

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs: A Champion (Chair), P Birkbeck (Vice-Chair), D Astle, M Atkin, D Balls, J Morgan. Cllr A Hunter (DCC), Cllr D Murphy (DDDC) and Mr M Barrell representing Hulland Village. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Dean, S Morgan and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Parish). It was noted, with regret, that the resignation of Cllr A Street had been received earlier in the day.

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 7 July 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 July 2025 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) Declaration of interests

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

5) Briefings/Comments:

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy stated that he is now on the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan sub-committee, the meeting he had attended in July had dealt with terms of reference and the setting of a work programme. Cllr Murphy to send more information through and also pass on any concerns raised in due course. There was concern that works had still not be carried out at the Biggin Hollow, Clerk to obtain the what3words location and Cllr Hunter to follow up.

Cllr Hunter advised that residents contact the Highways Department and report instances of trees and hedges obscuring road signs and also report signs which need to be cleaned. **Action: Clerk**

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Hulland had been offered a defibrillator free of charge by Longcliffe Quarries, if this proved compatible then national lottery funding may not be required. It was noted that road surfacing issues should be raised with the County Highways.

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 members of the public present at this meeting.

6) Village Development:

a) Planning Appeal – 25/00496/FUL – 25/00021/HOUSE – Mount Pleasant Cottage, Bullhill Lane, Ireton Wood DE56 2SD

This matter had now gone to appeal as the original application had been refused by the District Council.

- b) Planning Application 25/00600/FUL – The Willows, Intakes Lane, Turnditch DE56 2LU – Demolition of outbuildings and erection of a single tow storey dwelling house and detached garage.**

The Parish Council had requested a time extension for comment on this application, but no response had been received. It was noted that the application had now been refused.

The Council was concerned that they were being giving insufficient time to comment on applications and in some cases were not being asked to comment on applications which are clearly in Hulland Ward parish. It was noted that the Council had not been asked to comment on application number 25/00813/FUL Building to North of Mansell Spinney, Scout Lane, Hulland Ward. Clerk to raise this matter with the planning authority and also ask for Cllr J Morgan's email address to be added to the notifications sent out for Hulland Ward applications. **Action: Clerk**

- c) Update on Wheeldon Way Development**

The Chair and Vice-Chair had visited the site earlier in the day. Concerns had been raised that the connection to the sewerage system may not being adequate. However, it was reported that the builders are working to a design specification supplied by Severn Trent. This information to be shared on Facebook. **Action: Clerk**

7) Village Image & Environment:

- a) Play Area Update/Funding & Repair/Replacement of the Roundabout**

A company had been out to look at repair/replacement of the roundabout on the Play Area, a quote for replacement would be considered at the next meeting. The Council discussed whether they should simply replace the roundabout or whether they should look to provide new equipment for the whole Play Area. This matter to be raised for discussion on the Council Facebook Page. **Action: Clerk**

- b) Bins on the Playing Field and Play Area**

The handyman to be asked to empty the current bins. Clerk to request one new bin from the District Council to go on the Playing Field. The existing bins on the Play Area and Playing Field to be removed. **Action: Clerk**

- c) Speeding Issues – Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch signs**

One Community speed watch session had been carried out; more volunteers were needed. Clerk to ask if cleaning of speed signs is included in the Swarco maintenance contract. **Action: Clerk**

- d) Village Entrance Gates – consideration of the quotation for the erection of village entrance gates at a cost of £5,000**

Clerk to check that the quote is to cover the installation of all 4 sets of gates, if so then the Council resolved to accept the quote for the work. Once this had been clarified the Clerk would progress with the Object in the Highway and grant funding applications. **Action: Clerk**

- e) Order for solar powered Christmas Trees for the lamp posts, quotation received £2,140 and proposals for the erection of a large village Christmas Tree**

The Council resolved to accept the quotation for the solar Christmas Trees. Clerk to obtain quote for a ground level large Christmas Tree. **Action: Clerk**

- f) Defibrillator**

The village defibrillator had recently been deployed but had now been returned and any equipment used had been replaced. The Council resolved that Cllr Atkin should go ahead and organise a defibrillator training session at a cost of approximately £100 plus the cost of hiring the Hall. **Action: Cllr Atkin**

8) Village Hall Committee Update

The official opening of the car park extension had taken place on Friday 8 August. Clerk reminded Councillors that another meeting was planned between the Parish Council (as Village Hall Trustees) and the Village Hall Committee on Thursday 23 October at 7 pm.

9) Village Hall Car Park Extension – Council to consider proposals for a link path from the extension to the Church

Mrs Champion to raise this matter with the Parochial Church Council.

10) Update on the Hulland Defibrillator

This matter has been covered by item 5b).

11) Meeting with John Whitby MP

The Parish Council agreed that they would be happy to invite their local MP, John Whitby to a Parish Council meeting. **Action: Clerk**

12) Local Government Reorganisation

The Chair and Clerk had both attended a meeting on the proposed local government reorganisation, information about the event had been circulated to Councillors. The final decision on a unitary authority would be made by central government.

13) Progress on the final handover of the Playing Field to the Parish Council

There had been no further progress on the final handover, but it is hoped that this will be done in the next few months. **Action: Clerk**

14) Review of Council Policies

a) Approval of the Equality & Diversity Policy

The Council resolved to approve the equality & diversity policy as presented, this would now go on the website. **Action: Clerk**

b) Approval of the Dignity at Work Policy

The Council resolved to approve the dignity at work policy as presented, this would now go on the website. **Action: Clerk**

15) Finance and Administration:

a) Website/Facebook Page Updates

New policies and other items needed to be added to the website. **Action: Clerk**

b) Freedom of Information Request

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a freedom of information request regarding the play area, this had been responded to.

c) Approval of the Clerk's Annual Pay Award

The Council resolved to approve the nationally agreed pay award for the Parish Clerk.

d) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £45,416.62 including reserved funds of £2,307.10

e) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Village Show	250.00
Nigel Davis	732.00
Ashbourne Secretarial Services (Hulland Herald)	262.20
Clerk's Salary	296.88
Nest Pensions	40.61
Clerk's Expenses for July	137.50
Alan Brown	2,734.80
Cartwright Landscaping	1,310.40
Netwise UK	388.80
Clerk's Salary for August	342.33
Nest Pensions	47.16
Clerk's Expenses for August	35.47
Defibrillator Postage Expenses (MA)	4.05

16) Review & Update on Capital Projects

Work on the Village Hall Car Park was now complete.

17) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- A pothole reported in March at the junction of Greenway and Beech Avenue, Hulland Ward had still not been repaired. Cllr Atkin to provide reference number. **Action: Cllr Atkin**
- Wasps which had previously caused concern in the commemorative tree, have now moved on.
- Cllr Astle stated that he wished to retire from the Council after the next meeting and he would like to cease the job of locking and unlocking of the playing field gate.
- Another hedge cut will be needed in September. Some cutting back of vegetation is needed around road signs and telegraph poles, Handyman to be asked to do this work.

18) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that there would be new audit regulations for 25/26 which required the Council to be Data and Digital compliant and have an IT Policy. **Action: Clerk**

19) Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 6 October at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 9 pm

Signed

Dated