

Minutes of the meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 April 2022

at 6:00 p.m. in Hulcott Church

Present:

Councillors Andrew Harper (Chairman), Peter Fenton-O'Creevy (Vice-Chairman), Bill Garrad (arr. 6:15); Heather Green, Ian Pleeth, Deborah Roberts; Deborah O'Brien (Parish Clerk) and Buckinghamshire Cllr Bill Chapple OBE

40. Apologies:

Cllr Dolan did not attend.

41. Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

42. Approval of the Minutes:

RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the meetings HPC/03/2122 held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 and HPC/04/2122 held on Thursday 17th February were a true record and they were signed and dated by Cllr. Harper, Chairman.

43. Parish Council Business

43.1 Flooding and drainage mitigation

RESOLVED to note that Bucks Highway has confirmed that that all works will be covered by their insurance and risk assessments and full reinstatement of the Village Green will be made upon completion of works. Road closure notices will be sent in advance. The Design engineer has now advised that work may not commence until May.

43.2 Damaged verge on Hulcott Lane

Members noted that a request has been made to Highways to repair this area at the same time as VG reinstatement.

43.3 Tree Inspections

Three quote requests have been made. **RESOLVED to accept** the quote from Ligna Tree Consultancy to conduct an inspection at a cost of £404 + VAT. Clerk to request sight of liability insurance and Cllr Pleeth to arrange date of inspection.

43.4 Commemorative bench on Village Green

A resident has offered to supply and install a commemorative bench on the Village Green.

RESOLVED to accept subject to submission of proposal. Bench is to be located on the west side of the Green facing the Church, of hardwood construction, mounted on a concrete base and to be no larger than existing benches.

43.5 Village litter-pick

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will not organise a formal litter-pick.

43.6 Stile Gates

Cllr Fenton-O'Creevy is awaiting feedback from rRIPPLE and the Griffin Trust.

44. Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED that this will take place on 10th May, prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting. Clerk to invite reports from the PCC, police and Unitary Councillors.

45. Planning

45.1 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):

- 22/00642/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 1no. dwellinghouse (Class Q(a)) and in relation to

design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b) | Cane End Farm **RESOLVED – no objections** to application as submitted

Members noted that Bierton has submitted its Neighbourhood Plan for consultation to neighbouring communities. This will be reviewed at the next meeting on 10 May.

45.2 Decisions made by AVA Planning Department:

- None

45.3 Other planning

Members noted that the planning enforcement officer is reviewing a building being erected in relation to 19/03513/APP

46. Finance

46.1 Bank Balances:

- **RESOLVED to note:** Lloyds Bank £7,092.51 as of 31/03/22
- **FURTHER RESOLVED to accept** the year-end financial spreadsheet in preparation for audit.

46.2 Payments:

Members **RESOLVED to agree** the following payments and cheques issued between meetings under delegated powers:

- P. Fenton-O’Creedy - £111.98 – reissue of 429 (£93.32 + £18.66 VAT) bench repair – chq. 438
- All Saints - £150.00 – use of Church as a meeting room 2021-22 – chq. 439
- D. O’Brien - £314.04 – Salary 30/01/22 – 02/04/22 (9 wks net; + £27.04 2021-22 backpay at new scales) + £10.20 stamps + £14 printer ink – chq. 440
- HMRC - £5.40 – income tax March qtr – chq. 441

46.3 Income received:

RESOLVED to note none received

46.4 Internal Auditor:

Members noted that the Clerk will meet with the Internal Auditor on 25 April 2022.

46.5 VAT refund

Members noted that that form 126 has been submitted to HMRC in respect of VAT to be re-claimed for 2021-22 in the amount of £51.25.

46.6 National Salary Award

Members noted the new salary scale award for 2021-22 agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services and that this is backdated to 1 April 2021.

46.7 Insurance renewal

Members **RESOLVED to renew** the Parish Council policy with Zurich Insurance at a cost of £193.20, premium due by 1st June 2022.

47. Date of next meetings – Hulcott Parish Council:

Members noted:

- Tuesday 10 May 2022 Parish Church 6 p.m. (Annual Parish meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.)

Meeting closed at 6:30 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: