

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 2 September 2024 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), A Champion (Vice-Chair), D Astle, D Balls, J Morgan, and A Street. 2 Members of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

### 1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Morgan and K Dean; Cllr D Murphy (DDDC & DCC); Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village) and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Village).

### 2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 July 2024

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 July 2024 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) Co-option of new Parish Councillor

No applications had been received for the Parish Councillor vacancy.

### 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

Our District and County Councillor was unable to attend this meeting.

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

There were no representatives from Hulland and Biggin parishes at this meeting.

#### 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 introduced himself to the meeting and stated that he was interested in taking on the responsibility for the neighbourhood watch group.

### 7) Village Development:

#### a) Update on Wheeldon Way Development – Noise issues/Damage to verges/Drainage issues/Water dispersal issues/Damage to road surface

A discussion took place regarding the difficulty in getting builders to comply with all the planning conditions, particularly when they were no longer on site. The Parish Council agreed that they needed to learn from previous experience and step in earlier rather than later to prevent conditions being ignored.

### 8) Village Image & Environment:

#### a) Play Area Update

The Play Area Annual Inspection Report had just been received; this would be discussed fully at the next meeting.

#### b) Speeding Issues – Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch signs

Statistics from the speed signs for July and August had been circulated. Community speed watch groups have been meeting throughout the summer. It was noted that more people seemed to speed when

coming from the Derby direction, and many were local. Cllr Balls to give a summary of each speed watch session at future meetings. **Action: Cllr Balls**

**c) Neighbourhood Watch**

The Parish Council resolved to appoint Mr Calvin Boam as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Mr Boam was to discuss the role with the previous co-ordinator. Mr Boam was asked to report to each Parish Council meeting.

**d) Playing Field – update on work approved at the last meeting**

Some of the work approved at the last meeting has not been done, because of the need for clearing out of the ditch.

**e) Playing Field – Discussion on drainage work and approval of expenditure for clearing ditch at a cost of £950**

Following a discussion about the ownership and responsibility of the ditch, the Council resolved that this work should go ahead as soon as possible as not taking any action would cause more problems.

**Action: Cllr Birkbeck**

**f) Slings/Orchard/Memorial Area**

Cllr Street to obtain quote for trees prior to the next meeting. Cllr Street is able to supply 2 buddleias. Any planting in the memorial area will be delayed until the drainage work has been completed. **Action: Cllr Street**

**g) Supply of Solar Powered Christmas Trees**

The Council resolved to go ahead with the Christmas trees at a cost of £1,922. **Action: Clerk**

**h) Project with the Cobra Explorer Scout Unit to carry out a survey of footpaths in the parish**

Cllr Balls has volunteered to be the local footpaths officer and gave an update on issues with some of the footpaths in the village. Cllr Balls will try to get the scouts involved in the future. Cllrs Balls and Champion to work together on footpath issues. **Action: Cllr Balls & Champion**

**8) Village Hall Committee Update – work to the Beer Store**

Another quote was still required.

**9) Completion of the transfer of the Playing Field to the Parish Council and agreement that the Council take ownership of a small strip of land once drainage works are complete.**

The Council resolved to ask the District Council to complete the transfer of the Playing Field as soon as possible. The Council further resolved to take ownership of the memorial area once drainage works in the area had been completed by the developer. **Action: Clerk**

**10) Car Park Extension to the Village Hall**

Village Hall Committee may not have sufficient funds to be able to contribute towards the cost of the car park as they need to keep sufficient funds in hand to cover the cost of a replacement floor. A quote for a new wooden floor was required. The Council therefore resolved that they would consider doing only part of the car park extension work at this stage with final completion at a later date.

**11) Progress on the Sale of land at Snappers Knowe**

Clerk to contact the solicitor regarding the progress and clauses on the sale. **Action: Clerk**

**12) Finance and Administration:**

**a) Website/Facebook Page Updates**

Details of the Council's Facebook page to go in the Hlland Herald. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Acceptance of quote for moving to a .gov.uk domain name and email addresses**

The Clerk had received 3 quotes for the change of domain and emails, the information had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The highest quote was £510. The Council resolved that the final decision for a provider should be delegated to the Clerk. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Update on Finances**

The balance in the Parish Council account of £50,373.48.

**d) Approval of Invoices paid in August**

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Acres Signs & Graphics Ltd	60.00
Darren Cartwright	1028.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	69.54
Hulland Ward Village Hall (2 invoices)	162.00
Clerk's Salary	275.63
Nest Pensions	37.57
Clerk's Expenses	18.99

**e) Invoices and expenses for approval and payment at this meeting:**

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Cartwright Landscaping	1,630.80
Clerk's Salary	284.53
Nest Pensions	38.87
Clerk's Expenses	136.08

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

**a) New Gate/Fence at the Playing field**

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

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

- Some pothole repairs were already breaking up
- Many signs are overgrown by hedges and not visible, handyman to be asked to cut around some signs along the main road, Derby Road and Belper Road. Clerk to right to Highways Department.  
**Action: Clerk and Cllr Champion**
- A complaint had been received about grass cutting not being collected up around the Village Hall. This matter was to be passed to the Village Hall Committee. **Action: Cllr Champion**
- Village Show had been a successful event; there had been some interest in the Parish Council stand, some regular stalls were absent; parishioners should be encouraged to take part.
- Clerk to obtain quote for Councillor lanyards. **Action: Clerk**

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

The business savings account is now open, and 2 Councillors need to sign the bank form. Clerk to ask the District Council for an extension of time for comment on a new planning application.  
**Action: Clerk**

**16) Next Meeting**

Monday 7 October 2024 at 7 pm in Hulland Ward Village Hall. Meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed .....

Dated .....