

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 12 May 2025 at 7.00 pm (immediately following the Open Parish Meeting)

Present: Cllrs A Champion (Chair), P Birkbeck (Vice-Chair), D Astle, M Atkin, K Dean, J Morgan and Cllr D Murphy (DDDC). Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Balls, S Morgan, Street, Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Village) and C Boam (NHW)

2) Election of Parish Council Chair

Cllr Arthur Champion was elected as Chair.

3) Election of Parish Council Vice-Chair

Cllr Peter Birkbeck was elected as Vice-Chair.

4) Roles & Responsibilities of Parish Councillors

It was resolved that Councillors undertake the following areas of responsibility:

- a) **Planning** – Cllrs Birkbeck & Morgan
- b) **Speed Signs & Community Speed Watch** – Cllrs Dean & Balls
- c) **Defibrillator** – Cllr Atkin
- d) **Neighbourhood Watch** – Mr C Boam
- e) **Estate Issues** – Cllr Champion
- f) **Village Hall Liaison** – Cllr Birkbeck
- g) **Website/Publicity** – Clerk with support from Cllr Champion when necessary
- h) **Grassing Mowing** – Cllr Champion
- i) **Main Road Hedge Cutting** – Cllr Dean (with support from Cllr S Morgan if possible)
- j) **Play Area & Playing Field** – Cllr D Astle
- k) **Village Environment & Bulb/Tree Planting/Slags/Commemorative Area** – Cllr A Street

5) Council Policies for Approval

a) Financial Regulations

The Council resolved to accept the Financial Regulations as presented.

b) Code of Conduct

The Council resolved to accept the Code of Conduct as presented.

c) Asset Register

The Council resolved to accept the Asset Register as presented.

d) Discipline & Grievance Policy

The Council resolved to accept the Discipline and Grievance Policy as presented. **Action: Clerk**

6) Dates & Times for Parish Council Meetings for the next 12 months

The Council resolved to meet on the following dates for 24/25: 2 June, 7 July, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December, 12 January 2026, 2 February 2026, 2 March 2026, 13 April 2026, 11 May 2026.

7) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 7 April 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 April 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

8) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

Clerk to follow up on contractor risk assessments and insurance. **Action: Clerk**

9) Declaration of interests

Cllr Champion declared a non-pecuniary interest as a clergyman in the Diocese of Derby. Cllr J Morgan declared an interest in item 11 b) below.

10) Briefings/Comments:**a) District and County Councillors**

Cllr Murphy had given an update in the Parish Meeting which had been held immediately before the Parish Council meeting.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

There were no representatives from Hulland and Biggin parishes present at this meeting.

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.

11) Village Development:**a) Derbyshire Dales District Council – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Technical Consultation**

After discussion the Parish Council felt that the Information provided was too vague; The Parish Council need more information before they are able to comment.

b) Planning Application 25/00358/VCOND, Variation of condition 5 of application no. 03/07/0539: Erection of garage building with ancillary residential accommodation at The Barn Mansell Park Scout Lane Hulland Ward Derbyshire

Cllr Morgan left the meeting while this matter was discussed. The Council resolved to have no objection to this application. **Action: Clerk**

c) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

The Chair and Vice-Chair would be meeting with developers in the next few days. Signage and the disruption caused by the recent cabling work would be raised with the developers.

12) Village Image & Environment:**a) Play Area Update & Graffiti Issues**

Several complaints had been received about graffiti sprayed on the roundabout, slide and box; bearings on the roundabout had also been damaged and there was evidence of other anti-social behaviour. Cllr Birkbeck agreed to attend a PCSO community catchup and bring it to their attention. The graffiti had been resprayed. The roundabout was still usable, Cllr Astle to monitor the situation.

Action: Cllrs Birkbeck & Astle

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

Speed sign data will be published shortly. Two community speed watch sessions had recently been held as a result 33 letters would be issued to motorists. Cllr Dean to research installers for village entrance gates. Clerk to contact Highways about improved road markings. **Action: Cllr Dean & Clerk**

c) Funding for Hulland Ward Medical Centre

It was noted that the government was giving £102m to GP practices across the country. This matter to be carried forward.

d) Condition of Pavements around Hulland Ward

The Chair had submitted an application to the Community Payback Scheme for work on Dog Lane. Pavements on Ashes Avenue and around the estate were also in a poor state, these could be reported to [County Highways](#)

14) Village Hall Committee Update

Members of the Committee were keen to see the completion of the car park extension.

15) Car Park Extension to the Village Hall

The cost of the work has increased, it will not be possible for the Parish Council to block pave the whole area at present, but this could be done at a later date if funds are available.

17) Audit for 2024/25**a) To receive and note the Annual Internal Auditor's Report**

This item was to be carried forward to the next meeting.

b) Approval of Annual Governance Statement

This item was to be carried forward to the next meeting.

c) Approval of Annual Accounting Statement

This item was to be carried forward to the next meeting.

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

Information on the website was up to date.

b) Parish Council Insurance Renewal

The Council resolved to accept the insurance renewal.

c) Proposal for the Parish Council to hold the funds for the Hulland Herald

The Council resolved to hold funds for the Hulland Herald; the funds would be shown as reserved funds in the Parish Council accounts.

d) Update on Finances

The annual precept had now been received; this gave the balance in the Parish Council account of £85,327.79,

e) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Wydel's	4,095.00
Cartwright's Landscaping & Maintenance Services	390.00
Insurance Renewal	799.87
Clerk's Salary	296.88
Nest Pensions	40.61
Clerk's Expenses	18.99

19) Review & Update on Capital Projects

The Council were working towards a car park extension at the Village Hall.

20) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- Councillors were very concerned over large scale preliminary planning proposals for the village.
- Handyman to be asked to cut back a bush at the junction of Smithall Lane which was obscuring visibility. **Action: Cllr Champion**
- The Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page now had over 150 followers

- It was thought that additional trees would be available from the Woodland Trust, several residents had expressed an interest in having the trees.
- Electric bikes had been seen on the playing field, there was concern that this would damage the ground and cause a danger to other users.

21) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

- Clerk had received several reports about the graffiti on the play area
- Clerk had also received a report about vehicles and other items on a field near Aggregates; Cllr Morgan agreed to follow up on this matter. **Action: Cllr Morgan**
- Clerk reported that new County Council systems meant that applications for objects in the highway and lamp post attachments had all to be done online and this was proving very difficult and unnecessarily burdensome.

22) Next Meeting

The Council resolved to change the date of the next meeting to Monday 2 June at 7 pm

Meeting close at 20.55

Signed

Dated