

Minutes of the meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2019, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Hulcott

Present: Councillors Peter Fenton O’Creevy (Chairman), Bruce Lewington, Bob Masini, Ian Pleeth, Deborah Roberts, Ruth Powell (Clerk)

1/94 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Green.

2/94 Declarations of interests

No interests were declared on agenda items.

3/94 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings on 4th September 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4/94 Matters arising from the minutes:

4/93 Councillor Fenton O’Creevy gave an update on correspondence with the contractor regarding the village road repairs.

6/93 The Cane End Farm planning application had been approved after consideration at two AVDC committee meetings.

5/94 Finance

- Payments and receipts to date were noted and verified with the bank statement.
- Payment to the clerk was agreed.
- The budget for 2019/20 was discussed and it was agreed unanimously to increase the precept to £4000 in order to maintain a modest reserve for tree work and any unforeseen costs.
- It was agreed to pay the balance of the bill for the road repair work but to retain a sufficient sum to repair the cracks which had appeared shortly after the work was completed.

6/94 Village Green Inspection

The annual village green inspection had been carried out by Councillor Fenton O’Creevy and the report was discussed. There were no urgent matters to attend to at this stage. Councillor Roberts will investigate supply/installation of replacement lime trees.

7/94 Solar Farm Grant money

The suggestion by a resident for a village sign funded by Solar Farm grant money to be erected on the green was discussed. It was felt that this was not a priority and the money available might be better spent on noticeboard and benches refurbishments/replacements if it is not used for faster broadband procurement.

8/94 Other matters reported

- Councillor Fenton O’Creevy had attended the meeting in November with Grantscape and the other parishes who benefit from the Solar Farm fund. Grantscape is happy to continue to accumulate funds for Hulcott for broadband improvement unless a different need is identified.
- Following the decision to form a unitary authority for Buckinghamshire there will not be any local elections in 2019. District councillors will now continue until 2020 and elections for the new unitary council will take place in May 2020. Town and parish council elections have also been postponed until May 2020.

9/94 The next meeting will take place on 12th March 2019.

Signed:

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