

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 8 July 2024 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), , A Champion (Vice-Chair), D Balls, K Dean, J Morgan, and A Street. 1 Member of the Public. Cllr D Murphy (DCC), Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village) Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

### 1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Astle, S Morgan, Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Village).

### 2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 June 2024

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 10 June 2024 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 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) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy reported that an order had been raised for footpath No 9 Hulland Village for the replacement of the boardwalk, this work would go ahead but no date available for completion. Work on Intakes Crossroads had finally been completed after many years of campaigning for improvement at this location.

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

Mr Sadler reported that the defibrillator for Hulland village is an ongoing project, meeting to be arranged shortly. Mr Sadler wished to record thanks from Hulland village to the former MP Sarah Dines for the work that she had done during her term in office. Hulland Hollow improvements still waiting for 2 'slow' signs on the road. Most potholes in the area have been repaired, there is one pothole on Smith Hall Lane that still needs work. Claims for vehicle damage should be submitted to the County Council.

#### 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.

No comments were received.

### 6) Village Development:

#### a) Urgent Planning Applications for consideration at this meeting

There were no urgent planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

#### b) Update on Wheeldon Way Development – Noise issues/Damage to verges/Damage to road surface

The site has experienced some break-ins recently, anything suspicious should be reported to the police. The issue of drainage will be dealt with later in the year.

DDDC originally granted planning permission for excavation to within 6m of a large ash tree in the boundary hedge at George Rodgers Close but very recently they have allowed the builders to excavate to within 3m of the tree. Residents have complained that excavations could kill the ash tree and have

serious consequences. They have also drawn attention to the builders having poured reinforced concrete over a natural spring again in breach of planning restrictions. **Action - Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion to raise these concerns at a site meeting with the Wheeldon Way developers.**

**7) Village Image & Environment:**

**a) Play Area Update**

Handyman to be asked to finish the power washing. Clerk to organise annual play area inspection.

**Action: Cllr Champion & clerk**

**b) Speeding Issues – Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch signs**

The MVAS data for June had been published on the website and Facebook. 900,000 vehicles have now been logged going through the village since 1 January 2024. Cllr Balls to report on speed checks at each future meeting; it was hoped that speed checks could be done at 2 locations if there are sufficient volunteers. Cllr Dean to obtain more information on average speed cameras. **Action: Cllr Balls & Dean**

**c) New Traffic Calming initiative for Hulland Ward**

A new traffic calming message would shortly be trialled in Hulland Ward, the impact would be closely monitored and followed up by a PCSO visit with an enforcement camera.

**d) Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing to report at present, still hoping that someone will come forward to run the group.

**e) Drainage on the Playing Field/Moss Lane Flooding issue**

This matter had already been discussed under item 6 b).

**f) Playing Field Boundary and overgrown Footpath**

Councillors had visited the site to look at various issues. The Council resolved to remove the fencing down the footpath, this area would be left to re-wild. Handyman to be asked to do the following: cut back and remove any branches that were overhanging on to the playing field; clear steps and put grit down; move fence poles back to the hedge. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**g) Tree control on the Playing Field**

Cutting back needs to be done by contractor or handyman in the autumn. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**h) Improvement work at the Waterlagg crossroads**

Clerk to send formal letter of thanks to Cllr Murphy and the Highways Department thanking them for their work in getting these improvements done. **Action: Clerk**

**i) Dog Fouling around the village – school children preparing posters**

Clerk to laminate up to 20 posters. The Council were unable to help with delivery. Suggest that the group look at an advert in the Hulland Herald. **Action: Clerk**

**j) Slangs Development**

Following a visit from Councillors the following work was required: tree replacement in the Slangs in the autumn; butterfly area needs more shrubs to attract butterflies; oak tree to go in the memorial area above the playing field, this area to be renamed and sign erected; Any new trees in the Slangs need to have tree guards. Cllr Street to obtain quote for trees and tree guards. **Action: Cllr Street**

**k) Village Show 2024**

The Council resolved to approve a grant of £250 to the Village Show. Volunteers were needed to attend the Show and look after the Parish Council stand. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck & Clerk**

**8) Village Hall Committee Update – Approval of work to the beer store**

Council to ask for a second quote for work on the Beer Store. Cllr Birkbeck to attend next committee meeting. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck & Clerk**

**9) Car Park Extension to the Village Hall**

Planning permission had now been granted with conditions. The Council resolved to accept a quote from Alan Brown of £27,540 to carry out the work.

**10) Progress on the Sale of land at Snappers Knowe**

Woodland has now been registered with the Land Registry and the solicitor has been instructed to progress with the sale.

**11) Public Rights Minor Maintenance Agreement (footpaths) 24-25 – footpaths to be maintained and responsibility for monitoring the work.**

The Council resolved to carry out work on footpath No 25, Clerk to forward this information to Footpaths Officer. **Action: Clerk**

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

Website and Facebook Page were both up to date.

**b) Clerk's Appraisal & Salary**

Following discussion of the Clerk's appraisal, Councillors unanimously agreed to raise the pay rate for the Clerk from grade 15 to grade 17, to be implemented from 1 August 2024. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Update on Finances**

The balance in the Parish Council account of £55,699.38.

**d) Savings Account**

The Council resolved to open a Unity Trust savings account and keep a minimum of £10,000 in the current account, the remainder to be transferred to the savings account. **Action: Clerk**

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

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Simply Uniform	226.91
Burleys (Hanging Baskets)	3031.20
DALC	240.00
Clerk's Salary	275.43
Nest Pensions	37.57
HMRC	225.40
Clerk's Expenses	29.25
Village Show	250.00

**13) Review & Update on Capital Projects****a) New Gate/Fence at the Playing field**

Cllr Champion to obtain quote for new post and rail fence around car park. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**14) Councillor's Reports & Observations**

- Councillors were concerned that the Dog Lane pavement had become very overgrown with the undergrowth encroaching on to the pavement making it very narrow. Clerk to report to Highways. **Action: Clerk**
- A volunteer had offered to help the Council with their social media, the Clerk agreed that the support would be helpful.

**15) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:**

The Clerk was to issue an invoice to the football club for use of the playing field, there had been no issues regarding the need for clearing up after matches. **Action: Clerk**

The Council had still not received a copy of the handyman's public liability insurance, this was to be follow up.

**16) Next Meeting**

Monday 2 September 2024 at 7 pm in Hlland Ward Village Hall. Meeting closed at 21.00

Signed .....

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