

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Hulcott Parish Council held on Thursday 10th September 2020

at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 which came into force on 4th April 2020

Present:

Councillors Peter Fenton-O’Creevy (Chairman), Heather Green, Andrew Harper, Bob Masini, Ian Pleeth, Deborah Roberts; Unitary Cllr. Bill Chapple OBE; one resident; Deborah O’Brien (Parish Clerk).

8. Apologies:

There were none.

9. Declarations of Interest:

There were no new declarations of interest

10. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the meeting on 16th June 2020 HPC/01/2021 were a true record and they were signed by the Chairman for the Clerk to collect.

11. Casual Vacancy & Co-option

Cllr Masini nominated & Cllr Green seconded Ian Craigs for co-option to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that Ian Craigs was co-opted as Councillor to Hulcott Parish Council. Cllr Craigs signed his acceptance of office on-camera and will submit the hard copy together with his Register of Interests (Rol) to the Parish Clerk. Clerk to submit Rol to the Elections Officer at Buckinghamshire Unitary.

12. Matters arising from the June 2020 minutes – members noted:

- 4.4 Broadband – Cllr Fenton-O’Creevy advised that he and a resident had some discussions with ECOM FTTP (<https://www.ecomfibre.co.uk/>) who were positive about bringing broadband to the village. A minimum number of participants would be required with additional expense to extend beyond the core location. Installation costs to be provided. Cllr Fenton-O’Creevy to provide further details such as timings, cost, viability and availability once known. It is possible that grant funding could be obtained if it would benefit the whole community. Further update at next meeting.

13. Planning:

13.1 *New Applications considered since last meeting*

- 20/02357/COUAR | Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of agricultural barn into one dwellinghouse (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)). | Cane End Farm – **RESOLVED that** there were no objections in principle, but privacy concerns & screening requested.
- 20/02289/APP | Proposed retention of former stable block as residential annex | Instant Landscapes Red Oak Farm – – **RESOLVED that** there was no objection in principle but annex needs to be tied to residential curtilage.
- 20/02186/APP | Change of use of land to residential garden with swimming pool, pool house and garden shed (retrospective) | Instant Landscapes Red Oak Farm – – **RESOLVED that** there was no objection but commented yet another retrospective application.

13.2 *Decisions made by AVA Planning Department:*

- 20/02357/COUAR | Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of agricultural barn into one dwellinghouse (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)). | Cane End Farm – **Refused by AVA**
- 20/02186/APP | Change of use of land to residential garden with swimming pool, pool house and garden shed (retrospective) | Instant Landscapes Red Oak Farm – **Approved by AVA**

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- 20/00921/APP | Retention of american barn and menage | Instant Landscapes Red Oak Farm – **Approved by AVA**
- 20/00101/APP | Detached garage and entertaining space | Manor Farm Bungalow The Green – **Application withdrawn**

13.3 Awaiting determination by AVA Planning Department:

- 20/00779/APP | Ground mounted solar farm with DNO substation, point of connection, ancillary infrastructure and associated works, landscape planting and access tracks | Hale Farm Hulcott – Members noted that the Environment Agency has made 3 objections to this proposal – flood plain, no flood risk assessment & ecological concerns

14.0 Finance

14.1 Bank balances

RESOLVED to note:

- Lloyds Bank £5,799.46 as of 31/08/20
- Green Fund Savings Account £252.36

14.2 Cheques paid between meetings

Members **RESOLVED to** agree the following cheques to be issued:

- D. O'Brien £400.00 (salary 16/6-11/9/20; website domain & annual fee – Cheque 411
- Lynch Garden Services - £200.00 – mowing 12/6, 2/7, 30/7, 1/9 – cheque 412
- ICO - £35.00 – Data Protection Registration renewal – D/Debit 20/9/20

14.3 Income received

None

14.4 Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

Members noted that the 2019/20 Exemption certificate was submitted to PKF Littlejohn, External Auditors and receipt confirmed on 18/6/20 and the data was logged by them on 2/7/20. All documents including the Notice of Electors right to inspect were placed on the website 19/6/20. Cllr Chapple left the meeting at 7:45 pm

14.5 2021/22 Budget

Members noted that this will need to be considered at the next PC meeting prior to setting the precept request. Members to advise Clerk of any additional expenditure/projects for 2021/22.

15.0 Parish Council business

15.1 New Website

Members noted that the website domain has been upgraded and that all required documents have been made accessible in accordance with accessibility regulations. Further improvements to be made when possible. **RESOLVED to** approve the accessibility statement.

15.2 Gib Lane Community Fund

Closing date for applications for 2020 is 16th September. There are various community groups who are eligible to make an application. Cllr Fenton-O'Creevy is to attend the annual Gib Lane meeting on 26 October 2020.

16.0 Dates of next meetings – Hulcott Parish Council:

RESOLVED to agree: To be conducted as necessary for urgent business. Budget and Precept need to be agreed at meeting in early January 2021.

Other Business for future meeting: A quote to be obtained for the removal of suckers from trees on the Green. Volunteer residents to clear the vision splays on the corner of the Green.

Signed:

Date: