

Minutes of the meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th January 2026

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

Present:

Councillors Andrew Harper, Ian Pleeth, Deborah Roberts, Judith White, Heather Green and Sam Arnold.

Amanda Massingham Parish Clerk; Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor Julie Ward; Bierton Parish Councillor/Chair Shelia Cotton; PCSO Thomas Moslin.

Public Comments

Prior to opening the meeting with the agenda items, the following was reported:

PCSO Thomas Moslin gave an overview of his activity within the parish, reporting that 2-3 patrols are normally conducted in a six-day window. He gave an overview of the Aylesbury East Team and confirmed that in recent weeks there has been very little to report, just asking persons in vehicles stop to loitering.

Councillor Julie Ward reported that she had been informed that the A418 between Rowsham and Mike Griffen Way would be resurfaced during 2026. The camber and condition of the Cane End Lane was discussed and Councillor ward confirmed she would take forward a proposal to get Cane End Lane re-surfaced at the same time and ensure it is closed the works to prevent it being used as a rat run.

38.0 Apologies

Apologies received and ACCEPTED from Cllr. Alina Prode-Sehleanu.

39.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests

None.

40.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the meetings HPC/03/2526 held on Tuesday 7th October 2025 were a true record, and they were signed and dated by Cllr. Harper, Chairman.

41.0 Parish Council Business

41.1 *Gib Lane Fund – Grant Award*

Members NOTED the grant award of £853 following the application for ten additional chairs and one gazebo. The Clerk was tasked with ordering the items and confirm delivery details once known.

41.2 *Gib Lane Fund – Remaining Funds*

Members NOTED that the pot amount available to Hulcott prior to the 2025 grant award was £10,680. Members were asked to consider allocating a portion of the budget to Bierton community projects. Councillor Cotton, from Bierton Parish Council reported that the Sports Centre still required funding to replace the floor and some soundproofing. Councillor Cotton was thanked for the information, and it was AGREED that a decision would be made at the next Parish Council meeting in March.

41.3. *Poor Weather Provisions – Salt Bin*

Members NOTED the process and cost (£450) to install a bin at the end of Hulcott Lane, near junction of A418. Several Councillors commented that a bin had previously been located at the junction and no communications had been received about its removal. The Clerk was tasked to make enquires to see why the salt bin had been removed and ask for it to be re-instated at no cost. In the meantime, it was AGREED that the Parish Council would purchase salt and leave it at the junction if the weather should deteriorate again.

41.4 *Hulcott Annual Event 2026*

Councillor Roberts recommended the theme 'Bubbles and Bangers' and suggested a date of Sunday 10th May, avoiding the bank holiday weekends to attract a greater attendance. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation with further details being agreed at the March Parish Council meeting. Councillor Arnold added that the Council should re-instate the annual fete, footfall volumes were considered the biggest challenge in terms of securing stall holders. It was AGREED that the idea would be communicated to the local residents at this year's event to establish feedback as the organisation would require the assistance of a working group.

41.5 *To review the draft budget for 2026/27*

Members reviewed the draft budget as submitted and **RESOLVED** to approve it, excluding the additional costs for a salt bin. Councillor Harper signed and dated same.

41.6 *To agree the Precept request for 2026/27*

Having approved the 2026/27 budget, it was **RESOLVED** to make a precept request in the amount of £6236.00 an increase of 4.18% that equates to an additional cost of £0.36 per band D household per month. Clerk to formally make the request to Buckinghamshire Council.

41.7 *Village Green Tidy*

Members agreed to advertise the village green tidy on Sunday 8th March 2026.

42.0 Governance

42.1 *Polices*

Members NOTED that the Electronic Communications and Equality policies will need to be reviewed at the March Parish Council meeting.

42.2 *To appoint the Internal Auditor 2025/26*

It was **RESOLVED** to re-appoint Mrs Melanie Rose as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2025-26, to conduct the Accountability and Governance review at a fee of £35.00.

43.0 Planning

43.1 *New Applications*

The following applications were considered under delegated Powers, between the October meeting and the January meeting:

- PL/25/4514/FA | Erection of seven industrial/warehouse units (Use Classes B2/B8/E(g)ii/iii) incorporating photovoltaics and including engineering works, retaining structures, embankments, drainage infrastructure, external yards, parking, landscaping and ecological enhancements, utilising existing access from Mike Griffin Way. | Land East of Mike Griffin Way Broughton Buckinghamshire HPC Response: Objection, this application should not be approved until the Eastern Link Road to the A41 has been completed. The initial outline planning application from 2010 and approved in 2013, has traffic modelling and predictions from many years ago which we all now know were extremely unrealistic and which are already causing huge local traffic congestion without the extra lorry movements that these seven proposed warehouses will add to the existing traffic problems
- PL/25/5427/FA | Proposed demolition of the existing single-storey side extension and erection of a new two-storey side extension incorporating a linking element, together with the removal of existing outbuildings. | 1 The Green Hulcott Buckinghamshire HP22 5AX HPC Response: No Objection
- PL/25/5428/FA | Proposed garage and store | 1 The Green Hulcott Buckinghamshire HP22 5AX HPC Response: No Objection – Supplementary comments were added to request that the garage was kept in line with the main dwelling house.

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

43.2 Decisions made by AVA Planning Department

22/00642/COUAR Cane End Farm Hulcott Buckinghamshire HP22 5AX Approved by AVA 17th Oct
PL/25/3943/PNAD Peck's Barn Hulcott Lane Hulcott Near Aylesbury HP22 5AX Prior Approval Granted by AVA 30th Oct

24/03785/COUAR Manor Barns Hulcott Buckinghamshire HP22 5AX Approved by AVA 20th Nov

44.0 Finance

44.1 Bank Balances

RESOLVED to note:

- Lloyds Bank £11,149.77 as of 3rd December 2025. Cllr Harper signed and dated same.
- Lloyds bank £10,957.02 as of 2nd January 2026. Cllr Harper signed and dated same.

RESOLVED to confirm:

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

44.2 Payments

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

- A Massingham Salary 06/10/2025 – 09/01/2026 14 weeks/30 hrs plus expenses – Shed Repair, Stamps, McFee Software Chq508 £579.39
- HMRC PAYE 06/10/2025 – 09/01/2026 14 weeks Chq509 £96.60
- Springfield - Ten Chairs Chq510 £375
- GazeboShop - One Gazebo Chq511 £647.99

44.3 Income

None, Grantscape/Gib Lane Community Fund £853.00 – Grant for ten chairs and one gazebo pending receipt.

45.0 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.

46.0 Meeting Dates

46.1 Date of next published meeting

- Tuesday 10th March 2026

46.2 To agree proposed meeting dates for 2026/2027

Member NOTED the dates, it was AGREED that they would be confirmed at the March Parish Council meeting, once dairies had been consulted.

- Tuesday 12th May 2026
- Tuesday 8th September 2026
- Tuesday 12th January 2027
- Tuesday 9th March 2027

The meeting closed at 7:10pm

Signed: *Andrew Harper* Chairman

Date: 10th March 2026