

Minutes of the meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th October 2025.

at 6:00 p.m. at Hulcott Nursing Home.

Present:

Councillors Andrew Harper, Ian Pleeth, Deborah Roberts, Judith White.

Amanda Massingham, Parish Clerk. Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor Kathy Gibbon.

Sam Arnold and Alina Prode-Sehleanu, Co-option candidates.

29.0 Apologies

Apologies received and ACCEPTED from Cllr Green.

30.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests

None.

31.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the meetings HPC/02/2526 held on Wednesday 13th August 2025 were a true record and they were signed and dated by Cllr. Harper, Chairman.

32.0 Parish Council Business

32.1 Co-option

Two applications were made for co-option. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the applications, Sam Arnold and Alina Prode-Sehleanu were warmly invited to the Council. Acceptance of Office forms were signed.

32.2 All Saints Church, Hulcott Green – Break In

- *Thames Valley Police*

Despite some positive communications with TVP, they failed to attend the meeting and confirmed by e-mail that all officers were on a rest day. This was the second meeting that they have been invited too and failed to attend. Councillors aired their disappointment but praised the community for coming together. Cllr Harper reported that he had met with the Head of Buildings officer and they confirmed they would repair the remaining windows to prevent birds from entering. The formal closing of the church is ongoing, once complete the building may be valued and offered for sale.

- *Parish Shed Repair*

It was **RESOLVED** to repair the shed, by using the services of Wendover Shed, a local mental health charity. The cost of the repair that includes a donation for labour was £100.

32.3 Gib Lane Fund Grant Application

It was previously agreed that a new application would be made for more chairs and one more gazebo, the quotes of which had been shared via e-mail owing to the tight deadline of the application closing date. It was **RESOLVED** to apply for funding for ten additional chairs and one gazebo, the application amount would be £852.49. The clerk would complete the application before the closing date of 8th October 2025.

32.4 Communications with Buckinghamshire Council

Members NOTED the following updates on the issues raised with Buckinghamshire Council:

- *Grass cutting*

The area at the end of Hulcott Lane to the left as it joins the A418 had been raised via the fixmystreet service. Several communications with Buckinghamshire Council including the LAT failed to confirm the responsible body. Note: The day after the PC meeting, the LAT confirmed that Buckinghamshire Highways was responsible for the grass cutting in this area.

- *Road repairs*

Photos had been sent to the LAT, no response at time of meeting. Cllr Gibbon reported she had received notification of the repairs and would send the details to the Clerk. Note: the details were sent but the repairs schedule was in Cublington not Hulcott.

- *Footpath flooding*

Details sent to LAT no response to date, Clerk to chase.

33.1 Governance

33.1 *Polices*

The following policies were reviewed, and no updates were required: Complaints Procedures, Data Protection policy, Publication Scheme – information available and Code of Conduct.

In relation to the General Power of Competence policy, members NOTED that the Parish Council no longer meets the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965, owing to the volume of elected councillors in May 2025.

34.0 Planning

34.1 *New Applications*

PL/25/3943/PNAD Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of an existing agricultural barn into 1no. dwelling including associated building operations. Peck's Barn Hulcott Lane Hulcott Near Aylesbury HP22 5AX – No Objection, based on the footprint of plans submitted.

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

34.2 *Decisions made by AVA Planning Department*

None at time of agenda being issued.

Decisions are still awaited on the following tracked applications:

22/00642/COUAR Cane End Farm Hulcott Buckinghamshire HP22 5AX

23/01094/APP Land to The West of Tring Road Wingrave Tring Road HP22 4LN

24/03785/COUAR Manor Barns Hulcott Buckinghamshire HP22 5AX

35.0 Finance

35.1 *Bank Balances*

RESOLVED to note:

- Lloyds Bank £9504.60 as of 3rd September 2025. Cllr Harper signed and dated same.

RESOLVED to confirm:

- Approval of the 2025-26 accounts YTD. Cllr Harper signed and dated same.

35.2 *Payments*

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

- A Massingham Salary 44 hours plus backpay and expenses – Stamps, Cloud Next website hosting/domain, hedge cutting and elections costs Chq503 £803.58
- HMRC PAYE 44 hours Chq504 £143.00
- Bierton Parish Council dog bin Rowsham Road Chq505 £186.50
- BMKALC Councillor training Judy White Invoice Inv 6247 Chq506 £90.00
- Lynch Grass Cutting September Inv8971 Chq507 £180.00

35.3 *Income*

RESOLVED to note:

- Buckinghamshire Council - £2,922.00 – 2nd half year Precept

35.4 2025-26 National Salary Award

Members NOTED the new salary scale award for 2025-26 agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

35.5 Draft Budget 2026/2027

Members reviewed the draft budget. A final decision will need to be made at the January 2026 meeting prior to setting the precept request for 2026/2027.

36.0 Correspondence Received for Consideration

Members have been updated weekly in terms of correspondence from Buckinghamshire Council, East Bucks Community Board, Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils and residents. Cllrs thanked the Clerk for sending through the updates. Cllr Gibbon reported that the SANG 250-acre nature reserve had been approved, and the works are due to start in Spring 2026. Cllr Roberts referenced the Buckinghamshire Local Plan consultation. It was AGREED that the Clerk would circulate the information to residents, in case they were not aware of the consultation that closes at the end of the month, in addition a response would be prepared directly from the Parish Council.

37.0 Dates of next meetings – Hulcott Parish Council:

Members NOTED the remaining 2025/2026 meeting dates:

- Tuesday 13th January 2026
- Tuesday 10th March 2026

The meeting closed at 7:05pm

Signed: *Andrew Harper* Chairman

Date: 13th January 2026