Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 2 June 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs A Champion (Chair), P Birkbeck (Vice-Chair), D Astle, D Balls, K Dean, J Morgan, S Morgan and Cllr A Hunter (DCC) and Mr M Barrell (representing Hulland Village). Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Atkin and Street, Cllr D Murphy (DDDC), Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Village) and C Boam (NHW)

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 May 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 12 May 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

An email from Cllr Murphy regarding the new local plan was read to the meeting. Clerk was in discussion with the District Council regarding repairs to the roundabout.

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 Adrian Hunter introduced himself as the new County Councillor for the area. Some discussion took place about future development in the village and there was concern about lack of suitable infrastructure to support future development. Cllr Hunter explained that a large area of Derbyshire is covered by the Peak Park which is not included in future housing developments this puts more pressure on the remaining towns and villages. There was also concern that Parish Councils may not be consulted on certain future planning proposals depending on the size of the development.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Barrell expressed the concerns of Hulland village residents about possible future development. Mr Barrell to meet with the Clerk to submit a funding application for the Hulland defibrillator. *Action: Clerk*

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.

6) Village Development:

a) Planning Application 25/00496/FUL – Side and rear extension and erection of car port at Mount Pleasant Cottage, Bullhill Lane, Ireton Wood, Derbyshire DE56 2SD

The Council would like more information on this application before they could come to a decision, Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion to make a site visit and then a final decision to be made after consultation with other Councillors by email. *Action: Cllrs Birkbeck & Champion*

b) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

Cllrs Champion and Birkbeck had made a site visit. One property had been sold. Most of the signage on the main road had been removed, although it was noted that a new temporary sign had been erected over the weekend.

7) Village Image & Environment:

a) Play Area Update & Graffiti Issues

Email from PCSO Bradbury was read to the meeting. Instances of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police on 101 and an incident number recorded.

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

The latest speed sign data has now been downloaded, this would be published on the website shortly. Cllr Dean gave an update on the latest figures. The latest Community Speed Watch session showed about 10% of vehicles were speeding and this was a fairly consistent result.

c) Village Entrance Gates

Councillors were shown various designs for village entrance gates and agreed on a triangular shape. Cllrs Dean and Balls were to work on the proposals and come back to the next meeting with firm costings. *Action: Cllrs Dean & Balls*

d) For Sale Boards around the Village

Any agents erecting 'For Sale' boards on Parish Council land would be asked to remove them.

8) Village Hall Committee Update

Cllr Birkbeck had attended the village hall committee meeting; members were looking forward to completion of the car park extension and planning the lighting for the car park. There was discussion about a path from the car park directly to the church.

9) Car Park Extension to the Village Hall

Clarification of the final costs of the project to be circulated as soon as possible. Action: Clerk

10) Audit for 2024/25

a) To receive and note the Annual Internal Auditor's Report

The Council noted the Internal Auditor's Report.

b) Approval of Annual Governance Statement

The Council resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statement. Action: Clerk

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11) Finance and Administration:

a) Website/Facebook Page Updates

The damage on the playground was to be published on Facebook.

b) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £83,905.29.

c) Approval to transfer funds from the Parish Council savings account to the current account. The Council resolved to transfer £35,000 to the current account.

d) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

ICO Renewal (Paid by Direct Debit)	48.00
Cartwright Landscaping	1,508.40
Hulland Ward Village Hall	81.00
Clerk's Salary	296.88
Nest Pensions	40.61
Clerk's Expenses	13.50
Alan Brown	34,818.00
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12) Review & Update on Capital Projects

Work on the car park extension was almost complete, the lighting still needed to be installed.

13) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- It was noted that the hanging baskets were currently being installed.
- The Clerk had provided information to the Council's solicitors regarding land ownership.
- Hedge cutting was planned for later in the week
- Cllr Champion had followed up on the Community Payback request, but no further information was currently available.

14) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

- The lamp post attachment licence had now been granted.
- The defibrillator battery would need to be replaced in the next couple of months
- Clerk had obtained the title deed and plan for the Village Hall these would be sent to the National Lottery in the next few days.

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The next meeting was planned for Monday 7 July at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 20.30 pm