



## Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board held on Thursday 30 November 2023 in Waddesdon Community Centre, HP18 0LX (Frederick St, Waddesdon).

### **BC Councillors present**

A Waite (Chairman), S Lewin, M Rand and G Smith

### **Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present**

Aston Sandford Parish Council, Chearsley Parish Council, Edgcott Parish Council, Grendon Underwood Parish Council, Haddenham Parish Council, Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council and Waddesdon Parish Council

### **Others in attendance**

E Hassall (Buckinghamshire Council), A Jenner (Buckinghamshire Council), C Bloxham and R Ichim (Resident of Berryfields)

### **Apologies**

P Gomm, J Jordan, I Macpherson, Sue Pusey (Westcott Parish Council) and Alan Thawley (Haddenham Parish Council)

### **Agenda Item**

- 1 Chairman's Welcome and Introduction to the Community Board.**  
Cllr Ashley Waite welcomed everyone to the meeting. Elaine Hassell gave an overview of the meeting agenda and went through housekeeping.
- 2 Notes from the 14 September 2023 Meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were approved as a correct record.
- 3 Declarations of Interest**  
None.
- 4 Workshop on Community Board Priorities**  
Members were asked to review a Community Board priority each and explore ideas about how to drive them forward focusing on what is important to each parish.

## Highlights

- **Road Safety**- focus on cycleways, improved buses, driving Community Speedwatch
- **Health & Wellbeing/Cost of Living**- focus on older people with specialist needs- concerns about pavements and risk of falls. Haddenham to Thame cycleway. Foodbank activity still taking place, Wednesday club in Haddenham- is there a need to do more of this type of activity? (including community transport). Cllr Ashley Waite highlighted that the Bernie Bus model can be expanded but volunteers are needed. Areas of poverty in board area- how to think about using greater resources to help people identify and get their homes insulated. Idea raised how streetlights could be run on solar power. Idea to do bike repair café.
- **Environment**- Community Orchard currently taking place in Waddesdon, Berryfields looking at reducing litter, prevention of graffiti (how to work with young people through workshops etc). Opportunity to ask young people what they would want.

**Action:** Elaine will collate the feedback and share with all.

**Action:** All who have highlighted road issues to report on Fix My Street- [FixMyStreet \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet).

**Action:** All to contact Cllr Ashley Waite if interested in getting involved in an environment and cost of living/energy roadshow. The Buckinghamshire Railway Centre has offered its space free of charge at the end of February 2024.

**Action:** Elaine to speak to youth team re Youth Ambassadors project.

## 5 Community Board Update

Elaine showcased some of the Community Board activity since the September meeting.

She attended the Haddenham Community Fair on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September to promote the Community Board, this event was well attended and was a good way for the local community to publicise what it offers to new and existing residents. One comment about starting up Walking Cricket for the over 60's is currently being explored with a delivery partner.

Haddenham Community Greengrocers launched in October. The shop has paid and volunteer staff and moving forward is looking to source more local produce.

Haddenham Parish Council hosted the Bucks Community Energy event in October. Cllr Sue Lewis felt this event was valuable. The Community Board environment and cost of living event will look to take the best practice from various similar events being held around the county.

Brill Village Common herd of cows won a Kings Award for voluntary service!

At the September board meeting, it was raised that more support was needed to understand the needs of older people. A Task and Finish group meeting took place to look for local ideas and Elaine has been visiting older people groups in Haddenham, Brill and Waddesdon to chat with members and find out their needs and how they are getting back to normality since Covid. A pilot project is currently being scoped.

Digital inclusion has been a big issue with older people groups – some are confident and have family members to support them and others find it a challenge when they cannot navigate services online. Elaine is looking at how the Community Board can support this. Cllr Ashley Waite highlighted that the Communities Select Committee are also looking into this.

**Action:** all board members to suggest existing groups that may wish to take up digital inclusion sessions.

Elaine highlighted projects that the board has financially supported (see page 15 of presentation)

## **6 Community Matters (opportunity for residents and members to raise pre-submitted issues and public questions)**

Regina Ichim, Berryfields Resident, was asked to provide some comments on her first experience of attending her local parish council meeting.

Regina fed back that communication is important, and this can be challenging. The Parish Council (PC) are trying to promote themselves locally and reach out to all residents. Regina has a WhatsApp group with other members of her street and would like to expand this and then feedback comments to the parish council. She highlighted that a lot of Berryfields residents are new to the area and were not aware of the PC or what they were responsible for. She said Berryfields felt safe, but speeding traffic and lack of parking is an issue. The PC did investigate a welcome pack for new residents and are going to revisit how they promote what the responsibilities are of the PC and BC. She felt notice boards were useful as another means of knowing what was happening and currently there was only 1 notice board in the whole of Berryfields.

Berryfields is a young/new area. Berryfields PC have set up a speeding/parking/traffic group to look at problems and solutions. It enables residents to be heard and to share with residents what is realistic and achievable. Engagement has so far been positive.

Rural Business- Cllr Ashley Waite highlighted his passion to support rural businesses, pubs, garages but anyone that is operating a service (perhaps from home). Cllr Ashley Waite asked the board for their views on supporting local businesses. There were around 82 businesses on Westcott Venture Park alone.

Jane Perks from Waddesdon highlighted a business hub idea that is being developed for Waddesdon where local businesses are asked how they feel they can be supported locally. She is happy to offer support to other board members on the setting up of one.

Michael Heybrook supported the idea and its importance. Buckinghamshire exports graduates to other areas but wondered how Westcott is or could attract local graduates to retain our young people locally.

Cllr Ashley Waite highlighted that this would fit in to the Bucks Business First strategy.

The following questions were submitted in advance.

1. Nick Morgan – clerk to Aston Sandford Parish Council raised that the PC has received a notification that a single track, no through road into the village would be closed for 2 days in November for roadworks resulting in residents and businesses not being able to use their cars. The intended roadworks did not take place and the PC and residents were not informed.

Elaine had obtained an initial response from the Streetworks Team that the works were cancelled, to be rescheduled owing to the amount of rainfall and that updates are provided on [One Network](#) which is the UK cloud-based map that all local authorities use to alert residents to roadworks, diversions and road closures. Nick felt this response was inadequate and that One. Network did not reflect the status of activity on the road.

**Action:** Elaine has gone back to the Highways Service for a further response. Cllr Michael supported the escalation of a response to this issue.

Nick also commented that Streetworks alerts do not have the location in the title, which would be useful for PCs to know if they are relevant or not before opening them.

**Action:** Elaine to feedback to Streetworks team.

Cllr Michael Rand fed back on the progress of the new Highways Contract and that following an injection of £5 the number of roadwork gangs had gone up from 5, 12 months ago to 12 gangs. Utility companies are permitted to close a road with an emergency application if they get the application in for a diversion within 2 hours of starting work. He however accepted that the online mapping side of things was still catching up with the amount of work taking place on the network.

2. Colin Bloxham from Thame Green living, asked about the state of maintenance of rural tarmacked footpaths between villages alongside roads. He felt many were overgrown and rutted and unusable for pedestrians, mobility scooters and bicycles and asked whether a tiny fraction of the roads' maintenance budget could be used to support walking, wheeling and cycling and whether an inventory of rural paths could lead to a monitored maintenance programme.

Elaine obtained the following response from the Highways Service prior to the meeting.

Tarmac in urban settings is inspected in line with our Highways Inspection Policy and we encourage any defects identified to be reported [on Fix My Street](#). We have no overall capital improvement programme for funding for improving the urban footway network and any resurfacing is carried out in line with Member decision on a four-year rolling programme that identifies the most required areas.

It was generally felt at the meeting that all the parishes present, had some issues with communication from the Highways service. They were advised that the service was reviewed by Councillors and asked if recommendations were implemented.

Cllr Ashley Waite advised that the challenge is that there isn't a budget for patching of footpaths. Defects are inspected and dealt with as part of a rolling programme. Cllr Ashley Waite was currently working with the Council at finding funding for the A418.

3. Cllr Greg Smith asked about Active Travel. His first question was regarding the Council's performance indicator for this, which he felt was inadequate. This question had been passed to the Strategic Transport Team to comment on.

Elaine responded by email prior to the meeting with what the Community Board was doing in this respect, which was:

- a. Launching a school road safety speed awareness poster competition in the Spring. Participating schools would be encouraged to work towards their school travel plan.
- b. Working with the Climate Change Team to provide idling monitors outside some of our schools. We are currently waiting for the results of this pilot.
- c. To hold an Environmental and Cost of living event in the Spring. A date of Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre had been booked. This would encompass active travel.

His second question was on progress with the Haddenham – Thame Greenway and asked when we could expect to have a decision on this.

The Transport Strategy Team is in the process of compiling data on which routes to take forward as part of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan. A public consultation would begin in Spring 2024.

**7 Topics for Future Consideration**

Not discussed due to time.

**8 Date of Next Meeting**

TBA



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- 1 Chairs introduction**
  - Apologies for absence
  - Notes from last meeting
  - Declarations of interest
- 2 Priorities workshop**
- 3 Community Board update**
- 4 Community Matters update**
- 5 Topics for future consideration**
- 6 Date of next meeting**
- 7 Meeting close**



Welcome from the Community Board  
Chairman - Cllr Ashley Waite



## Community Board Haddenham and Waddesdon

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33, 000 residents

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Buckinghamshire Councillor			Ward	CB parish covered			
	Phil Gomm		Jilly Jordan		Iain Macpherson	Great Brickhill	Quainton
	Michael Rand		Frank Mahon			Grendon Underwood	Boarstall, Brill, Chilton, Dorton, Edgcott, Grendon Underwood, Kingswood, Ludgershall, Marsh Gibbon, Oakley, Poundon, Woodham, Wotton Underwood



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Buckinghamshire Councillor		Ward	CB parish covered
 Nic Brown	 Greg Smith	Bernwood	Aston Sandford, Chearsley, Haddenham, Ickford, Kingsey, Long Crendon, Shabbington, Worminghall
 Paul Irwin	 Mick Caffrey	Stone & Waddesdon	Ashendon, Berryfields, Cuddington, Dinton, Ford, Fleet Marston, Nether Winchendon, Bishopstone, Stone, Upper Winchendon, Waddesdon, Westcott
 Sue Lewin	 Ashley Waite		

Below – Haddenham Community Fair  
on Saturday 14th September

There was a good turnout of local residents as well as those from surrounding villages. Lots of great discussions with residents and groups. Well done to the organisers Haddenham Village Society. Photos below  
<https://www.haddenham.net/p/galleries.html>. Elaine is pictured below with local resident Karen Lock.



Below – Haddenham Community Greengrocers

The Community Board was happy to help support and celebrate the launch of Haddenham Greengrocers  
<https://www.facebook.com/BloomingFruity/> which has become a community owned enterprise and on Friday 13th October the Action Group opened the doors of the shop and held a launch event for investors and donors . Left: a group photo including the team, who will be running the shop together with Cllr Greg Smith and Right: Dianne and Colin Brackley, action group members. There are exciting plans for the future of the shop, which includes promoting local suppliers. We'll keep you posted!





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Congratulations to Brill Village Community Herd Ltd <https://www.brillherd.co.uk/> for receiving a King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) conserving Brill Common to benefit both the environment and community through caring for cattle grazing on the common.



Clr Sue Lewin and Alan Thawley from [Haddenham Parish Council - Bucks](#) at the <https://buckscommunityenergy.org/energy-efficient-homes.../> event on Sunday 1st October at Haddenham Pavillion.

BCE has been working with Buckinghamshire Council and specialist energy consultants for schools, ReEnergise, to advise on ways to reduce the carbon footprint and energy costs of 7 community buildings in the north of the county.  
[buckscommunityenergy.org/projects-2/](https://buckscommunityenergy.org/projects-2/)



Thanks to a CB small grant, Waddesdon Cricket Club has a new portable practice cage enabling members and local schools to practice on grass.

All Saints' Church, Brill at Memory Lane Cafe, dementia friendly and open to all from 11-12.30 pm every Monday. Tea, cake and great conversation. Kit Mockett (below left) shared his love of wood working - A large range of practical and beautifully hand-crafted items in a variety of woods all made by the man himself! Below right - two regulars of the cafe sampling some homemade cakes!



Bucks Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers marked Heritage Open Days at Haddenham Village Hall on Sunday 17th September. The Guild meets at the village hall the 3rd Sunday of the month from 11am-4 pm. All welcome. For £5 you can learn a new skill and enjoy tea, coffee and cake! The Guild is happy to attend community events and regularly works with schools.





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Up and coming events

Buckinghamshire Adult Learning is delivering

**SKILLS FOR LIFE**  
Multiply

**FREE courses & workshops  
IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE\***

**Christmas Cooking on a Budget**

Would you like the chance to learn some simple ideas for cooking inexpensive Christmas delicious meals (ingredients included)

2nd November - 14th December  
Tuesdays 12:30pm - 15:00pm

Quarrendon Adult Learnice Centre  
9 Holman Street, Aylesbury HP19 9LJ

\*Eligibility criteria apply. Multiply is a government-funded programme to help adults (aged 19+) living or working in Buckinghamshire who do not already have a GCSE in Maths at grade C (or equivalent) improve their numeracy skills.

**Find out more and book your FREE place**

- 07770 802497 (call or text)
- multiply@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- adultlearningbc.ac.uk/multiply

**OPPORTUNITY SUCCEEDING  
BUCKS FOR ALL**

Buckinghamshire Adult Learning **Funded by UK Government**

**EYAI Community Café**  
Enhancing Young Adults Independence

**At Stone Village hall**

**Fridays 1pm to 4pm**  
Term time only

Refreshments, snacks  
and family table activities

**ALL WELCOME**

CHARITY NO: 1195406

**SOCIAL PRESCRIBING**

What is it?

Recommended by your Doctor to help overall wellbeing

Social prescribing is..... connecting people to sources of help and support within the community

Carer Role Issues  
Worried about Money Issues  
No Social Support  
Feeling Isolated or Alone  
BEREAVEMENT  
OVERWHELMED STRESSED  
Housing Issues

Ask your Surgery About

**PHOENIX HEALTH PCN SOCIAL PRESCRIBING TEAM**

We support patients across our practices:

- Cross Keys Practice – Princes Risborough and Chinnor
- Haddenham Medical Centre
- Unity Health – Brill, Long Crendon, Thame, Chinnor and Princes Risborough



**Projects supported  
since April 2023**

Scheme name	Organisation	Structure VCS/Parish/TfB	CB Priority	Corporate Priority
Waddesdon and Westcott churches WIFI	St Michael and all Angels	VCS	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Ukrainian workshops	Stephen Spender charity	VCS	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Worminghall Village Hall toilet block refurbishment	Worminghall Village Hall	parish	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Brill Training Aids for Defibrillator	Brill PC	Parish	Health & wellbeing	Protecting the vulnerable
Quainton Pub	Community Action Group	VCS	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities.
Secondary Schools Supergirl's STEM project	Aylesbury Youth For Christ	VCS	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Waddesdon Horticultural Society Outreach tables	Waddesdon Horticultural Society	VCS	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Waddesdon Cricket Club Intergenerational Pools and Games Club	Waddesdon Cricket Club	VCS	Health & wellbeing	Strengthening our communities
Waddesdon Greenway Heritage Orchard	Waddesdon Parish Council	parish	The Environment	Improving our environment

# Issues with speeding – how the CB can help

- Fund a speed survey - £550 per location or a Speed Limit Assessment, costing £1,005 (inc VAT)
- Join Community Speedwatch (TVP free initiative) where local volunteers work with their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. Those exceeding the speed limit are contacted with a letter. Repeat offenders can receive a visit from the police. This initiative has a success rate of over 94%.
- Work with local schools – CB 2024 campaign: speed awareness school poster competition open to all schools in the CB area.

Where data suggests speeding is an issue:

View the Buckinghamshire Highways toolkit and discuss with your local Member and the Community Board Manager whether other options are appropriate and can be funded.


The toolkit can be accessed here: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/buckinghamshire-highways-community-board-guidance-document/>

Please also be aware of updated MVAS criteria here- [Request installation of an electronic road sign | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Contact your Local Area Technician for advice.



# Next Community Board meeting



Community Board  
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You are warmly invited to our main meetings to be held in person. All meetings start at 6.30 pm.

Thursday 14th September 2023 at Chearsley Village Hall. HP18 ODP


Thursday 30th November 2023 at Waddesdon Community Centre. HP18 ONR

Thursday 15th February 2024 at Haddenham Village Hall. HP17 8EE

*The sky's the limit when it comes to what we can achieve together*

*Light refreshments provided.*

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# Thank you!

Next meeting date : Thursday 15th February 2024 at Haddenham.

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September 2023 Update from BC for CBs

## **Local Plan – progress and next steps**

The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (LP4B) provides a major opportunity to shape the growth of Buckinghamshire over the next 15 years and beyond. It will identify areas for new housing and employment, while also designating areas for protection and enhancement, such as our valued landscapes, natural habitats and heritage.

Earlier this year we carried out a public engagement survey on the draft vision and objectives for the LP4B. We received about 700 responses to the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Vision and Objectives which we are in the process of analysing and considering.

We have now published an [interactive map and basic details](#) of the 1,000 or so sites which were submitted in response to our two Calls for Brownfield Sites and our Wider Call for Sites. We are assessing these sites for their suitability, availability and achievability (including viability) to accommodate development. This work will help us to shape the first Buckinghamshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

Our next local plan public engagement work is likely to take place in early 2024, subject to Cabinet approval. This will be on possible high-level growth scenarios for the spatial distribution of new development to meet assessed levels of housing and employment need.

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## **Cost of Living update**

### **Community Food Chain Campaign**

The Helping Hand team has recently launched the Community Food Chain Campaign which aims to increase public food bank donations and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities available at local food support organisations. You can find out more here – <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/community-food-chain/>

If you would be interested in finding out how you can support this campaign please contact Hannah Tomlin, Food Lead Co-ordinator, Helping Hand Team – [hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **Helping Hand team/ MEAM referrals**

The Helping Hand team has identified a cohort of residents who are within Opportunity Bucks areas and have made a high number of applications for support from the team. With their agreement, these residents have been referred on to our Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Team who can offer intensive support to develop a better understanding of the challenges these residents are facing and help to connect them with additional services who can further support them.

### **Welcoming Spaces**

There are locations throughout the county, including Buckinghamshire libraries and community venues such as churches and halls, that have continued to offer a Welcoming Space to residents throughout the summer months.

Now that we are moving into autumn we are looking at ways in which Welcoming Spaces can again offer residents warm and friendly places to go and meet with others this coming winter. More information on resources and guidance for setting up a Welcoming Space will be available shortly.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact Laura Davies, Operations Manager, [laura.davies@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:laura.davies@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **Energy Doctor**

Buckinghamshire Council has introduced a new Energy Doctor scheme as one of the initiatives funded by its allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Under the scheme, domestic resource efficiency officers are visiting qualifying homes to assess and advise on measures that can reduce energy consumption and costs.

The team also installs suitable low-cost measures in homes such as draught proofing, hot water cylinder insulation jackets, reflective radiator panels, secondary glazing film and LED lights.

To qualify for an Energy Doctor visit, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- They rent the property through a private rental agreement, or own and live in the property
- The household has an income of £30,000 or less (before tax), is in receipt of means-tested benefits such as Universal Credit and Council Tax Support, or a member of the household is disabled
- The domestic property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G, or does not legally require an EPC

To find out more about the Energy Doctor scheme, and to request a visit, go to the [council's website](#).

### **Revenues and Benefits**

Council tax collection remains on target despite obvious pressures in the community and as a result additional funding is being made available to the discretionary housing payment fund to support residents who may have one-off difficulties preventing them paying their rent.

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## **Buckinghamshire Council consultations**

Current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

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