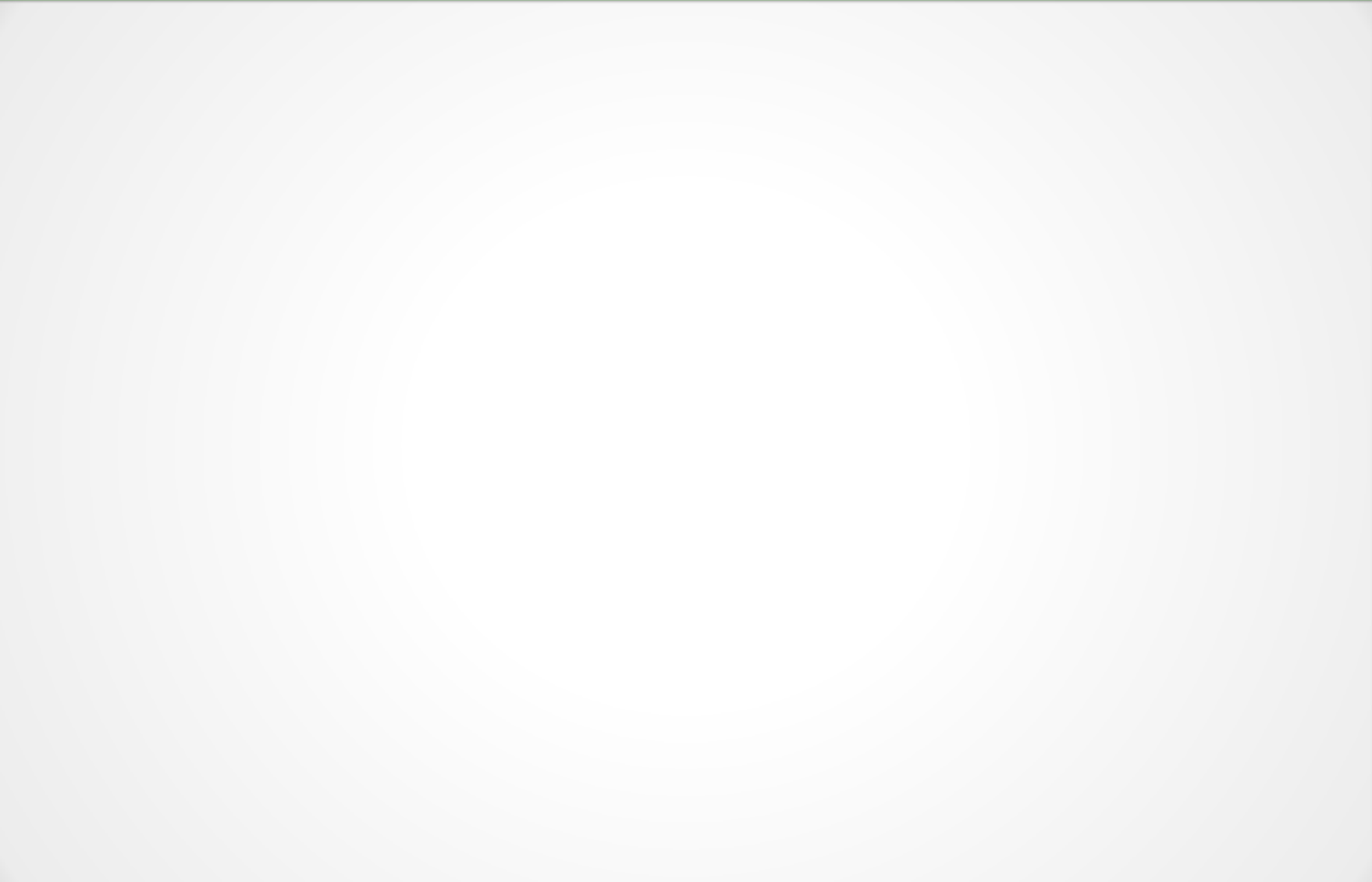
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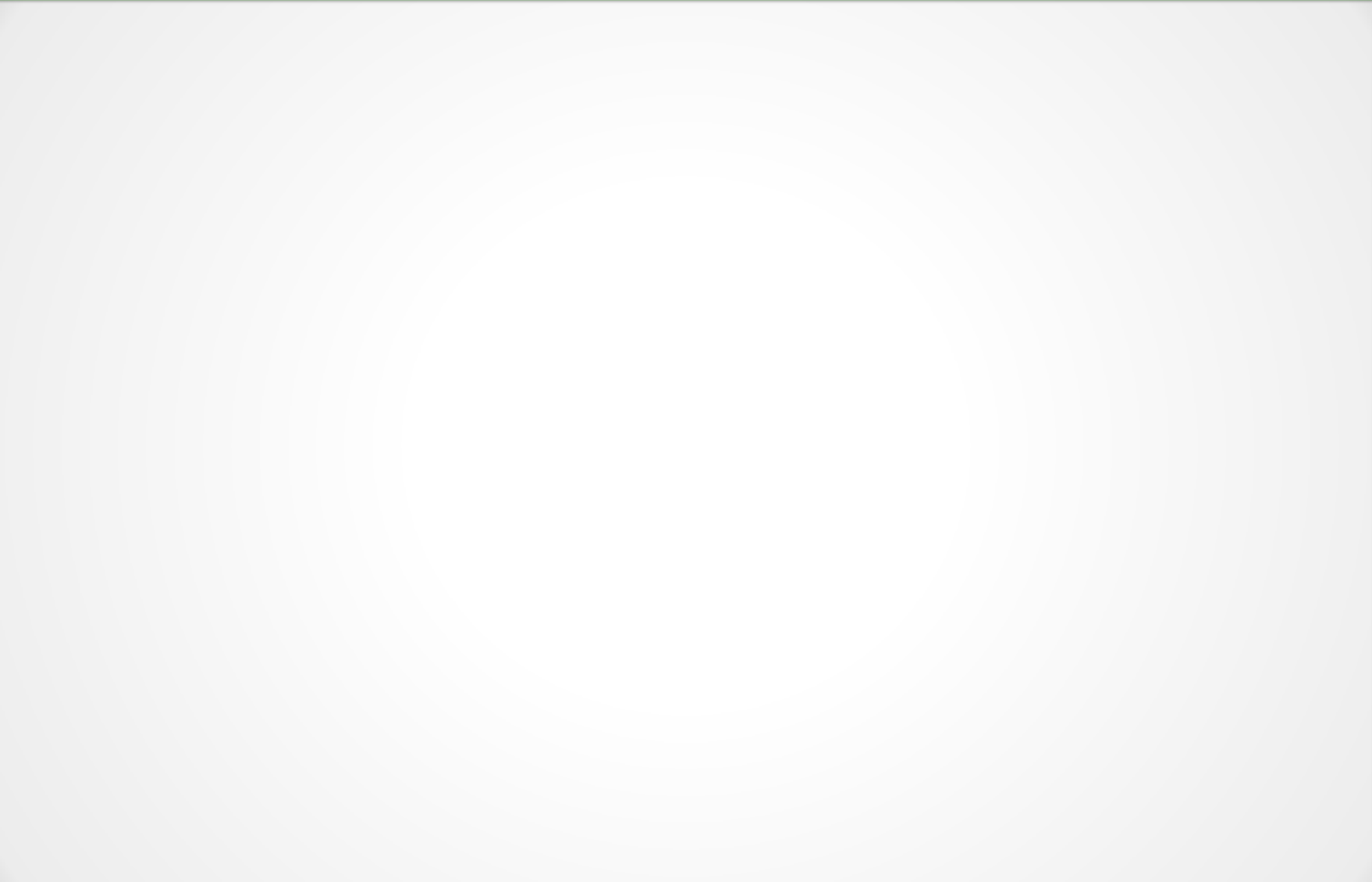
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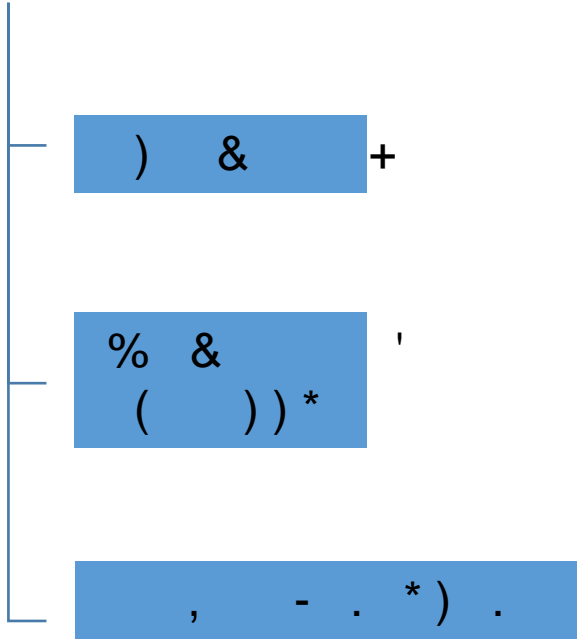
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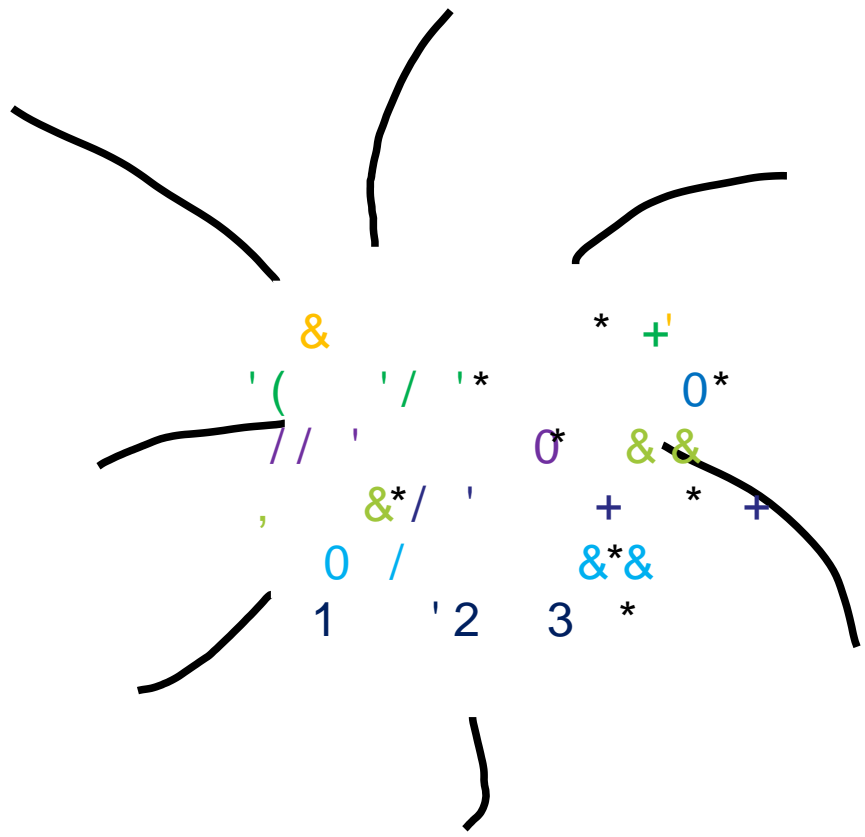
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