

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 3 July 2023 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), D Astle, M Atkin, A Champion (Vice-Chair), K Dean, J Morgan. Cllr D Murphy (DCC). Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village) and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Village) 1 member of the public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk).

### **1 Attendance & Apologies**

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr S Morgan.

### **2 Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 June 2023**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5 June 2023 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

### **3 Outstanding items from the previous meeting**

There were no outstanding items from the previous meeting.

### **4 Declaration of interests**

Cllr Birkbeck declared a non-pecuniary interest as a School Governor. Cllr Champion declared a non-pecuniary interest as a clergyman in the Diocese of Derby. Cllr Atkin declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Village Show Committee.

### **5 Briefings/Comments:**

#### **a) District and County Councillors**

Cllr Murphy had been in discussion with the Highway department regarding a crossing patrol near the garage, no new patrols were being financed at present, but Cllr Murphy had still asked for more information. An Officer had visited Hulland village to look at the areas of concern. The Council were to receive £500 towards the cost of the Coronation mugs. Cllr Murphy to look into progress on the proposed work at Waterlagg Junction.

#### **b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes**

Ms Redfern for Biggin parish reported that a good result had been received regarding the planning at Biggin Old Hall. Comments had been received about a sewerage stench when coming up Dog Lane. Mr Sadler for Hulland parish reported that residents had declined 30 mph proposals through the village as most felt it would speed traffic up rather than reduce speed and residents felt they would prefer efforts to be focussed on the Hulland Hollow issues. The parish had not yet received a response from DCC officer following his visit to the site.

#### **c) Invited comments from the public**

A member of public addressed the meeting regarding the revised Knockerdown Inn application. The application asks for considerably more parking spaces and a new entrance/exit. Potentially this will increase traffic through Hulland Ward and other villages. Previous objections have not really been addressed in the new application. Councillors were invited to attend a meeting with other Parish Councils to discuss the proposals.

### **6 Village Development:**

#### **a) Report on the scoping exercise at Mercaston Quarry**

Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion had visited the Mercaston site and briefed the meeting on the works going on at the Quarry. The Council resolved that representatives from the Quarry be invited to attend the September meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Update on Wheeldon Way Development**

It was understood that groundworks were likely to continue for several more months. Clerk was asked to send letter to the Planning Officer asking for the road to be repaired. **Action: Clerk**

**7 Village Image & Environment:**

**a) Memorial Bench on Hulland Ward Playing Field**

The total cost for installation of the bench was £150, this figure was to be passed on to the fundraiser.

**Action: Clerk**

**b) Fencing in the community orchard**

Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion to meet with the village handyman to resolve these matters. **Action: Cllrs Birkbeck & Champion**

**c) Play Area Inspection Report**

The Play Area Inspection Report had raised several issues, some of which needed to be dealt with urgently. The Council resolved that the Clerk should contact a local contractor to carry out the works.

**Action: Clerk**

**d) Hedge cutting along the main road**

The first cut had been done; a further cut would be done in late July.

**e) Village Hall Committee**

Cllr Dean is now attending Village Hall Committee meetings. **Action: Cllr Dean**

**f) Speeding Issues – signs/community speed watch/speed watch signs**

Cllr Dean had circulated the MVAS data for June; more than 80,000 vehicles came through the village in June. Full details will be available on the Parish Council website shortly. Several Community Speed Watch sessions had been held during the month. Cllr Dean still pursuing average speed cameras.

**Action: Cllr Dean**

**g) Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing new to report.

**h) Defibrillator Seminar**

This was planned for September, date to be finalised. The cost of the trainer would be £100. **Action:**

**Cllr Atkin**

**i) Dog Bins**

The Moss Lane bin had been removed as the District Council considered the location dangerous, however they had agreed to erect a new bin on the opposite side of the road.

**j) Grass Mowing around the village and the cost of removing grass cuttings**

Removal of grass cutting was not included in the handyman contract. Council did not want to pay to have grass removed, Cllr Champion to discuss this with the handyman. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**k) Equipment storage at the MUGA**

The storage bin had been damaged. Cllr Astle to remove the padlock. **Action: Cllr Astle**

**l) Sewerage Reed Bed in Hulland Ward**

There was concern that the Sewerage Reed Bed was not coping with the current sewerage. Clerk to write to Severn Trent to ask for a full report of what is happening. There was concern about the smell from the plant, it was reported that sewerage is being taken away daily and concern that the reed bed may already be at capacity. **Action: Clerk**

**m) 2023-24 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement**

The Council resolved to join the scheme this year. There were problems with the Scout Lane and Millington Green footpaths. Ramblers Association to be asked to notify the Council of any issues. Clerk to circulate footpath map. **Action: Cllr Atkin & Clerk**

**n) Lorry damage to barrier along the A517**

There was concern as to whether this has been reported to Highways, there was also concern about the road surface. **Action: Clerk.**

**8 Consideration of the valuations and sale of Snappers Knowe Woodland**

The Council had now received 3 valuations on the land. The third valuation was considerably higher than the others. The Clerk was to contact the valuer to ask if the sale conditions set out by the Council had been considered when the valuation figure was set. If a revised valuation was received, then the Council resolved to sell the woodland at a figure around £25,000. The tenant had reported that a tree had recently fallen across the road and there was also a power cable entangled within the wood that would need addressing. **Action: Clerk**

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

The Clerk had spoken to the website company and the site was now coming up under a google search.

**b) Amending of funding agreement – land on the east side of Ashes Avenue**

The Council resolved to approve a small amendment to the funding agreement. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Financial Support for the Village Show – request for £250**

The Council resolved to approve a grant of £250 towards the Village Show.

**d) Update on Finances**

The balance in the current account was £33,154.25.

**e) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:**

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Burleys (formerly Plantscape)	2978.40
Hulland Herald	250.00
Parish Online	6.00
Derbyshire County Council	105.00
W K Marshall	405.00
Clerk's Salary	257.23
HMRC	209.80
Nest Pensions	34.97
Clerk's Expenses	134.74

**10 Review & Update on Capital Projects**

There was nothing further to report at present.

**11 Councillor's Reports & Observations**

- There were holes in the road going towards Wheeldon Way.
- The planning application for 16 houses off Biggin View, it was uncertain when this would be discussed by Derbyshire Dales..
- The Hedge on Dog Lane, opposite the Village Hall is very overgrown and encroaching on to the pavement, although there is room to walk on the grass. Cllr Birkbeck to speak to the landowner.  
**Action: Cllr Birkbeck**
- Handyman to be asked to deal with the weeds in the jitty between Alport Close and Greenway  
**Action: Cllr Champion**
- A request had been received for the school children to get involved in a 'clean up after your dog campaign' to discourage irresponsible dog owners. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck**

- There were some deep potholes after Aggregates Industries. Cllr Morgan to report. **Action: Cllr Morgan**
- The village School had done a project on 'what a Parish Council does' which had helped the children to understand the work of the Council.

**12 Parish Councillor Vacancy/Co-option of Parish Councillor**

As it was now more than 35 days since the election, the Clerk advised the Council that they needed to advertise the Parish Councillor vacancy. Co-option would be on the September agenda. **Action: Clerk**

**13 Clerk's Report & Correspondence**

Most items have gone out by email. The Clerk reminded members that they were invited to attend a forthcoming meeting about the Knockerdown Inn planning application, details had been circulated. Cllr Murphy had stated that there was still some grant funding available, the Council resolved that the Clerk should look at the cost of a new Parish Council notice board to go near the village shop.

**14 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 4 September at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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