

Minutes of the meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th January 2023
at 6:00 p.m. in Hulcott Church

Present:

Councillors Andrew Harper (Chairman), Brendan Dolan, Bill Garrad, Heather Green, Ian Pleeth, Deborah Roberts and Amanda Massingham (Parish Clerk)

35.0 Apologies

Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillor Peter Fenton-O’Creedy.

36.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests

There were no declarations of interest.

37.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the meetings HPC/03/2223 held on Tuesday 27th September 2022 were a true record and they were signed and dated by Councillor Harper, Chairman.

38.0 Parish Council business

38.1 Stile Gates

Members noted the update from Councillor Fenton O’Creedy. Funds via a grant from the Griffin Trust up to a maximum of £5000 had been secured. John Chantler who is both on the Griffin Trust Committee and part of rRipple, is currently contacting all the relevant land owners, works may start as early as spring.

38.2 Gib Lane Community Fund

Members noted the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th October 2022. It was AGREED to consider funding applications the next Parish Council meeting in March. Councillor Roberts suggested that the parishioners should be consulted with regard to any celebration or recognition of the forthcoming coronation of King Charles. Some funding from the Gib Lane Fund could be requested should the parish wish this occasion to be remembered in some way. It was AGRRED that the Clerk would seek opinion from the residents and the outcome would be included on the next agenda.

38.3 Village Green Mowing

Members noted the 2023 quote including the two additional small verge islands. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation of £75 per cut for the 2023 cutting season.

38.4 To review the draft budget for 2023/24.

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

38.5 To agree the Precept request for 2023/24.

Having approved the 2023/24 budget, it was **RESOLVED** to make a precept request in the amount of £5,075.00. Clerk to formally make the request to Buckinghamshire Council.

39.0 Governance

39.1 General Power of Competence

Members NOTED that the Parish Council continues to meet the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965.

39.2 Policies

Members NOTED the recommended tracked changes from the Clerk for the Complaints Procedure, Data Protection Policy and the Publication Scheme. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the changes.

39.3 Notification of external auditor appointment for the 2022-23 financial year for the 5-year period until 2026-27

Members NOTED that the appointed auditor is PKF Littlejohn LLP for 2022-23 through to 2026-27.

39.4 To appoint the Internal Auditor 2022/23.

It was **RESOLVED** to re-appoint Mrs Melanie Rose as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2022-23, to conduct the Accountability and Governance review at a fee of £25.00.

40.0 Planning

40.1 New applications

Members reviewed new plans and documentation submitted relating to planning application: 22/04278/APP 6 Rowsham Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DZ Householder application for demolition of garage and porch. Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension. Pitched roof canopy over front door. Internal alterations. **RESOLVED** – No Objection.

40.2 Decisions made by AVA Planning Department

None at time of meeting. Members NOTED the three-planning applications that decisions are still awaited on.

40.3 Straws Hadley Solar Farm

Councillors Pleeth and Green reported that they had attended the public consultation. They were disappointed by the lack of information available and the lack of knowledge of other solar farm planning applications currently submitted. The Clerk had requested an update from the Project Developer in early January, he confirmed the site is progressing with the last phase of studies taking place, all reports will then be written up towards the end of the month and through February. At some point soon they are hopeful of attending a Parish meeting at Wingrave and Rowsham, most likely February. It was AGREED to monitor and respond formally when the planning application is submitted.

41.0 Finance

41.1 Bank Balances

RESOLVED to note:

- Lloyds Bank £6086.69 as of 03/11/2022 (statement) Councillor Harper signed and dated same.

RESOLVED to confirm:

- approval of the 2022-23 accounts YTD. Councillor Harper signed and dated same.

41.2 Payments

Members **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

- Lynch Garden Services £220 - Grass cutting 14/07, 08/09, 07/10 & 28/10 @ £55 a cut. Chq 455
- D. O'Brien – £46.00 Back Pay Salary April – September Chq 456
- HMRC – £11.40 Back Pay Tax Chq 457

41.3 Income

Members NOTED that no income had been received since the last meeting.

41.4 2022-23 National Salary Award

Members NOTED the new salary scale award for 2022-23 agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services and that this is backdated to 1 April 2022.

41.5 Lloyds Bank Mandate

RESOLVED to agree to a change of bank mandate to reflect the newly appointed Clerk as administrator and the removal of the retiring Clerk. It was NOTED that the previous form had not been actioned by Lloyds Bank, hence it was considered lost in the post.

42.0 Correspondence received for consideration:

- Aylesbury Garden Town 1 Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Extension (Nov 22) NOTED
- Wendover and Villages Community Funding Update (Dec 22) NOTED

- Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Evidence Base Settlement Review – response required by 28 Feb. NOTED, AGREED that Clerk would respond.
- Four items of correspondence from local residents/businesses NOTED

43.0 [Dates of next meetings – Hulcott Parish Council:](#)

Members **RESOLVED to** note:

- Tuesday 14 March 2023
- Tuesday 16 May 2023

The meeting closed at 6:40 p.m.

Signed: *Andrew Harper*

Chairman

Date: 14th March 2023