

Hulcott Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 12th May 2015

Present: Councillors Bob Masini, Peter Fenton O’Creevy, Heather Green, Ian Pleeth and Ruth Powell (Clerk), County Councillor Bill Chapple; Joe Arnold, Stephen Knights and 2 Police Community Support Officers

Minutes of the Hulcott Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at All Saints Church, Hulcott

- 1/79 Bob Masini was elected as chairman.
- 2/79 There were no apologies for absence as all councillors were present. All councillors completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. It was noted that following the recent elections there were now three vacancies on the parish council.
- 3/79 The election of a vice chairman was deferred.
- 4/79 No interests were declared on any agenda items.
- 5/79 The minutes of the meeting on 10 March 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.
- 6/79 Matters arising from the minutes:
County Councillor Bill Chapple had met on site with the Local Area Technician regarding the various highways issues raised. A repair order for the road sign had been submitted.
- 7/79 Finance
- The accounts and governance for 2014/15 were presented and agreed. It was agreed to proceed to audit.
 - The accounts to date for 2015/16 were noted and agreed as correct.
 - Payments and receipts for the recent village green repairs were noted. Total receipts were £1993; total payments £1940. Some damage to the green by the church layby had occurred since the temporary pins and tape were removed. The contractor will be asked to return to repair the damage. In order to protect the green the erection of some ‘No parking’ signs was discussed. Councillor Pleeth will investigate costings.
 - It was agreed to appoint D Martin as internal auditor.
 - Subscription payment to Bucks Association of Local Councils £34.44 was agreed.
 - The request from AVALC for £15 subscription was considered and refused.
 - A quote for insurance had been obtained from Came & Company of £159 which will provide suitable cover including current and proposed assets. It was agreed to accept the quote.
 - Payment of £150 to the church for use of the building was agreed.
 - A contribution of £15 to Bierton & Broughton Parish Council towards Village Diary publication was agreed.
 - Payment to clerk £172.80 & £43.20 to HMRC was agreed.
- 8/79 The Gib Lane Solar Farm Community Fund is open for applications. The annual allocation for Hulcott parish is £1400. It was agreed that the parish council would apply for funding for a shed, subject to agreement from the church for its siting, for storage of items for events on the village green.

9/79 Planning

- since the last meeting the parish council had responded to application 15/00759/APP for conversion of agricultural dwelling to key worker dwelling (retrospective) at Red Oak Farm, Cane End Lane – objection on the grounds of there being no necessity for a key worker to live on site. In the absence of a representative from the village being able to speak at the AVDC planning committee the clerk will contact the District Councillor to see if she is able to attend and speak.
- Application 15/01250/COUAR at Cane End Farm – Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of the design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)) in connection with the approval granted under 14/03701/COUAR for change of use from agricultural to residential use C(3) to comprise one dwelling. There was no objection to this application.

10/79 A grant of £1075 from Bucks County Councillor Bill Chapple's Community Fund has been received to purchase items to assist with the running of events on the village green. It is intended to purchase traffic cones, matting and a gazebo and these will be stored by Stephen Knights until other arrangements are made.

11/79 The Introduction of the Smaller Authorities (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2015/494 - transparency obligations for parish councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 (England only) were noted. With the requirement for a parish council website to be set up in order to publish the required information, it was agreed that the clerk would apply to BucksVoice for a free website.

12/79 The use of the village green for the fete on 4th July was agreed.

13/79 Other matters reported:

- the nursing home intend to erect a brown tourist sign at A418/Hulcott Lane junction. The need for such a sign was queried. County Councillor Bill Chapple will contact the Local Area Technician to put forward the parish council's view.
- crematorium – work has ceased on the crematorium construction as the planning approval has been overturned following a judicial review. Information relating to the Great Crested Newts on the site had not been properly dealt with by the district council.
- Councillor Pleeth will contact A J Howarth to inspect the trees on the green.
- there is a deep rut in the verge on the corner of Cane End Lane. Bill Chapple will ask the Local Area Technician to look at it. Bill Chapple will also find out whether it is possible to have a sign 'Not suitable for HGVs/articulated vehicles' at the entrance to Hulcott Lane.
- a Real Nativity event is planned for December to be held on the green to which agreement was given in principal pending further information.
- the deadline for comments on the Wingrave with Rowsham Neighbourhood Plan is 17 May.

14/79 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 15 September 8pm at All Saints Church.

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