

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 13 April 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present: A Champion (Chair), M Atkin, D Balls, C Ratcliffe. Cllr A Hunter (DCC) 3 Members of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs: K Dean, J Morgan and S Morgan, Cllr D Murphy (DDDC), and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin parish) and Mr M Barrell (representing Hulland parish)

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 March 2026

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 March 2026 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

All matters arising were on the agenda.

4) Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

5) Briefings/Comments:

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Hunter gave a short update on the Brailsford Solar Farm proposals.

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.

Members of the public expressed concern over the size of the proposed wind turbine.

6) Village Development:

a) Planning Application 26/00161/FUL Replacement wind turbine (30m to hub) at Overhouse Farm, Dog Lane, Hulland Ward

The Council resolved to object to the proposals as the new turbine would be significantly bigger than the previous one and would have a significant impact on the landscape. The previous turbine had not worked for a number of years, and as a condition of the original planning permission should have been removed, therefore the Council felt that there was no proven need for a replacement. **Action: Clerk**

b) Planning Application 26/00213/FUL Change of use of public house to two dwellings including erection of a detached garage at Black Horse Inn, Hulland Ward DE6 3EE

The Council resolved to object to this application as they felt that more information was required, particularly regarding the location of the garages. There was also some concern regarding visibility when vehicles were entering/exiting the site. **Action: Clerk**

c) Proposed Brailsford Solar Farm

Cllr Hunter reported that the size of proposal had been reduced and would now be on the Derby side of the development; it was thought that this would be less intrusive. Cllr Nick Adams to invited to the June meeting. **Action: Clerk**

d) Stopping Up Plan – s1.16 Highways Act 1980 – Proposed Extinguishment of Highway – Wood Lane Lodge, Mercaston, Ashbourne DE6 3GL

The Council resolved to object to these proposals as it was unclear why the work was needed. **Action: Clerk**

e) Update on Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Sub-Committee

District Councillor Peter O'Brien, as Chair of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Sub-Committee will be attending the May Parish Council meeting.

f) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

One property is now occupied. The path that will join Wheeldon Way to the Playing Field needs some work; builders to be asked to improve the surface and width of the path. **Action: Cllr Champion**

7) Proposal to set up a Parish Council Local Plan Sub-Committee/Membership/Terms of Reference

The Council resolved to set up a planning sub-committee to put together questions for the May meeting. **Action: Clerk**

8) Village Image & Environment:

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

The community speed watch group had recently met; over 10% of drivers were speeding, some drivers were challenging the 30mph.

b) Village Entrance Gates Update

County Highways had finally acknowledged receipt of the application.

c) Third Speed Sign for Les Ardennes

No further information available at present.

d) Neighbourhood Watch Update

A report had been received from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and there were no issues to report. New neighbourhood watch signs had been received.

e) Raised drain cover near the memorial tree

Soil has been put near the manhole cover, but deep ruts in the ground still require work. **Action: Clerk**

f) Gritting of Estate roads

This matter to be carried forward when quotes available from the handyman and another contractor. **Action: Clerk**

g) Grit Bin junction of Hulland Village with Smith Hall Lane

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

9) Play Area and Playing Field

a) Playing Field Issues

Sewerage supply from the development off Wheeldon Way has now been connected. Clerk to chase up missing documents from the District Council. The bin on the playing field needed to be emptied. The Council resolved to purchase an additional bin. **Action: Clerk**

b) Update from the Play Area Sub – Committee Meeting

No further update available at present, next meeting planned for the 23 April. Cllr Champion to attend a National Lottery funding workshop.

10) Feedback from the Village Litter held on Saturday 21 March & proposals for a CCTV on the junction of Smith Hall Lane

Litter pick had been very successful with lots of litter collected. The equipment had been loaned to Biggin parish for the following day. Photos to go on the website. **Action: Clerk**

11) Update from the Village Hall Committee

Cllr Champion had attended the last meeting; commemorative trees had been planted at the village hall, one dedicated to Bill Whitbread. A cross had been erected in the Village Hall grounds for Palm Sunday and remained up for Holy week. An auditor from DALC would conduct the Village Hall audit as soon as the Parish Council audits had been completed.

12) Recruitment of new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer – approval of advert/time scale/interview process

The Council approved the draft documents with a few amendments. The job would be advertised with a closing date of the 21 May. **Action: Clerk**

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

Information on the website and Facebook page were up to date. **Action: Clerk**

b) Update on Councillor Vacancies

The Council currently has 2 Councillor vacancies.

c) Co-option of Parish Councillor

No one had expressed an interest in being co-opted at the present time.

d) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £31,613.22 including reserved funds of £2,954.

e) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Glasdon	263.18
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Ltd	664.22
Hulland Ward Village Hall	81.00
HMRC	252.39
Clerk's Salary	347.93
Clerk's Expenses	165.79

14) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- A property on Elm View was being extended; vehicles would now access directly on to the road near Les Ardennes. Retrospective planning permission may be required.
- Cllr Atkin had ordered new defibrillator pads. Previous Councillor to be removed from the system.
- Footpath on Moss Lane now has new self-closing gate. Previous issues now resolved.

15) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

Clerk had received a phone call regarding Project Gigabyte, engineers are currently walking the route and work would be starting within the next 4 weeks, hopefully completion would be before the winter.

16) Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 11 May 2026 at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed

Dated