

Minutes of the meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 January 2022

at 6:00 p.m. in Hulcott Church

Present:

Councillors Andrew Harper (Chairman), Peter Fenton-O’Creedy (Vice-Chairman), Heather Green, Ian Pleeth, Deborah O’Brien (Parish Clerk) and Brendan Dolan – Co-option candidate

25. Apologies:

Cllr Roberts submitted her apologies and reasons which were accepted.

26. Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests:

Cllrs Fenton-O’Creedy, Green, Harper & Pleeth declared a potential pecuniary interest in agenda item 8.1.3 relating to the application for a solar farm (20/00779/APP) (Owners of property in the village). In order for business to be conducted, a dispensation to participate was requested under section 31(4) of section 33 of the Localism Act. This was granted and signed by the Proper Officer.

27. Co-option of Councillors

Two candidates have submitted themselves for consideration for co-option. Brendan Dolan was proposed and seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED** elected as a co-opted member. Cllr Dolan signed his acceptance of office and submitted his register of interests to the Clerk. Bill Garrad was proposed and seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED** elected as a co-opted member. (Cllr Garrad was not in attendance but submitted his acceptance of office and register of interests to the Clerk on 18th January). Clerk to submit registers of interests to the Electoral Services department at Buckinghamshire Council.

28. Approval of the Minutes:

RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the meeting HPC/02/2122 held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 were a true record and they were signed and dated by Cllr. Harper, Chairman.

29. Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED to re-appoint Mrs Melanie Rose as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2021-22, to conduct the Accountability and Governance review at a fee of £25.00

30. Budget for 2022/23

Members reviewed the draft budget as submitted and **RESOLVED** to approve it.

31. Precept request for 2022/23

Having approved the 2022/23 budget, it was **RESOLVED** to make a precept request in the amount of £4,200.00. Clerk to formally make the request to Buckinghamshire Council.

32. Planning

32.1 New applications

RESOLVED to ratify the following planning applications which were considered under Delegated Powers (Councillors were consulted and the Clerk responded to the Planning Department):

- 21/03644/APP | Mini golf and additional car parking | Aylesbury Golf Centre Ltd – NO OBJECTION, although concerns were raised regarding need for additional parking
- 21/04220/AGN | Erection of agricultural storage building | Instant Landscapes Red Oak Farm – OBJECTION, however, subsequently approved by AVA

Members then reviewed new plans and documentation submitted relating to:

- 20/00779/APP | Ground mounted solar farm with DNO substation, point of connection, ancillary infrastructure and associated works, landscape planting and access tracks | Hale Farm – **RESOLVED** to renew objection on size and scale of site, visual amenity, impact on Conservation Area, non-compliance with VALP renewable energy policy C3. Clerk to summarise comments and submit to Councillors for final review before submission to the planning portal. Clerk to also notify opted-in (e-mail) residents of new plans.

32.2 Decisions made by AVA Planning Department:

Members noted:

- 21/03189/COUAR | Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of agricultural barn into dwellinghouse (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)). | Cane End Farm – REFUSED by AVA

33. Finance

33.1 Bank Balances:

RESOLVED to note:

- Lloyds Bank £8,405.53 as of 30/11/21 (cheque 429 outstanding – to be re-issued)

33.2 Payments:

Members **RESOLVED to** agree the following payments and cheques to be issued:

- D. O'Brien - £631.60 – Salary 01/10/21 – 29/01/22 (17 wks.) + SLCC membership (£125) - cheque 436
- Lynch Garden Services - £100.00 – VG grass cutting 09/09; 27/10 – cheque 437

33.3 Income received:

RESOLVED to note none received

33.4 Bank Mandate:

Members noted that Cllrs Harper & Fenton-O'Creedy have been added to the mandate.

34. Parish Council business

34.1 Village Green mowing

RESOLVED that Lynch Garden Services are to be re-appointed for 2022 season at £55/cut. Proof of liability insurance has been supplied.

34.2 Tree inspections

Members noted that Cllr Pleeth will try to obtain quotes from 3 arboriculturalists.

34.3 Flooding & Mitigation

Bucks Council has a plan to address the problem which involves extending the drainage. Clerk to follow-up with the design engineer and LAT to confirm the way forward and a time frame.

34.4 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5 June 2022

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no plans for activities.

34.5 Stile gates

Cllr Fenton-O'Creedy investigating if any further gates need replacing and to approach the Griffin Trust to enquire about further funding. At least 5 other stiles/gates need replacing, subject to landowners' agreement. Costs are estimated in the region of £2,000. Cllr Fenton-O'Creedy to discuss with the Ramblers.

34.6 20's plenty campaign

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will not pursue.

35. Date of next meetings – Hulcott Parish Council:

Members noted:

- Tuesday 15 March 2022 Parish Church 6 p.m. (Date to be confirmed)

Signed:

Chairman

Date: