

Minutes of the Hulcott Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016
at All Saints Church, Hulcott

Present: Councillors Bob Masini, Peter Fenton O’Creevy, Peter Holmes, Ian Pleeth and Ruth Powell (Clerk)

Three members of the public were present. George Caldwell-Nichols addressed the meeting regarding the proposed event *Music on the Green*. Stephen Knights spoke about the grant award from Grantscape and the Real Nativity event and Bruce Lewington referred to the road name signs at the end of Hulcott Lane.

- 1/81 Apologies for absence were accepted from Heather Green.
- 2/81 No interests were declared on any agenda items.
- 3/81 The minutes of the meeting on 15 September 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.
- 4/81 Matters arising from the minutes:
 - 5/80 The quote requested from a second contractor to inspect the trees on the green had not been forthcoming. Councillor Pleeth will contact A J Howarth to undertake an inspection in the spring.
 - 7/80 Planning application CM/50/15 may be determined at the forthcoming Development Control Committee on 9th February pending further information from the applicant.
- 5/81 Finance
 - Payments and receipts to date for 2015/16 were noted and agreed as correct.
 - The Bucks County Council proposal for devolution of grasscutting, rights of way clearance and siding out services to the parish council was discussed and it was resolved that the parish council did not want to take on these services either independently or as part of a cluster of nearby parishes.
 - The budget for 2016/17 was discussed and it was agreed to set the precept at £3000.
 - Payment to the clerk £316.80 and £79.20 to HMRC was agreed.
 - The Assets Register was reviewed and agreed as accurate.
- 6/81 Bucks County Council had provided a quote for directional signage on the A418 to Instant Hedges. It was resolved not to go ahead with this immediately and instead pursue the placing of a ‘Not Suitable for Articulated Vehicles’ sign at the A418/Hulcott Lane junction.
- 7/81 Grantscape has approved funding from the Gib Lane Community Fund for provision of a storage shed for items used when events are held on the village green. The permissions, purchase and erection of the shed and the grant claimed has to be completed by 16 June 2016. Stephen Knights will go ahead with this.
- 8/81 Planning
 - since the last meeting the parish council had responded to application 15/03209/APP for erection of stables at Red Oak Farm with disappointment with another retrospective application at the site but no objection on planning grounds.

- Application 15/04046/APP for demolition of derelict dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at 10 Rowsham Road. The parish council resolved to object to the application for these reasons: - the site is within the Bierton Conservation Area and the demolition of this period cottage would have an impact on the historical character of the area; the proposed modern replacement dwelling would be architecturally and aesthetically much less interesting; the impact of the development on the adjoining property (no.8) would be substantial in terms of structure and appearance; the proposed design at the rear with a first floor full width glass balustrade balcony would seriously affect the privacy of the residents at no.8.

- Application 15/04131/APP for a two storey rear extension at 18 Rowsham Road. The parish council had no objection to the proposal.

9/81 The annual village green inspection had been carried out by Councillor Masini and the clerk on 25 November 2015. The holes in the green opposite School House and another hole on the opposite side of the green by the church had been identified as needing urgent infilling and Lynch Garden Services had undertaken this work. Payment of £50 was agreed.

10/8 The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum is inviting members of parish councils and other organisations to join a working group of volunteers taking part in historical research towards achieving more joined-up public access on the rights of way network.

11/81 Other matters reported:

– An area of flooding outside Rectory House had occurred due to a blocked drain. This will be referred to Highways.

- there is deterioration in the road outside the nursing home with crowning of the surface. This will also be referred to Highways.

- the damage to the verges will be discussed at the next meeting.

- The Real Nativity event in December 2015 had been a success and it is proposed to hold it again on 3rd December 2016.

12/81 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 7.30pm at All Saints Church.

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