

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of the Play Area Sub-Committee meeting held on Thursday 5 February 2026 at 1.30 pm in Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

Present:

Arthur Champion, Maureen Atkin, Louise Shaw, Rebecca Sutcliffe, Clare Baker, Kim Horsfield. Brenda Kirkham (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Election Chair

Louise Shaw was elected Chair

Terms of Reference

Members agreed with the terms of reference, these would now be sent to the Parish Council for approval.

Proposals for the Play Area

Arthur gave a slide show of the existing play area. Discussion took place about the history of the play area and issues with the roundabout. Meeting agreed that much of the current equipment is for very young children, it would be good to have equipment that was suitable for older children. Baby swings are an important feature of the current play area. A trim trailer was suggested along with a path around the field, the current path surface is breaking up in places. ROSPA recommend having more than one gate in/out of the fenced area. The current picnic table is fine, but a new bench is needed. There was some concern about dog mess on the playing field which is not cleaned up. Fanny Shaw's Park at Wirksworth was considered a good park.

The meeting was asked about the current roundabout which had received a temporary repair, members considered that it was usable, but regular checking of it needs to be done. Kim agreed to do monthly play area inspections. **Action: Kim**

The Parish Council had allocated £10,000 in their budget and there was numerous other funding options available including the Severn Trent Community Fund.

Louise agreed to ask the School Children for their ideas. **Action: Louise**

Brenda to send out information about playground providers.

Next Meeting

23 April 2026 1.30pm in the Village Hall

Signed Dated