

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 6 November 2023 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), D Astle, M Atkin, D Balls, A Champion (Vice-Chair), J Morgan, S Morgan, Cllr D Murphy (DCC). Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk).

### 1. Attendance & Apologies

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

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 October 2023

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2 October 2023 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

### 3. Outstanding items from the previous meeting

There were no outstanding items from the previous meeting.

### 4. Declaration of interests

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

### 5. Briefings/Comments:

#### a) Update from the developers of the land off Wheeldon Way

The developer had not responded to a request to attend the Parish Council meeting. Clerk to contact the developer again and ask for an informal meeting with Councillors. **Action: Clerk**

#### b) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy reported on the potential £46m overspend by the County Council; the Council are working on schemes to reduce spending wherever possible. Locally it was noted that work on both the Intake Lane Crossroads and Hulland Hollow would go ahead. Cllr Murphy assured the Council that the Hulland Ward Playing Field is not on the list of potential traveller sites.

#### c) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

There was no representative present from Hulland and Biggin Parishes.

#### d) Invited comments from the public

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

### 6. Village Development:

#### a) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

This matter was dealt with under item 5 a) above.

### 7. Village Image & Environment:

#### a) Play Area Inspection Report & Training

The Clerk had circulated details of forthcoming training courses, an HSE document 'Children's Play and Leisure – promoting a balanced approach' had also been circulated. The Clerk advised that the Council's insurers required a weekly visual check of equipment and an annual ROSPA inspection. The Clerk referred to the most recent annual inspection which had raised several concerns, but Councillors felt that the inspector had been overzealous in their reporting. The Council resolved that they would

write to the inspection company and raise their concerns; weekly inspections would be carried out by Cllr Astle, with bi-monthly in-depth inspections carried out by Cllrs Birkbeck & Champion. **Action: Cllrs Astle, Birkbeck & Champion**

**b) Playing Field/Playground grass cutting/tree with Ash die back etc**

It was noted that the playing field had not been used for football during the current season; if residents were unhappy with the grass cutting then they should contact the Clerk. The Council resolved to seek further advice regard the tree which may have ash die back. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck**

**c) Speeding Issues – signs/community speed watch/speed watch signs**

The speed sign data for October will shortly be on the Parish Council website. More Hi-Viz jackets and more volunteers may be required for the speed watch groups.

**d) Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Atkin has stickers and pamphlets for distribution to promote neighbourhood watch. Dangerous dogs still an issue, the situation had not improved. Clerk to contact dog warden. **Action: Clerk**

**e) Sewerage Reed Bed in Hulland Ward**

The sewerage reed bed was reportedly working well at present. The Council would continue to monitor the situation.

**f) 2023-24 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement update on maintenance work**

Quote for the works was still outstanding. Cllr Champion to follow up. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**g) Completion of the Transfer of the Playing Field to the Parish Council**

The Council resolved to go ahead with plans to finalise the completion of the playing field transfer to the Parish Council, this will involve the Parish Council to entering a covenant with the District Council and other interested parties. Cllr S Morgan agreed to finalise the details. **Action: Cllr Morgan & Clerk**

**h) New Parish Council Notice Board**

The Clerk reported that a quote would be received in the new year. **Action: Clerk**

**i) New temporary access to field near Halter Devil Chapel**

The Council resolved that the Clerk should report this matter to the Planning Enforcement Officer as the entrance was dangerous and should only provide temporary access. **Action: Clerk**

**j) Access to the Slangs**

This matter had now been resolved.

**8. Update and Queries from the Village Hall Committee**

**a) Parish Council seat stored at the Village Hall**

This is a single seat which was gifted to the Council, the Council resolved that this will be placed on the Slangs. Cllr Champion to speak to the handyman. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**b) Reclaiming of VAT on Village Hall expenditure**

The Clerk to seek clarification from a finance expert through DALC. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Village Hall responsibilities regarding Martyn's Law**

This new legislation would be introduced in the next few months, to improve safety following the Manchester bombing. The village hall with a capacity of over 100 is likely to fall into the standard tier, staff/volunteers will be expected to undertake training to improve security. More information will be available in due course.

**d) Car Park extension queries/space for coach parking/number of disabled spaces/charging points for electrical vehicles**

The Village Hall Committee will be fully briefed when the full cost and details of the extension is known.

**9. Car Park Extension at the Village Hall**

Planning permission will be submitted shortly. Three quotations will be required.

**10. Sale of land at Snappers Knowe, appointment of solicitors and clauses to be put on the sale**

The Council resolved that Cllr Shane Morgan would draft the clauses for consideration at the next meeting and then the Clerk to obtain quotes from local solicitors. **Action: Cllr Morgan & Clerk**

**11. Finance and Administration:**

**a) Website/Facebook Page Updates**

Clerk to have discussion with the Parish Council's website provider regarding moving over to a .gov.uk domain name. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Update on Finances**

The balance in the current account was £43,203.22.

**c) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:**

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Swarco - speed sign maintenance contract	1382.71
Ian Beard - defibrillator trainer	100.00
Darren Cartwright	832.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	17.94
Hulland Ward Village Hall	76.50
B Astbury	120.00
Clerk's Salary	257.43
Nest Pensions	34.97
Clerk's Expenses	22.55

**12. Review & Update on Capital Projects**

Car Park extension discussed under item 9 above.

**13. Councillor's Reports & Observations**

- Cllr J Morgan to tell neighbours to report dog noise issue direct to Environmental Health at DCC.
- New Rescue Kit for defibrillator has been received.
- Neighbour dispute on Hoillant Square, Cllrs had given advice, legal advice was now being sought.
- Pathway/hedge on Dog Lane was very overgrown; Clerk to ask County Council to clear the path.  
**Action: Clerk**
- Councillors were very disappointed to learn that the Biggin View planning application for 15 houses had been granted on appeal. The application had been opposed by the Parish and District Councils. The Parish Council resolved to raise safety concerns with the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable. **Action: Clerk**
- The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of obtaining a voucher in recompense for the Snow Warden's expenses. **Action: Clerk**

**14. Clerk's Report & Correspondence**

The Council had received a letter from Sarah Dines MP regarding the recent flooding in the area. All other correspondence had gone out by email.

**15. Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 4 December at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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