Minutes of Hulland Ward Parish Council Meeting

2nd November 2026 at 7 pm at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

PRESENT:
Councillors: Arthur Champion (Chair), Cllr Julie Morgan, Cllr Maureen Atkin, Cllr Shane Morgan, Cllr Charlie Ratcliffe, Cllr Steven Kennell, Cllr Terry Grant, Cllr Steve Rowley, Cllr Adrian Hunter (DCC), Cllr Dermot Murphy (DDDC).

In Attendance: Mrs Angela Gratton, Parish Clerk. 5 members of the public.

11/26/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllr David Balls

11/26/02 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Hulland Ward Parish Council dated 05 October 2026 were confirmed as a correct record. Cllr A Champion signed the minutes.

11/26/03 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS
None

11/26/04 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Cllr Champion declared a non-pecuniary interest as a clergyman in the Diocese of Derby.

11/26/05. BRIEFINGS/COMMENTS

a) District and County Councillors
Both the District and the County Councillors were in attending another Parish and provided a report later in the meeting.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes
No representatives were present.

c) Invited comments from the public – members of the public will be allowed 3 minutes per person, the maximum amount of time allowed for this item will be at the discretion of the Chair but will usually be 10 minutes.
A resident requested an update on the Local Plan. The Chair advised the Parish Council had no further information than what is published in the Hulland Herald.

A resident who is partially sighted, raised a serious concern that several hedges had encroached over 18 inches onto the footpath alongside the main road. The narrow gap between the hedges and the road in certain places was a serious hazard to pedestrians, not least school children. He also expressed appreciation to HWPC for leading the hedge cutting cooperative with dozens of neighbours. After some discussion, the parish council agreed to arrange for the contractor to urgently make a deep cut so that the width of the footpath would be increased by at least 12 inches. This deeper than normal cut into the hedges would inevitably produce a lot of branches that would need to be gathered up and disposed of appropriately. Councillor Ratcliffe offered to instruct the contractor who may need to use of a circular saw on the thicker branches.
Proposed by Cllr S Morgan, Seconded by Cllr S Rowley
RESOLVED to contact the contractor to cut the hedge back by a foot and the Parish Council to pay.

A safety issue was raised regarding the accidents at Cross o Hands junction coming out on to the A517 a 50 miles per road with a hidden dip on the left side approaching. Councillors all agreed that DCC Highways should be contacted to look at reducing the speed limit on that section.
Proposed by Cllr T Grant, Seconded by Cllr C Ratcliffe
RESOLVED: Letter to be sent to DCC Highways requesting the speed limit to reduced on this stretch of road.

The Secretary of the Bird Club at Carsington Water informed Councillors that they had not been recognised as a consultee by DDDC Planning on the proposed Carsington Water Aqua Park planning application and raised concerns about ecology and the effect on the wildlife and shore nesting birds.

11/26/06 SIDD DATA COLLECTION
Reference minute 07/26/9c and 10/26/4 Update on recovering data from the SIDD to be postponed to 07 December 26 Parish Council Meeting.

19:45 Councillor Dermot Murphy (DDDC) joined the meeting
20:00 Councillor Adrian Hunter (DCC) joined the meeting

11/26/07 OWNERSHIP OF LAND WITHIN THE PARISH
Mr L Neale a previous Parish Councillor gave a presentation with map images identifying areas of ground owned by the Parish Council and the history of it. The Parish Clerk committed to sharing the presentation with parish councillors.

11/26/08 VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Update on Wheeldon Way Development
Cllr M Atkin informed Councillors that the blue pipe was still across the grass at times.
AGREED to monitor.
The Chair was concerned that ownership of the playing fields, which was due to be transferred from DDDC to HWPC, has been delayed for 18 months due to Severn Trent not yet having formally approved of the sewage connection. The Parish Clerk was asked to gather all historic email correspondence and documentation so that the legalities could be finalised without further delay.

11/26/09 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

To receive any updates relating to the Village Hall
Cllr M Aitkins, Cllr S Kennell and Cllr D Balls (some of the time) attended as Trustees at the Village Hall Committee meeting on 7th October 2026 and were given a tour of the facilities.

The Chair informed Councillors he had met with the Chief Executive Officer of DALC and had asked her to review the Trustee Deed with regards to refreshing the Constitution and the setting up of an Advisory Committee.
RESOLVED: The DALC Chief Executive Officer to send a copy of the Trust Deed to NALC Legal team for advice and report back.

Cllr C Ratcliffe reported that a long-standing villager had had difficulty in booking the Village Hall for a funeral he proposed a funeral booking at the Village Hall should take priority.
Proposed by Cllr C Ratcliffe, seconded by Cllr S Morgan, supported by all Councillors.
RESOLVED: The Parish Council to notify the Village Hall Committee of its decision.

The Village Hall is in the process of being Audited at present. Insurances to be checked.
ACTION: Clerk to send an email requesting copies of Insurance Polices

Cllr J Morgan and Cllr S Kennell to attend the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

11/26/10 VILLAGE IMAGE & ENVIRONMENT

a) Playing Field issues/anti-social behaviour/Ownership of the Playing Field, Playing Field Inspections
The work reported in the RoSPA inspection report regarding the worn rubber matting near the roundabout and the trip hazard by the bin has been scheduled for Monday, 9 November 2026 by Play to Measure.

b) Play Area Committee meeting was postponed and now will be held on 09 November 2026.
To take place in Hulland Ward CofE School at 5pm. Cllr M Atkin stepping back from this and Cllr S Rowley taking her place.

c) Speeding issues – community speed watch/speed watch signs/additional device
To be discussed at Parish Council meeting 07 December 2026.

d) Suggestion for location of white gates and to consider their costs (September 2026 Min 9c)
To be discussed at Parish Council meeting 07 December 2026.

e) Neighbourhood Watch Update
The NHW Co-ordinator emailed a short report for the meeting – '*Our social media Facebook page now has 264 members I have yet to liaise with our new safer Neighbourhood watch police officer and PCSO hopefully our pass will cross in the near future.*
There are no crimes to report to the council, and no incidents of antisocial behaviour have been reported.'

f) Hedge Cutting and Mowing
Discussed under item 11/26/05

g) Arrangements for Remembrance weekend
6 metal Soldiers are in place and lit up
The Parish Council owns poppies that can fixed to lampposts
ACTION: Clerk to contact Ashbourne British Legion regards fixing them next year.

h) Purchase and funding application for a grit box (Sept 2026 Min 3)
Cllr S Morgan reported the grant application form for a grit box was in progress and waiting for a response.

i) Labels for grit boxes
Cllr Champion will check with Darren Cartwright when the labels for the grit boxes will be fitted.

11/26/05. BRIEFINGS/COMMENTS continued

Cllr D Murphy updated Councillors on the Local Government Reorganisation, the Government last week announced that the LGR options in Derbyshire had been reappraised with a revised timetable:
District Elections 2027
New Unitary authority or authorities 2028
Vesting day to take place 2029.
With regards to the Carsington Water planning application for Aqua Park this is likely to go to the District Planning Committee due to Environmental issues.
He also informed the Parish Council that there were still monies in the Local Project fund and to apply for funds towards a project.

Cllr A Hunter said he reiterated everything Cllr Murphy had said and added that District and County Councils had no option due to legal implications but to vote for the Planning Reform which came into place 31 October 26.

11/26/11 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

a) Website/Facebook Page Update

Cllr Champion continues to update the Facebook page, and the Parish Clerk updates the website.

b) To review and update the parish council policies and procedures particularly considering changes to employment law

To be discussed at Parish Council meeting 07 December 2026.

c) Update on Finances

The Clerk had circulated the latest financial information to all Councillors, including the Parish Council's financial position to date.

RESOLVED to approve and accept the financial report.

d) Invoices and Expenses approved at this meeting:

Invoices approved for payment in November 2026	
Item for Payment	**Amount**
Cartwright Landscaping	1,623.60
Clerk's Salary	350.76
Locum Clerk Salary	492.00
RFO Salary	145.40
Clerk's Expenses	10.23
RFO's Expenses	22.97
Locum Clerk Expenses	18.70
	Total 2663.66

e) Wood Tripod Christmas Tree

It was agreed the Parish Council would not proceed with purchasing a Wooden Tripod with lights for the Village but instead accept Mr L Neale's kind offer of providing a natural tree with lights powered from a 12v battery.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would again have a Christmas tree with lights erected by Cartwrights.

f) Awaiting quote from DALC for Internal Auditor for 2026/27

11/26/12 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & OBSERVATIONS

No further reports/observations than those already discussed.

11/26/13 COUNCILLORS EMAIL 'GOV.UK' ACCOUNTS

AGREED these accounts should be used for Parish Council business.

11/26/14 DELEGATED PLANNING

26/01043/FUL	**Carsington Water, Carsington** Case Officer: Edward Vaudin	Carsington Water, Carsington, Derbyshire Erection of structures, siting of pontoon and change of use to facilitate an aqua park
Extension given HWPC to comment by 03/11/2026 response:		

Hulland Ward Parish Council opposes the proposed aqua park development for the following reasons: 1. The size and location of the aqua park, along with the noise and visual impact, significantly outweigh any of the potential financial benefits that have been suggested by the applicant. 2. Carsington Water is too small to cope with such a large development, and we believe it will become a dominant feature on the landscape. 3. Carsington Water is a well-known bird sanctuary with around 240 recorded species. The proposed aqua park will have a detrimental effect on the bird population and wildlife. 4. There has been a significant number of local objections lodged on the Derbyshire Dales Planning Portal, and over 1,500 signatures have opposed the application, so far, in an online poll. As such, the Parish Council wishes to support the majority view within our local community.		
26/01053/FUL	**Land to the South of Jasmine Cottage.** Case Officer: Daniel Shipley	Erection of an agricultural building at Land to the South of Jasmine Cottage, Hillcliff Lane Turnditch
No Comment		

9.00 pm Cllr J Morgan and Cllr S Morgan left the meeting.

11/26/14 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Repot noted, the Parish Clerk has been circulating correspondence as it arises

11/26/15 MEETING DATES AGREED

07 December 2026
11 January 2027
01 February 2027
01 March 2027
05 April 2027
17 May 2027 Annual Meeting *(Elections 06 May 2027 meeting to be within 14 days)*

Meeting closed 9.13 pm