

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 7 July 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: A Champion (Chair), P Birkbeck (Vice-Chair), M Atkin, K Dean, J Morgan, S Morgan, A Street, Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Parish) and 6 Members of the public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Astle, D Balls, Mr M Barrell (representing Hulland village) and Cllr A Hunter (DCC).

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 June 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 June 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

4) Declaration of interests

Cllr Champion declared a non-pecuniary interest as a clergyman in the Diocese of Derby.

5) Briefings/Comments:

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy gave an update on local government reform which is out for consultation, details on the Derbyshire Dales District Council website, it is being suggested that Derbyshire may have a southern and a northern unitary authority. There are potentially large savings from having 2 larger unitary authorities. The government will make the final decision about how the county will be organised. Cllr Murphy had also asked the District Council to write to all parish councils to consult on possible future development sites in the villages.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Ms L Redfern representing Biggin parish, was concerned about the Planning Application 25/00526/PDA - change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 no. dwellings (use class C3) with associated building operations. This application is on the border of Hulland Ward and Biggin parishes, neither parish had been consulted on the application. Ms Redfern raised several concerns about the application including light pollution, area not identified for development, access, speed and flooding are issues on the road. Mr Calvin Boam, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator gave an update: there were now 159 people on the NHW Facebook page, there had been instances of anti-social behaviour on the playing field by local youngsters, all instances of ASB should be reported to the police, Electric scooters and motorcycles should not be used on the playing field. Mr Boam was regularly in touch with the PCSO in Ashbourne and had requested patrols on the playing field. Action had been taken regarding a noisy motorcyclist and this matter had been resolved.

- 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.**

Members of the public raised objections to planning application 25/00526/PDA.

6) Village Development:

- a) **Planning Application 25/00496/FUL – Side and rear extension and erection of car port at Mount Pleasant Cottage, Bullhill Lane, Ireton Wood, Derbyshire DE56 2SD**

The Council noted that the proposal will increase the length of the property, and the car park will be larger than existing but this will allow for more turning space. The Council resolved to have no objection to this application. **Action: Clerk**

- b) **Planning Application 25/00526/PDA Change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 no. dwellings (use class C3) with associated building operations**

Cllr Birkbeck had visited the site and made the following comments: this is an existing building which has been used for agriculture it is on a brown field site, the existing barns are in a poor state of repair, development will improve this area, proposed properties are not overlooked. The Highway authority have no objection regarding visibility and access. After discussion 5 Councillors were in favour of the development with 1 against but it was resolved that a final Parish Council decision be postponed to allow the Clerk time to gather more information on the suitability of the access to the proposed development. The major problem being that the 30mph zone and the 60mph zone intersection is very close to the access to the development, requiring very different sight line criteria. **Action: Clerk**

- c) **Update on Wheeldon Way Development**

Trench work has now started and will hopefully be completed soon. Further issues will be raised with developers in due course.

7) Village Image & Environment:

- a) **Play Area Update/Funding & Repair to Roundabout**

District council officer still needs to view the damage to the roundabout. **Action: Cllr Champion & Clerk**

- b) **Speeding Issues – Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch signs**

Data from the MVAS would be available shortly. A community speed watch session was planned for the near future.

- c) **Village Entrance Gates**

The Council agreed to go ahead with purchase of smaller village entrance gates at a cost of £2,365 once an object in the highway licence had been obtained from the County Highways Department. The Council were also to request white line marking up to the gates. Clerk to investigate the possibility of funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner. **Action: Cllr Dean and Clerk**

Cllrs J Morgan and S Morgan left the meeting at this point.

- d) **Dog Lane Footpath – quote for clearing the path at a cost of £200**

The Parish Council resolved to accept the quote and go ahead with this work. **Action: Cllr Champion**

8) Village Hall Committee Update

The committee were pleased that the car park work was near completion. Cllrs Champion and Birkbeck to attend the next meeting. **Action: Cllrs Champion & Birkbeck**

9) Update on the Hulland Defibrillator

A National lottery grant application has now been submitted to cover the remaining cost.

10) Car Park Extension to the Village Hall quote for final works and lighting at a cost of £2,279

The Council resolved to accept the quote for additional lighting, the Council further to accept a quote of £400 for a final tidy up of the area. An official opening was to take place in the next few weeks after

which the Council may consider an option for a link path to the Church. Clerk to send out official invitation to the opening after date is agreed. **Action: Cllrs & Clerk**

11) Review of Council Policies

a) Risk Management Policy

The Council resolved to approve the risk management policy as presented, this would now go on the website. **Action: Clerk**

b) Risk Management Scheme

The Council resolved to approve the risk management scheme as presented, this would now go on the website. **Action: Clerk**

c) Publication Scheme

The Council resolved to approve the publication scheme as presented, this would now go on the website. **Action: Clerk**

12) Finance and Administration:

a) Website/Facebook Page Updates

Clerk to update the Facebook page. **Action: Clerk**

b) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £48,195.29 including reserved funds of £2,538.30.

c) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Burleys	3,361.20
Cartwright Landscaping	1,005.60
Nigel Davis (Land Registry)	30.00
B Astbury	120.00
Parish Online	54.00
Hulland Ward Village Hall	81.00
Derbyshire ALC Ltd	55.00
Clerk's Salary	296.88
HMRC	243.60
Nest Pensions	40.61
Clerk's Expenses	162.85

13) Review & Update on Capital Projects

Work on the Village Hall Car Park was almost complete.

14) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- Another hedge cutting session would be done in the next few weeks, Clerk to contact a resident on the Willows to clarify the situation regarding hedge cutting at their property. **Action: Clerk.**
- New Apple tree supplier needs to be found, expenditure anticipated to be around £230. **Action: Cllr Street**
- Cllr Champion gave the meeting an update on items from a recent Chair skills course which he had attended, he had found the course very useful and would strongly recommend to anyone taking on the role in the future.
- Village Christmas Tree to go on the next agenda. **Action: Clerk**
- The Derbyshire Dales Local plan sub-committee to be a standing item on future agendas. **Action: Clerk**

15) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

- Clerk reported that the Council had been selected by the external auditors as part of a 5% sample for a higher-level audit.
- The National Lottery had now confirmed that they had all the relevant land registry documents for the village hall.
- Clerk to ask for more time for comments on a new planning application which had been received in the last few days. **Action: Clerk**

16) Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 1 September at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 20.45 pm

Signed

Dated