

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 1 December 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: A Champion (Chair), M Atkin, D Balls, K Dean, J Morgan, Cllr A Hunter (DCC). 3 Members of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Morgan, Cllr D Murphy (DDDC), Mr M Barrell (representing Hulland Village), Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Parish) and Mr C Boam (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 3 November 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 3 November 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

Council agreed that the new bin would be keyless and mounted on a concrete base. Clerk to place the order. **Action: Clerk**

4) Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Julie Morgan was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

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 Adrian Hunter asked if Councillors were concerned about the Brailsford Solar Farm, this would probably be the largest solar farm in the country and would be on a greenfield site on the edge of Brailsford. Parish Councillors expressed concern about the application and resolved to support Brailsford Parish Council in their opposition to the proposal. The Council further resolved to record their opposition to the planning application to Derbyshire Dales District Council. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Hunter agreed to look into the flooding on Moss Lane as the drainage issue had still not been resolved. Cllr Champion to provide full location details. **Action: Cllr Champion**

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

There were no representatives present from Hulland and Biggin parishes.

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.

There were no comments received from members of the public.

7) Village Development:

a) Update on Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Sub-Committee

No update available. It was understood that the next meeting would be streamed live on YouTube in the next few days. There was some concern that this matter may be lost in the local government reorganization.

b) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

Following a recent visit to the site, it was noted that there had been a number of thefts over the summer; this information to be passed to the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Councillors were concerned about site security. A sign which had been turned around during the laying of power cables, is now pointing in the right direction. The ground around the manhole cover has not been properly reinstated and the developer should be accountable for this work being completed to a satisfactory standard.

8) Village Image & Environment:**a) Speeding Issues – Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch signs**

The latest data had been downloaded from the village speed signs and will be available shortly. **Action: Cllr Dean**

b) Village Entrance Gates Update

Application has been submitted to County Highways; when the application has been approved it may be necessary to obtain up to date quotes for the gates and the installation work.

c) Third Speed Sign for Les Ardennes

Cllrs Dean and Balls agreed to provide a detailed quote for the provision of the third speed sign. **Action: Cllrs Dean & Balls**

d) Large Village Christmas Tree

A tree had been donated; it was hoped this would be erected early on Saturday 6 December. A local resident to be asked about lighting for the tree. **Action: Cllr Champion**

e) Neighbourhood Watch Update

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had sent a message to say there had been no criminal activity in the village, but residents were concerned about speeding vehicles.

f) Neighbourhood Watch Signs around the Village

This matter is in hand. **Action: Clerk**

g) Order for trees and tree planting around the village

Acorn planting around the playing field was planned for Saturday 6 December at 10.30 am. The Village Hall committee had been informed that there is the opportunity for them to order a pack of trees for planting at the Village Hall if they wished.

It was resolved that the Clerk should order an orchard pack of trees for the community orchard.

Action: Clerk

h) Brailsford Solar Park – attendance at meeting on 4 December

This matter was discussed under item 6a) above. Cllr Champion agreed to attend the meeting. **Action: Cllr Champion**

i) Street Lighting on the Estate

It was reported that street lighting on the Estate was very dim and lights were going off early. Clerk to report to County Highways. **Action: Clerk**

j) Raised drain cover near the memorial tree

This matter to be raised again with the developer. **Action: Cllr Champion**

9) Play Area and Playing Field**a) Update on the height barrier at the Playing Field Entrance**

Work on the height barrier was finished on the 17 November. The old play area gates have been retained. Cllr Balls to check the height of the new barrier. **Action: Cllr Balls**

b) Update on the Play Area Sub Committee

Five people had expressed an interest in joining the Play Area Sub Committee. The Clerk had also written to the District Council and DALC for guidance on the project. It was hoped that a meeting date could be arranged for early in the new year. **Action: Clerk**

c) Removal of the damaged Roundabout

It was reported that the handyman may be able to repair the roundabout, Council agreed to wait for the outcome before removing.

d) Play Equipment Inspector's Course

Councillors were not able to take on the responsibility for attending the course and carrying out inspections, so the Council resolved to continue hiring an external contractor.

10) Update from the Village Hall Committee

Ms Wendy Whitbread is now Chair of the committee. Clerk is waiting for the final end of year figures from the Village Hall treasurer and then the annual return to the Charity Commission will be completed. Clerk had also requested confirmation of the audit and a copy of the audit report.

The storage box from the playing field had now been moved to the Village Hall. Clerk to check if the box with metal posts and tennis nets was on asset register, if it was not, then it was to be added. **Action: Clerk**

11) Review of the Village Hall Trust Deed

Copies of the Trust Deed were circulated to Councillors. Clerk to find out the cost of joining Derbyshire Rural Community Council; the advisory body for Village Halls. **Action: Clerk**

12) Village Hall Car Park link path to the Church

Nothing to report at present.

13) Information for the Hlland Herald

A resident had raised concerns that a recent report in the Hlland Herald regarding the conversion of a barn into 5 houses on Dog Lane had been misleading. After discussion the Council resolved to use the exact wording as that used in the District Council planning application.

14) Review of Council Policies**a) Approval of the Council's IT Policy**

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

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

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

b) Update on Councillor Vacancies

The Council currently has 3 Councillor vacancies. These have been advertised on the notice board, website and Facebook page.

c) Co-option of Parish Councillor

No applications had currently been received for new parish councillors.

d) Draft Budget for 2025/26

Clerk to update the draft budget to include cost of village entrance gates. **Action: Clerk**

e) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £38,416.03 including reserved funds of £3,598.90

f) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Ian Beard	100.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	89.94
Cartwright Landscaping & Maintenance Services	838.80
DALC	280.00
Clerk's Salary	306.01
Nest Pensions	41.92
Clerk's Expenses	19.99

14) Review & Update on Capital Projects

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

15) Councillor's Reports & Observations

No reports or observations were received from Councillors.

16) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

All correspondence had been sent out by email.

17) Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 12 January 2026 at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed

Dated