



Hullbridge Parish Council Planning & Infrastructure Committee

Held on Wednesday 30th September 2026

7.45pm

Hullbridge Parish Council Office, 98 Ferry Road, Hullbridge, SS5 6EX

Councillors present: Cllr K. O'Brien (Chair); Cllr J. O'Brien, Cllr D. Elwell, J. Hampstead, Cllr A. Marriott, Cllr P. White.

Staff: Mrs Nicola Harding (Clerk)

Minutes

43/09/26 Apologies for Absence

43.1/09/26 Councillors *noted* apologies from Cllr I. Kenlin

44/09/26 Approval of Minutes

44.1/09/26 - The minutes of the meeting of **2nd September 2026** were **approved** and **signed** as a true record of the meeting.

45/09/26 Declarations of Interest

45.1/09/2026 None

46/09/26 Public Participation on items on the Agenda

46.1/09/2026 -

The Chair brought agenda items 6 and 7 forward for consideration.

47/09/26 Budget & Action Plan

47.1/09/2026 Councillors *reviewed* the current budget and *noted* spending on each budget line. A discussion was had regarding the project for Vehicle Activated Sign and complications that surround the placement of this. It was agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee that funds for this be Earmarked in the 2027/28 budget to enable the project to be delivered once ongoing investigations are completed. Clerk to **ACTION**. Councillors *reviewed* the Action Plan and *agreed* minor changes Clerk to **ACTION**.

48/09/26 Street Lighting

48.1/09/2026 Councillors *noted* the update to the street lighting report.

48.2/09/2026 Councillors *noted* a decision was still pending regarding Rochford District Council rolling out LED streetlights.

49/09/26 Planning Applications

49.1/09/2026 - None.

RDC Local Plan (Regulation 19)

49.2/09/2026 - The Chair provided Councillors with an overview of the current position regarding Rochford District Council's Local Plan. Cllr Marriott then provided a detailed update on the proceedings of Rochford District



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Council's Extraordinary Council meeting held on 23rd September, including the subsequent submission of a significantly reduced Local Plan and the potential implications for the District.

Councillors *noted* the response received from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), which has placed the Local Plan process on hold pending a response from Rochford District Council, together with the associated timescales. The Chair emphasised the importance of Hullbridge Parish Council remaining vigilant and being prepared to respond promptly as further information becomes available. Councillors also *discussed* the potential approaches that may be taken by other Parish and Town Councils in relation to the Regulation 19 stage.

Whilst it was acknowledged that there is currently no definitive information regarding the next stage of the Local Plan process, Councillors *agreed* that it was important for Hullbridge Parish Council to undertake an immediate review of its Regulation 18 submission. This will ensure that the Council is fully prepared to respond effectively to the next stage of the process and to ensure that the interests of Hullbridge and its residents are properly represented.

The Clerk provided Councillors with hard copies of the Parish Council's Regulation 18 representations for review. Councillors *agreed* to review the submissions in advance of the next Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting on 14th October, at which the matter will be considered further and any appropriate actions identified. Councillors to **ACTION**.

50/09/26 Date of the Next Meeting

50.1/09/2026 Councillors to forward any items for the next agenda..

50.2/09/2026 Date of the next meeting Wednesday 14th October 2026
7pm at the *Parish Office*

Meeting Closed at 20.30
Nicola Harding

Chairman Signed: _____ Date _____