

2024/25 Chairman's Report – 19 May 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Another relatively quiet year has passed in Hulcott, not such a bad thing, given the challenges facing the wider world.

Routine Business

A heartfelt thank you to the Hulcott Nursing Home for hosting our parish council meetings at the Nursing Home, with special thanks to Decena and her team for their ongoing support.

Parishioners

We remember Pam Masini, who passed away peacefully at home on 30 September. Pam was a pillar of our community, known for her warmth, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to Hulcott. Her tireless efforts to keep our cherished church open will never be forgotten.

Our thoughts remain with her granddaughter Neve, son-in-law Nathan and his partner, Sarah.

Councillors

We bid farewell to Peter Fenton-O'Creevy, who has served on the Parish Council since 2003.

His wise counsel and dry sense of humour will be missed.

A special acknowledgment to Bill Chappell, OBE, who retired in May after 40 years of service across Parish, Town, District, County, and Unitary Councils. Bill's contribution to Hulcott, particularly his leadership in our recent drainage project, was invaluable.

We look forward to working with his successor, Councillor Julie Ward.

We also welcome Dr. Judy White to the Parish Council and look forward to her contribution.

Finally, we extend our thanks to Brendan Dolan, who has chosen not to stand for re-election. Brendan, you will be missed.

Infrastructure & Environment

Thanks to Buckinghamshire Council, repair works were carried out on the road around the Village Green and along Cane End Lane.

A special thank you to Bill Chappell for his role in making this happen.

Planning Applications

There were no significant planning applications to consider.

Gib Lane Community Fund

We are now the proud owners of 40 chairs and two branded gazebos, purchased with funding from the Gib Lane Community Fund.

These were used at our annual event and received many admiring comments from

parishioners.

A big thank you to the trustees of the fund for making this happen.

Village Amenities

We renewed our grass-cutting contract with Lynch Gardening Services, who continue to provide excellent value.

A team of volunteers cleared out the Parish Council's shed in preparation for the arrival of the 40 new chairs and two gazebos.

In January, a Village Green clean-up took place, focusing on removing epicormic growth and general maintenance.

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed their time and effort to clear out the shed and who took part in the Village Green clean-up.

Annual Event

Our May Day event was a success, with the fish and chips van being very well received.

A big thank you to all volunteers who helped set up in the morning and pack away after the event.

Internal Audit

Our 2023/24 audit was successfully completed, with all Parish Council processes and finances reviewed by external auditor Melanie Rose. This enabled the Parish Council to declare a Certificate of Exemption.

Conclusion

Thank you again to all parishioners for your ongoing support and contribution to the wellbeing of Hulcott.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Harper