

Minutes of the meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th January 2025

at 6 p.m. in Hulcott Nursing Home.

Present:

Councillors Andrew Harper, Ian Pleeth, Deborah Roberts, Heather Green and Amanda Massingham (Parish Clerk).

28.0 Apologies

Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillors Peter Fenton-O'Creevy and Brendan Dolan.

29.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests

Councillors Pleeth, Roberts and O'Creevy (via e-mail) declared an interest in item 6.1 owing to the proximity of their dwellings and shared access to land for planning application 21/00033/APP.

30.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the meetings HPC/02/2425 held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 were a true record, and they were signed and dated by Cllr. Harper, Chairman.

31.0 Parish Council Business

31.1 Ditch Clearing near Footpath HUL/5/1

The Clerk reported that three companies had been contacted to quote, but only one had responded to date. It was AGREED that the matter would be deferred to the March meeting.

31.2 Gib Lane Fund

Members noted the grant award of £2140.00. The total costs to purchase the gazebos and chairs is £2272.98 net, leaving a difference of £132.98 to be paid by the Council. The VAT reclaim amount would be £454.60.

31.3 Highways Devolution Expressions of Interest 2025/26

It was **RESOLVED** not to take on any devolved services from Buckinghamshire Council.

31.4 Hulcott Annual Event 2025

Members discussed some ideas for the annual event. It was AGREED to hold the event on Monday 5th May 2025 and the residents should be asked for ideas. The clerk would send e-mail to the residents group.

31.5 To review the draft budget for 2025/26

Members reviewed the draft budget as submitted and **RESOLVED** to approve it. Councillor Harper signed and dated same.

31.6 To agree the Precept request for 2025/26

Having approved the 2025/26 budget, it was **RESOLVED** to make a precept request in the amount of £5,844.00 an increase of 3.52% that equates to an additional cost of £0.29 per band D household per month. Clerk to formally make the request to Buckinghamshire Council.

31.7 Village Green Tidy

Members agreed to advertise the village green tidy on Saturday 8th March 2025.

32.0 Governance

32.1 Policies

Members NOTED the Policy reviews due in March 2025.

32.2 To appoint the Internal Auditor 2024/25

It was **RESOLVED** to re-appoint Mrs Melanie Rose as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2024-25, to conduct the Accountability and Governance review at a fee of £30.00.

33.0 Planning

33.1 New Applications

24/03785/COUAR Manor Barns, Hulcott Change of use and conversion of existing agricultural barn into a 1no. dwelling. No Objection, but queries regarding sewage, access road and other structures on plot to be communicated to planning officer.

Members are also asked to consider any new applications that arise between issuance of the agenda and the meetings.

33.2 Decisions made by AVA Planning Department

Members NOTED that the following decisions had been made by AVA Planning department:

23/01094/APP Land to the West of Tring Road Wingrave HP22 4LN - **APPROVED** by AVA

33.3 Land for Sale - The Hulcott Estate

Members NOTED that the land had sold. Cllr Harper confirmed that he had spoken to the agent to see if the land would be sold in plots, it was confirmed that the land was sold as one plot, and the agent would not comment on who the purchaser was.

34.0 Finance

34.1 Bank Balances

RESOLVED to note:

- Lloyds Bank £9821.03 as of 3rd December 2024. Councillor Harper signed and dated same.
- Lloyds Bank £11,961.03 as of 3rd January 2025. Councillor Harper signed and dated same.

RESOLVED to confirm:

- Approval of the 2024-25 accounts YTD. Councillor Harper signed and dated same.

34.2 Payments

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

- Gazebo Shop Inv33096 2 x Gazebo's Chq489 £1295.98
- Springfield Inv322728 40 x chairs Chq490 £1431.60
- A Massingham Salary 17 weeks 6/9/24-4/1/25 plus back pay & McFee PC expenses Chq491 £556.08
- HMRC PAYE 17 Weeks 6/9/24 - 4/1/25 Chq492 £116.60

34.3 Income

RESOLVED to note: Grantscape/Gib Lane Community Fund £2140.00, deposited 24th December 2024.

34.4 Lloyds Bank

Members noted the Lloyds bank account is changing to a Community Account and will incur a monthly fee of £4.25. It was **RESOLVED** to remain banking with Lloyds for the coming election year.

34.5 2024-25 National Salary Award

Members NOTED the new salary scale award for 2024-25 agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services and that this is backdated to 1 April 2024.

35.0 Correspondence Received for Consideration

Members have been updated weekly in terms of correspondence. Noteworthy:

- Buckinghamshire Election Process Guidance and Dates

36.0 Meeting Dates

36.1 Date of next published meeting

Members **RESOLVED** to change the March meeting date from 11th to 4th March 2025.

36.2 To agree proposed meeting dates for 2025/2026

Members AGREED to confirm the 2025/26 dates at the next meeting in March 2025.

The meeting closed at 7:10pm.

Signed: *Andrew Harper*

Chairman

Date: 4th March 2025