

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 6 October 2025 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Cllrs: A Champion (Chair), P Birkbeck (Vice-Chair), D Astle, M Atkin, K Dean, Cllr D Murphy (DDDC) and Mr M Barrell representing Hulland Village. Rt Hon John Whitby MP, 4 Members of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

### 1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Balls, J Morgan, S Morgan and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Parish). It was noted with regret that Cllr Astle had resigned from the Council after this meeting. Cllr Champion welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Right Honourable John Whitby MP.

### 2) Welcome to John Whitby MP

#### a) Derbyshire Dales Local Plan

The MP stated that the lack of housing in the constituency was brought to his attention during the election period. A large part of the constituency was covered by the Peak Park and the Peak Park has no housing target which unfairly disadvantages the rest of the constituency. A lot of building is going on particularly in Ashbourne and Brailsford; Houses are needed. The MP had objected to development in Matlock due to flooding impact, he had also opposed development in Brailsford, but this had been granted at appeal. Flooding and drainage are good reasons for turning down development. The District Council need to have plan as soon as possible they need numbers in place to prevent speculative development. Hulland Ward has met its housing target with 109 dwellings approved as agreed in the local plan, although the local plan is a target not a limit. The MP stated that he liked the concept of a new village; adding on to villages doesn't always provide the right infrastructure. The MP was asked why Belper Mill was not being converted into flats, the MP stated that the owners are desperate to get development underway, and apartments would be ideal. Why are green field sites being used for development? Greenfield sites are easier to build on; brownfield sites are not always easy to use. Greenfields are needed to produce food. Why are so many large houses being built? The idea was that developers build 50% large houses and 50% affordable, it is unacceptable for developers not to provide affordable housing. Hulland Ward doesn't have the infrastructure for development, reed drainage system is at over capacity now, many utilities in the village are outdated. Section 106 must address the infrastructure needs. Why is it not compulsory to put solar panels on new houses? The MP stated that it will become compulsory. The MP was asked if he was prepared to lobby DEFRA to get the national parks to take responsibility for some of the housing allocation, say 150 houses per year? The remit of the Peak Park is countryside/environment. The MP had spoken to the housing minister about numbers; some Peak Park villages are crying out for new houses. If this is a problem, then the government will need to look at the issue.

#### b) Speeding in Hulland Ward/Average Speed Cameras and Funding

Cllr Dean explained that Hulland Ward has 2 speed signs, the data from them is downloaded every month, this information is shared with the MP and the Police & Crime Commissioner. At present 1.4 million vehicles pass through the village which has seen a 2.5% increase in traffic in recent years; the maximum speed recorded is 93mph; 27% of those vehicles are speeding. If 96,000 vehicles were caught speeding and were each fined £100 this would generate £9,620,800. We would like MPR type

cameras for the village, could the Parish Council receive a percentage of what is paid in fines? Speeding is consistent, an increasing population will increase traffic. The MP stated that he would certainly support an average speed camera for the village. It was stated that 95% of QEGS children cross the road to catch the bus and speeding is a very real danger in the village. Whilst data is recorded by the community speed watch group, the true speeding data is from the village speed signs, but this not being considered by the road safety Crest Team.

**c) Other matters raised with the MP**

Potholes were a problem and road safety signs which have become obscured by hedges, the MP agreed to raise this matter with the County Council.

The Hulland Ward Health Centre has never reopened since covid, building is still there and has served area for 40 years, now everyone is travelling to Brailsford or Ashbourne, the residents would like it to be re-opened, with an elderly population it is important to have easy access to health services. The MP agreed to raise this matter with NHS Chief Executive.

**3) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 1 September 2025**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 1 September 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**4) Outstanding items from the previous meeting**

Village entrance gates, the quote received covered installation at all locations. There were no other matters arising from the previous meeting.

**5) Declaration of interests**

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

**6) Briefings/Comments:**

**a) District and County Councillors**

Cllr Murphy reported that he had really pushed the road safety aspect regarding the Moss Lane issue. Surveyors had now visited the site, and it was being surveyed; there was real concern about someone driving off the highway; the matter is being given serious consideration.

There was currently no information on the reorganization of the District/County Councils.

The Local Plan Sub-Committee are not currently discussing new sites. Derbyshire Dales will need five years of potential housing stock sites, but Cllr Murphy was concerned about infrastructure if developments go ahead.

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

Mr Barrel from Hulland village explained that Hulland residents had agreed to accept the donation of a defibrillator from Longcliffe Quarries. This had now been delivered and it was hoped it would be installed in the next few days. The Parish Council had received the National Lottery grant of £1455 for a defibrillator, this would now need to be returned.

**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 member of the public asked that the Council support the planning appeal for the Willows, Intakes Lane, Turnditch.

**7) Village Development:**

**a) Response from the Planning Officer regarding the Parish Council being notified of applications and the Council being given the opportunity to comment in a timely manner.**

The planning officer had responded to the Parish Council regarding concerns over the lack of notification of some applications in the village, human error had meant that Hulland rather than

Hulland Ward had been consulted on one application. The Planning officer could not add an additional email address to requests for consultation.

**b) Planning Appeal – The Willows, Intakes Lane, Turnditch – APP/P1045/W/25/3372849 – 25/00600/FUL – 25/00023/WREP**

As this development is not visible and neighbours would not be impacted, the Council resolved to have no objection to the proposals. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Update on Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Sub-Committee**

District Councillor Dermot Murphy updated the Council on the work of this committee under item 6 a) above.

**d) Update on Wheeldon Way Development**

Cllrs Champion and Birkbeck had carried out a recent site visit. One property is now occupied, when more have been sold, the developers will start work on the rest of the site. A playing field car park sign needs to be put back in place and the area where drainage has been installed needs to be returned to its original condition. **Action: Cllrs Champion and Birkbeck**

**8) Village Image & Environment:**

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

The data for September has now been downloaded, and this will be available on the website shortly.

**Action: Clerk**

**b) Village Entrance Gates Update**

Clerk had sent the Object in the Highway application form to the suppliers for technical details, this will then be submitted to the County Council when everything is complete. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Large Village Christmas Tree – Council to consider quote received of £275**

Council resolved not to accept the quote. Mr Barrel agreed to supply details of the Hulland village tree.

**d) Defibrillator Seminar**

This was planned for the 4 November at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, publicity would be circulated shortly. **Action: Cllr Atkin**

**e) Neighbourhood Watch Update**

No update was available for this meeting.

**f) Problems with the entrance to footpath No 23 off Moss Lane, Hulland Ward**

An overgrown hedge was making access to this path very difficult. Cllr Champion to ask the handyman to cut the hedge back. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**g) Neighbourhood Watch Signs around the Village**

Some signs are missing and some are unreadable. New signs are needed; Cllrs Atkin and Champion agreed to check existing signs and then place an order for new signs. **Action: Cllrs Atkin and Champion**

**9) Play Area and Playing Field**

**a) Security of the Playing Field Gate**

Following the resignation of Cllr Astle, who had been responsible for the daily locking and unlocking of the playing field gate, discussion took place about the erection of a height restriction barrier. The Council resolved to accept a quote for a wooden barrier at a cost of £750 including installation. **Action: Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion**

**b) Discussion regarding the future of the Play Area following feedback from residents**

Following a Facebook post, numerous residents had contacted the Council asking for a new play area. After discussion, the Council resolved to explore the idea of a new play area and would set up a Play Area Sub-Committee, Councillors Champion and Atkin agreed to be on the committee. Clerk to contact residents who had requested a new play area to ask them to join a sub-committee and contact the school to ask them for their input. There was some concern about the insurance cost of a new play area. **Action: Cllrs Champion, Atkin and Clerk**

**c) Metal Storage Box near the MUGA**

The metal storage box had been damaged; Council resolved to dispose of the box and store the equipment on the loft at the Village Hall. Cllr Champion to speak to the Handyman. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**d) Purchase of new dog exclusion sign/signs for the MUGA**

Clerk to order 2 new signs, Cllr Dean to check condition of existing signs. **Action: Cllr Dean & Clerk.**

**10) Update on the Village Hall and agenda for the next meeting with the Village Hall Committee**

A new fridge had been installed; the annual maintenance walk around had been carried out. Clerk to circulate agenda including an item on finance in readiness for the Parish Council trustee meeting with the committee on the 23 Oct. Council resolved to approve presentation costs of £60/£70 if necessary.

**11) Village Hall Car Park Extension link path to the Church**

This matter to be carried forward. **Action: Clerk**

**12) Update on the Hulland Defibrillator**

Following item 6 b) the Clerk to arrange for the return of the National Lottery grant. **Action: Clerk**

**13) Information from Severn Trent Community Roadshow**

Information about the recent roadshow had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

**14) Review of Council Policies****a) Approval of the 2025 Standing Orders**

This matter to be carried forward. **Action: Clerk**

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

This matter to be carried forward. **Action: Clerk**

**b) External Auditor's Report**

The Clerk confirmed that the Conclusion of Audit notice had been posted on the website. The Council resolved to accept the findings of the external audit report and amend item 5 to 'No'. Since the audit the Council's Risk Management Plan and Risk Management Policy had been reviewed and were now available on the website. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Update on Councillor Vacancy**

Following the resignation of Cllr Astle, the council had another vacancy, this would be published in due course. **Action: Clerk**

**d) Update on Finances**

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £44,557.11 including reserved funds of £3,762.10

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

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

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| Wydels             | 533.40 |
| Planning Portal    | 383.00 |
| PKF Littlejohn LLP | 378.00 |
| Npower             | 4.37   |
| J S Marriott & Co  | 84.00  |
| Clerk's Salary     | 306.01 |
| Nest Pensions      | 41.92  |
| HMRC               | 267.89 |
| Clerk's Expenses   | 26.48  |

**16) Review & Update on Capital Projects**

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

**17) Councillor's Reports & Observations**

- Cllr Dean would like to move one of the speed signs; the signs needed cleaning, could the handyman be asked to do this? Clerk to check if handyman had licence to work on the highway. Cllr Dean would also like to request a third sign to go on the road near the Lea Ardennes development, this matter to be brought to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Dean and Clerk.**
- Following the hedge cutting along the main road, some trimming of hedges around signs and lamp posts needed to take place.
- The key for the Playing field gate was handed to Cllr Champion

**18) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:**

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

**19) Next Meeting**

The next meeting was planned for Monday 3 November 2025 at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 9 pm

Signed .....

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