

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 2 March 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present: J Morgan (Vice-Chair), K Dean, C Ratcliffe, S Morgan. Cllr D Murphy (DDDC), Mr M Barrell (representing Hulland village). 5 Members of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Balls, A Champion and M Atkin and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin parish).

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 February 2026

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 February 2026 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

All matters arising were on the agenda.

4) Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

5) Briefings/Comments:

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy reported that District Councillors had been invited to attend a Local Plan workshop. Cllr Murphy had been contacted by residents regarding the application for a replacement wind turbine, as result Cllr Murphy has asked for the matter to be determined by the planning committee. Regarding the Dog Lane/Dam Road junction, motorists are hitting the reservation in the middle of the road, Cllr Murphy has written to the County Highways Department requested that reflective signs be fitted.

The District Council tax will be discussed at a full Council meeting, it is anticipated that the rise will be 2.99% which is the maximum amount that the District Council can set; the Council will also be spending some of their reserve in order to balance the books and will also be looking to make savings.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Barrel reported that the Hulland village litter pick would be held on the same day as the Hulland Ward litter pick. There was a query regarding the ownership of a missing grit bin. Full fibre broadband would shortly be available in Hulland and Hulland Ward, an information session would be held in due course. Hulland residents had raised concerns about potholes.

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 of Hognaston raised concerns about the suitability of fibre broadband and felt that digital was unreliable.

A resident raised objection to the wind turbine application. The old wind turbine had not been removed and should have been decommissioned and removed in 2015 when it was no longer in use. The new application is not replacing like for like, the new turbine is much larger and will have significant impact in this very rural location. The resident advised everyone to look at the location and the specification as

the proposals were for a much larger wind turbine. The resident was in the process of raising an objection. The Chair advised anyone with concerns to submit these to the District Council.

6) Village Development:

a) Planning Application 26/00161/FUL Replacement wind turbine (30m to hub) at Overhouse Farm, Dog Lane, Hulland Ward

Councillors considered that the information available was misleading. Clerk to ask for clarification on the size of the wind turbine. *Action: Clerk*

b) Planning Application Notification of Prior Approval - Change of use from commercial (Use Class E) to dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) at Medical Centre Main Road Hulland Ward

The Council felt that unfortunately they had insufficient information to comment on this application, therefore it was difficult to raise objection but nevertheless it was sad to note that the village had lost the Medical Centre. Council resolved to have no objection. *Action: Clerk*

c) Update on Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Sub-Committee

No further information available at the present time, other than information received from Cllr Murphy.

d) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

Cllrs Champion and Ratcliffe had recently visited the site. Restoration work around the raised manhole needed to be completed when the ground is dry.

7) Proposal to set up a Parish Council Local Plan Sub-Committee/Membership/Terms of Reference

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting. *Action: Clerk*

8) Village Image & Environment:

a) Speeding Issues – Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch signs

The information for February had now been circulated and was available on the Council website and Facebook page. *Action: Clerk*

b) Response from PCC Derbyshire – especially comments about speed data and encouraging village to report speeding events

Cllr Dean had made a comprehensive response to the PCC. It was noted that data from the Crest vehicle was only taken during a short period of time whereas village signs are recording data all the time.

c) Village Entrance Gates Update

Clerk to follow up. *Action: Clerk*

d) Third Speed Sign for Les Ardennes

Cllr Dean has approached the PCC and Cllr Hunter for funding for another speed sign. The proposed location has already been identified. *Action: Cllr Dean*

e) Neighbourhood Watch Update

No report received from neighbourhood watch co-ordinator. New NHW signs have been received.

f) Update on the Brailsford Solar Park

No further information was available at the present time.

g) Raised drain cover near the memorial tree

This work would be done in better weather.

h) Response from MP John Whitby following his attendance at the Parish Council meeting

A letter of thanks had been sent to John Whitby MP.

i) Order for Lamp Post Poppies at a cost of £5 per poppy and number required

Clerk to order 10 poppies. *Action: Clerk*

j) Council to consider quote for Floral Planters and Boxes for the village for Summer 2026 at a cost of £2,973.

The Council resolved to go ahead and place the order for floral planters and boxes. *Action: Clerk*

k) Gritting of Estate roads and budget for gritting

This matter to be carried forward when quotes available from the handyman and another contractor.

Action: Clerk

l) New signs for the grit bins at a cost of £270

Council resolved to go ahead and purchase new signs for the grit bins. **Action: Clerk**

9) Play Area and Playing Field**a) Approval of the Terms of Reference for the Play Area Sub Committee**

The Council resolved to approve the terms of reference as presented.

b) Update from the Play Area Sub – Committee Meeting

The minutes from the first meeting of the Play Area Sub-Committee Meeting had been circulated to Councillors

c) Roundabout

The members of the Play-Area Sub-Committee felt that the roundabout was safe to use, and a member of the committee agreed to conduct regular inspections.

Action: Clerk

d) Permission to hold an Easter Trail on the Playing Field

The Parish Council had no objection to an Easter Trail being held on the Playing Field.

10) Litter – Village Litter Pick – Saturday 21 March & proposals for a CCTV on the junction of Smith Hall Lane

Litter picking equipment had been ordered from the District Council; the equipment would then be loaned to Biggin parish on the 22 March. The Clerk was advised to increase the order for litter pickers to 20. Council also resolved that the Clerk should purchase 5 bag rings. Cllr S Morgan to obtain more information about the use of CCTV and possible fines. **Action: Cllr S Morgan & Clerk**

11) Update from the Village Hall Committee

Cllr Champion had attended a recent meeting of the Committee and had explained the information from the Charity Commission regarding the audit of accounts. The Council resolved to accept the offer from DALC for the auditing of the Village Hall accounts at the same time as the internal audit was conducted for the Parish Council.

12) Dates for commemorative tree planting at the Village Hall

The Council resolved to go ahead with the tree planting on 14 March 2pm. **Action: Clerk**

13) Finance and Administration:**a) Website/Facebook Page Updates**

Information on the website and Facebook page were up to date. **Action: Clerk**

b) Update on Councillor Vacancies

The Council currently has 2 Councillor vacancies.

c) Co-option of Parish Councillor

No one had expressed an interest in being co-opted at the present time.

d) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £29,340.91 including reserved funds of £3,679.77.

e) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

NSP	170.82
Hulland Ward Village Hall	81.00
Lester Lowe	840.00
Ashbourne Secretarial & Printing Services (HH)	282.90
Rural Action Derbyshire	50.00
Clerk's Salary	347.93
Clerk's Expenses	34.27

14) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- There was a gate missing along Moss Lane and a manhole cover missing which was waiting for Severn Trent to connect supply and a large stone nearby which is a trip hazard.
- There had been a car accident along the main road near the holiday cottages, resulting in the car ending up in a garden.
- The condition of the Post box at the top of Firs Avenue was brought to the attention of Councillors.
- A 'Mind the toads' sign had been placed in a difficult location on Moss Lane

15) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

The Clerk had recently attended Assertion 10 training and would need to conduct some tests on every page of the Council website to test compliance, the Clerk was unsure whether this could be done before the end of the financial year. **Action: Clerk**

16) Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 13 April 2026 at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed

Dated