

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 12 January 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: A Champion (Chair), M Atkin, D Balls, K Dean, J Morgan, 3 Members of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr M Barrell (representing Hulland Village), Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin parish) and Mr C Boam (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 1 December 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 1 December 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

The Clerk had not been able to order the trees as requested. The blocked pipe on Moss Lane appeared to have cleared. **Action: Clerk**

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 reported that a planning sub-committee meeting had been held in early December; staffing shortages were causing problems for the District Council; progress is slow, the submission deadline is December 2026. There will be an update to all parishes in March 2026, but this will not contain any detail about individual sites and it was not yet clear if there would be any additional sites coming forward. If proposed sites in Hulland Ward were to be developed, then the village would double in size, but there appears to be no plans for the supporting infrastructure. Some Parish Councils have formed a planning sub-committee to look at the proposals in their villages.

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.

A member of the public expressed concern about the local plan and the proposed sites. There was concern about gritting through the village and the estate, and some health and safety concerns about the current contractor doing the gritting. There did not appear to have been gritting done on the A517 during the recent spell of bad weather. Clerk to write to County Highways and also speak to the handyman about gritting on the estate. Clerk to check location of grit bins and obtain signs for any Parish Council bins that have missing signs. **Action: Clerk**

6) Village Development:

a) Update on Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Sub-Committee

This matter had been covered under 5a) above.

b) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

The site was very quiet during a recent visit. One property was occupied and it was understood that 3 more properties would be occupied shortly.

7) Village Image & Environment:

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

The data for November and December was now on the website and Facebook page. To summarise: 1.8m vehicles had passed through the village in the last year, which was a 2.5% increase in traffic since 2022; 27% of vehicles were speeding; 7% were over 35 mph; the highest average speed was 70mph, the highest being 93mph. **Action: Cllr Dean**

b) Village Entrance Gates Update

Clerk to follow up. **Action: Clerk**

c) Third Speed Sign for Les Ardennes

A suitable site had been identified. Cllr Dean to contact our County Councillor about funding. **Action: Cllrs Dean**

d) Neighbourhood Watch Update

An update had been received from the NHW Co-ordinator. Clerk to circulate to Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**

e) Order for trees and tree planting around the village

The planting of acorns had been done on the playing field. Clerk to order additional trees for the Slangs. **Action: Clerk**

f) Update on the Brailsford Solar Park

There was no further information available, this matter to be carried forward.

g) Raised drain cover near the memorial tree

This is still an issue; Council resolved that the Clerk should write to the builders. **Action: Clerk**

8) Play Area and Playing Field

a) Update on the Play Area Sub Committee

A meeting would be held in the very near future. **Action: Clerk**

b) Removal of the damaged Roundabout

The roundabout has now been removed. Cllr Champion to follow up. **Action: Cllr Champion**

9) Update from the Village Hall Committee & Village Hall Audit Report

Cllr Champion had attended the committee meeting. The box from the playing field has now been relocated to the village hall, it now holds the tennis equipment and is being kept locked.

10) Review of the Village Hall Trust Deed

This matter to be carried forward.

11) Date for commemorative tree planting at the Village Hall

The Council felt that a weekend would be best and suggested Saturday 21 February. Clerk to contact Village Hall Secretary. **Action: Clerk**

12) Council to consider membership of Rural Action Derbyshire at a cost of £50 per annum – RAD is an advisory service for Village Halls & Community Buildings

The Council resolved to join Rural Action Derbyshire. **Action: Clerk**

13) Review of Council Policies

a) Approval of the Council's IT Policy

The Council resolved to approve the IT Policy as presented, this would now go on the Council website. **Action: Clerk**

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

This item to be carried forward to the next agenda. **Action: Clerk**

b) Update on Councillor Vacancies

The Council currently has 3 Councillor vacancies. These had been re-advertised on the notice board, website and Facebook page.

c) Co-option of Parish Councillor

Mr Charlie Ratcliffe expressed an interest in joining the Council. The Council resolved to appoint Mr Ratcliffe to the Council; acceptance of office forms were duly signed.

d) Bank signatories – additional signatory required

The Council resolved that Cllr Atkin be added to the bank system for the approval of payments. **Action: Clerk**

e) Budget and Precept for 2026/27

The Council resolved to accept the budget as presented and further resolved to set a precept of £26,000 for the 26/27 financial year. **Action: Clerk**

f) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £36,936.29 including reserved funds of £3,598.90.

g) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Burleys (Plantscape)	2,568.00
Cartwright Landscaping & Maintenance Services	1,333.20
Cartwright Landscaping & Maintenance Services	318.00
Cartwright Landscaping & Maintenance Services	1,070.40
Cartwright Landscaping & Maintenance Services	98.40
Cartwright Landscaping & Maintenance Services	480.00
Clerk's Salary	305.81
Nest Pensions	41.92
HMRC	252.59
Clerk's Expenses	26.48

15) Review & Update on Capital Projects

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

16) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- Cllr Dean thanked the Chair for asking him to read a lesson at the village Carol Service
- Cllr Atkin reported that Ian Beard, the defibrillator trainer, would no longer be able to offer training sessions.
- The Alport Road sign was missing, Cllr Atkin agreed to report this to the District Council. **Action: Cllr Atkin**
- Potholes repairs need to be done again, many are quite dangerous and hard to see in wet weather, Cllr Balls agreed to report. **Action: Cllr Balls**
- The lights on the village Christmas tree had failed, Council need to find an alternative option for the future.

17) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

All correspondence had been sent out by email.

18) Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 2 February 2026 at 7 pm. Meeting closed at **8.30 pm**

Signed Dated