

**Minutes of the Hulcott Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Hulcott**

Present: Peter Fenton O’Creivy (Chairman), Heather Green, Peter Holmes, Ian Pleeth, Deborah Roberts and Ruth Powell (clerk)

County Councillor Bill Chapple was present for part of the meeting

- 1/85 Apologies for absence were accepted from Bruce Lewington and Bob Masini.
- 2/85 No interests were declared on agenda items.
- 3/85 The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4/85 Matters arising from the minutes:  
5/84 The Cane End Lane street name plate has now been installed by AVDC at the A418/Cane End Lane junction.  
5/84 Regarding a possible postcode change for Cane End Lane postal addresses, no positive response had been received from the residents or Instant Hedges. The situation will be kept under review.  
5/84 A quote to install cellular re-inforcement to the green by the church layby is awaited.  
9/84 The replacement ‘No Parking’ signs had been delivered.
- 5/85 Finance
- Payments and receipts to date were noted.
  - Payment to the clerk and HMRC was agreed.
  - The budget was discussed and it was agreed to set the precept for 2017/18 at £3000.
  - The assets register was reviewed and agreed.
- 6/85 Planning
- Since the last meeting the parish council had responded to consultation on application 16/02506/APP for the erection of a shed in the churchyard at All Saints Church, Hulcott with no objection.
  - Since the last meeting the parish council had responded to consultation on application 16/03489/APP for demolition of existing extensions and construction of new rear extension at 18 Rowsham Road, Bierton with no objection
  - Since the last meeting the parish council had responded to consultation on application 16/04142/AOP for 5 dwellings in Rowsham Road, Bierton with objections on grounds of there being no immediate need for more housing in Bierton and the adverse impact on local rural character and the Conservation Area.
  - Application 16/04472/APP for amendment to approved rear extension at 10 Rowsham Road, Bierton was discussed and it was agreed to respond to AVDC with no objections.
- 7/85 The recent village green inspection report was discussed.  
A full inspection of the trees had taken place by a registered arboriculturalist who had found two of the mature lime trees to be suffering extensive decay which has compromised their

stability. These trees (outside the nursing home and School House) are scheduled to be felled on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The best quote had been obtained for this and it was agreed to go ahead. The best quote had also been obtained for the crown lifting and removal of epicormic growth to the other trees on the green and this was also agreed. This work is scheduled to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

It was agreed that a replacement lime should be planted opposite the nursing home. The felling of the tree outside School House will enable the existing replacement trees to develop with good form. Councillors Fenton O'Creevy and Pleeth will arrange purchase and planting of the replacement tree.

A number of the posts erected in 2015 on the village green have been damaged or destroyed by vehicles. It was agreed to replace the missing posts in the most strategic locations. Councillors Fenton O'Creevy and Green will arrange this.

8/85 The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum's *Restoring the Record* project has requested a volunteer from the parish to record unofficial rights of way in the parish for inclusion on the Definitive Map. The clerk will try to find a volunteer.

9/85 Any other matters to report:

- The clerk reported on the parish council's duties under the Pensions Act 2008. It was noted that the parish council does not have to provide a pension but still has automatic enrolment duties to meet by the staging date of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

10/85 The next meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm at All Saints Church.

Signed:

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