

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 7 March 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair); Cllrs: J Scott (Vice-Chair), M Atkin, K Dean, D Lewis, V Thacker. Cllr D Murphy (DCC), 1 member of the public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1 Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Morgan and New, Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village) and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Village).

2 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 7 February 2022

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 February 2022 as a true record of that meeting proposed by Cllr Atkin and seconded by Cllr Dean.

3 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

All outstanding items were on the agenda.

4 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.

5 Briefings and Comments

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy reported that Sarah Dines MP had recently visited the village and met the Parish Council Chair and several local residents. Local issues had been brought to Ms Dines attention including Hulland Hollow, noise of traffic through the village and request to reduce the speed limit near the Les Ardennes development. Cllr Murphy reported that he was going to invite a senior County Council officer to come to Hulland Ward to look at the speeding issues. The noise of traffic was a Highways issue, and this would be raised with them. Cllr Murphy was going to inform Ms Dines regarding concerns about the future of the Hulland Ward Medical Centre.

b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Following a survey of residents in Hulland, 30 had replied to request a reduction in the speed at Hulland Hollow. It was hoped that the speed limit could be reduced to 40 mph.

c) Invited Comments from members of the Public

A member of the public addressed the meeting stating that he had always been interested in nature and conservation, and expressed his concerns regarding the Snappers Knowe woodland, which was owned by the Parish Council, the woodland is deteriorating and is often subject to fly tipping. The member of the public stated that he would be interested in purchasing the woodland in order to carry out woodland maintenance and encourage wildlife. If the Parish Council were interested in selling, then he would be happy to accept clauses in the sale to prevent development and sale of commercial timber. Once the woodland had been restored, the member of the public would be happy to invite school groups to visit.

6. Village Development:

a) 22/00150/FUL - Formation of enclosed patio and parking area at Shiny Barn Mercaston Lane Mercaston Ashbourne Derbyshire

The Parish Council resolved that they had no objection to this application. **Action: Clerk**

b) 22/00142/PDA - Change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. larger dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated building operations at Mansell Park Scout Lane Hulland Ward

The Parish Council resolved that they had no objection to this application. **Action: Clerk**

c) Wheeldon Way Development – Update from Working Group

Plans are in place for the development to be started, it was uncertain as to why work had not yet progressed. A brochure of the development was available.

7 Village Image & Environment

a) Report from meeting with Sarah Dines MP

Cllr Birkbeck updated Councillors on his recent meeting with Sarah Dines MP where a number of local issues had been raised. Ms Dines had asked to be kept updated on the Intakes Lane junction improvements.

b) Update on Parish Council Website & Facebook Page

After discussion the Council resolved to accept a quote of £230 for a new website and training for the Clerk. **Action: Clerk**

c) Village Hall Car Park Extension

There was nothing further to report at present.

d) Speeding Issues – Signs/Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch Signs

It was hoped to hold another speed watch session shortly. The latest speed sign data was now available, and this would be circulated shortly. **Action: Cllr Dean**

e) Neighbourhood Watch

There was nothing to report at present. Regular alerts were being circulated to the group.

f) Vehicle noise on the A517 Hulland Ward/Update on discussions with Longcliffe Quarries

There had been some difficulties in organising a meeting with Longcliffe Quarries, but it was hoped that this would take place in the next couple of weeks. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck**

g) Management of the Parish Council Land at Snappers Knowe

Parish Councillors noted the comments made under item 5c) above. The Council acknowledged that the woodland was not being maintained at present. The Parish Council resolved that they were not currently interested in selling the land, but they agreed to obtain professional advice on the matter.

Action: Clerk

h) Pedestrian Crossing on the A517

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

i) Play Area Cleaning

The Council resolved to organise cleaning of the play area in April.

j) Signage for the Slangs and Signage

The signs have been ordered and they will be available shortly. Council needs to agree the siting of the signs. The cost of the concrete and slabbed base for the memorial bench would be £220.

k) Order for Hanging Baskets and Planters for 2022

The Council resolved to go ahead with the order for hanging baskets and planters at a cost of £2,293. There would also be an additional one-off cost of £100 which was a legal charge payable to Derbyshire County Council for an object on the Highway Licence. **Action: Clerk**

l) The Great British Spring Clean 25 March – 10 April 2022

The Village Litter Pick was planned for Saturday 26 March, litter picking equipment had been ordered. The meeting point for the litter pick was to be on the Slangs. **Action: Cllr Thacker**

m) Queens Platinum Celebrations

The planting of the orchard and signage on the Slangs will be the main way the Parish Council will commemorate the Jubilee. The Council also proposed presenting mugs to the children of Hulland School.

n) Update on Issues at Hulland Ward and Brailsford Doctor's Surgery

Parish Councillors were extremely concerned about the future of the Medical Practice. There was to be an open meeting in Brailsford on the 6 April which is open to residents of both villages. Clerk was asked to contact South Dales Health Group to invite a representative to the next Parish Council meeting. The local MP Ms Sarah Dines was also to be informed of the situation. Action: Clerk

o) Planting of a time capsule in the grounds at the Village Hall

The WI had requested permission to plant a time capsule in the grounds of the village hall. The Council resolved that this could go ahead and to ask for information about the time capsule to go in the entrance to the hall.

p) Approval of the purchase of a Grit Bin for Viewdales Close at a cost of £120

The Council resolved to go ahead with the purchase of a small green grit bin for Viewdales Close.
Action: Clerk

8 Finance and Administration**a) To consider the request for a grant for Hulland Ward Bowls Club to purchase a handling unit for the bowls mats**

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to a grant of one-third of the cost. The Clerk to advise the group as to where they could apply for grant funding to cover the remainder of the cost. **Action: Clerk**

b) To approve an annual increase on the rents payable on Parish Council land

The Council resolved to go ahead with a 4.9% rental increase in line with the January RPI as detailed on figures previously circulated to members.

c) Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council vacancy had been advertised but there had been no expressions of interest.

d) Review of Financial Regulations

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting. **Action: Cllrs Dean and Scott**

e) Update on Finances

The balance in the current account was £18,884.58.

f) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting

The Council unanimously resolved to approve payment of the following items:

Simply Uniform Ltd	177.30
Lester Lowe Ltd	288.00
Clerk's Salary	240.62
Nest Pensions	26.52
Clerk's Expenses	20.91

9 Review & Update on Capital Projects

Nothing further to report on capital projects.

10 Councillor's Reports and Observations

- The Clerk was asked to send an email of thanks to the organiser of the recent Coffee Morning which had been a very successful village event, the funds raised had supported a number of organisations. It was suggested that in future Councillors should be nominated to attend community events and answer questions. **Action: Clerk**
- A few people had asked about the availability of allotments in the village.
- The Parish Council did not currently have a display board. Quotes to be obtained.
- Only one set of defibrillator pads had been received, so one of the current sets is now out of date. It was hoped that the additional set would be received shortly.
- Where could residents take donations for the Ukraine crisis?

- A group would like to erect Eco trail notices, this was an issue for County Highways.
- Will the booking procedure for the hall get easier? There was a possibility that a new booking system may be implemented. Comments need to be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

11 Clerk’s Report and Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the issue of the pavement outside Peel House had been reported to County Highways. The National Salary increase for Clerk’s had now been approved, this would be backdated to 1 April 2021, payment would fall in the 2022/23 financial year. An issue regarding a family walking from Hlland to Hlland School had been raised, the Clerk had advised the resident to contact the County Council home to school transport section. A complaint regarding parking on Wheeldon Way was to be sent to the Highways Department. **Action: Clerk**

12 Date for Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting was arranged for Monday 4 April 2022 at 7 pm in Hlland Ward Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed Dated 4 April 2022