

Minutes of the meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th October 2026

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

Present:

Councillors Andrew Harper, Ian Pleeth, Heather Green, Judith White, Alina Prode-Seheanu, Deborah Roberts and Sam Arnold. Amanda Massingham, Parish Clerk. Buckinghamshire Councillor Kathy Gibbon and one resident.

19.0 Apologies

None.

20.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests

20.1 *Localism Act 2011 Changes to Publication of Home Addresses*

Updated Register of Interests forms from all Members received, excluding home addresses due to the Localism Act 2011 change.

20.2 *Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests for Agenda Items*

None.

21.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the meetings HPC/01/2627 held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 were a true record, and they were signed and dated by Cllr Harper, Chairman.

22.0 Parish Council Business

22.1 *All Saints Church, Hulcott*

The correspondence confirming that the Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme, declared the Church closed for regular public worship was NOTED. Cllr Harper confirmed that he would contact Hulcott Nursing Home to see if it would be possible to relocate the Parish Council shed on their grounds.

22.2 *Gib Lane Fund Grant Application*

It was NOTED that the current fund available for Hulcott was £5,827.52. It was **RESOLVED** to apply for funding to replace the three benches on the Village Green. Three bench quotes were reviewed, and option 2 was considered the best choice. The fund application for three teak benches, with two coats of oil and ground fixing kits would be £1813. The Parish Council would arrange and pay for the installation and removal of the old benches; dedication plaques would be transferred to the new benches. Village Green posts were also discussed, the Clerk informed members that \$106 money would be available if the Grove Farm planning application was successful for Village Green refurbishments and updates. (information received 5th October)

22.3 *Village Green Trees*

The Arboriculturist report from Ligna Consultancy was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to apply for planning for works to 14 trees and the removal of epicormic base growth from all trees. Cllr. Pleeth volunteered to gather tree surgeon quotes to complete the recommended works, they would be reviewed at the January Parish Council meeting, subject to planning approval.

22.4 *Ditch Clearing near Footpath HUL/5/1*

It was AGREED to source a professional opinion to determine the reason for the flooding to establish who was responsible. It was also NOTED that due to the very dry summer and other flooding patterns around the village in recent years, the flooding may not take place this winter. The Clerk was asked to seek guidance and quotes for further discussions.

22.5 *Hale Farm Solar*

Pennon Power provided the following timeline updates via e-mail:

- Construction largely now complete

- Main outstanding activity is delivery of the transformer - expected in the coming 3-4 weeks.
- Light construction activity will then start-up again in Spring 2027 for final grid connection works.
- Landscaping works will commence fully once the site is energised, although we are looking at doing some preparatory works in the coming months.

It has also been confirmed that Pennon Power would consider ideas of what a community fund could support. It was AGREED that the Clerk would seek ideas from residents.

22.6 Highways Issues and Hedges

The Clerk reported that the road surface/camber issues in Hulcott Lane and Cane End Lane had been reported to Buckinghamshire Council. The Highways Officer attended the site and completed an inspection, and it was reported that they plan to resolve the issues within 6-8 weeks.

The large pothole along Hulcott Lane was also reported, however the response was less favourable, and it was deemed that the pothole will not immediately be scheduled for repair.

Storey Homes had committed to cutting the verges on their land boundary, the Clerk confirmed she would chase, now that the bird nesting period had finished. Landowners/residents would also be contacted to ask them to check their boundary hedges along Hulcott Lane and Cane End Lane.

23.0 Governance

23.1 Policies

The following policies were reviewed and there were no recommended changes, Complaints Procedures, Data Protection policy, Publication Scheme – information available, Code of Conduct and General Power of Competence. Members NOTED that the Parish Council continues to no longer meet the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 in relation to GPC, owing to the volume of elected councillors in May 2025.

24.0 Planning

24.1 New Applications

PL/26/07433/KA Cobwebs the Green, Hulcott, Bucks, HP22 5AX Tree works - **No Objection**

PL/26/06407/HB & PL/26/06406/FA - Ivy Cottage, the Green, Bucks, HP22 5AX Single-storey glazed extension to partially infill the rear courtyard, alongside internal alterations - **No Objection**

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

24.2 Decisions made by AVA Planning Department

None.

Decisions are still awaited on the following tracked applications:

PL/25/4514/FA Land East of Mike Griffin Way Broughton Buckinghamshire

PL/26/00454/FA Granary Barn The Green Hulcott Buckinghamshire

PL/26/02616/FA & PL/26/02617/HB Grove Farm 22 Rowsham Road Bierton HP22 5DZ

PL/26/03647/FA Peck's Barn Hulcott Lane Hulcott Near Aylesbury HP22 5AX

24.3 Buckinghamshire Local Plan

The future timelines of the Local plan in terms of the Parish Councils representations against sections NESS003, AYL03, AYL06, AYL05, NESS004, NESS011, NESS018, AYL01, AYL02 and AYL04 were NOTED along with the response from Laura Kyrke-Smith MP, following the Parish Council's request for support in relation to the representations submitted. It was also NOTED that Dacorum Council has started a scoping consultation on their Local Plan.

25.0 Finance

25.1 Bank Balances

RESOLVED to note:

- Lloyds Bank £11,316.95 as of 3rd September 2026. Cllr Harper signed and dated same.
- Lloyds Bank Statements for Aug, July and June also signed and dated same.

RESOLVED to confirm:

- Approval of the 2026-27 accounts YTD. Cllr Harper signed and dated same.

25.2 *Payments*

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

- Lynch Garden Services Inv 9182/9239/9270 May, June, July cuts £450 Chq521
- A Massingham Salary 43 hours plus backpay and expenses – Stamps, Cloud Next website hosting/domain £729.81 Chq522
- HMRC PAYE 43 hours £144.20 Chq523
- Ligna Consultancy Inv5421 £607.20 - received late and therefore to be paid by the Clerk and reimbursed as an expense at the January meeting.

25.3 *Income*

RESOLVED to note:

- Buckinghamshire Council - £3,118.00 – 2nd half year precept payment.

25.4 *2026-27 National Salary Award*

Members NOTED the new salary scale award for 2026-27 agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

25.5 *Draft Budget 2027/2028*

Members reviewed the draft budget. A final decision will need to be made at the January 2027 meeting prior to setting the precept request for 2027/2028.

26.0 *Correspondence Received for Consideration*

Members have been updated weekly in terms of correspondence from Buckinghamshire Council, Wendover and Villages Community Board, Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils and residents. Cllrs thanked the Clerk for sending through the updates.

27.0 *Dates of next meetings – Hulcott Parish Council:*

- Tuesday 12th January 2027
- Tuesday 9th March 2027

The meeting closed at 7:20pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: 12th January 2027