

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 2 February 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: A Champion (Chair), M Atkin, J Morgan (Vice-Chair), C Ratcliffe. Cllr D Murphy (DDDC), Cllr A Hunter (DCC), Mr M Barrell (representing Hulland village), 1 Member of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Balls, K Dean and S Morgan; Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin parish).

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 January 2026

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 12 January 2026 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

Clerk had requested membership of Rural Action Derbyshire, as agreed at the last meeting, the request had been acknowledged, but no invoice received to date.

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 Hunter asked for clarification regarding work on Moss Lane flooding, although work had been carried out, no barrier had been erected to stop cars leaving the road.

Regarding problems with the Object in the Highway application, Clerk was advised to pass on the enquiry to the Head of County Highways.

There are concern about numerous dangerous potholes around the village, they had been reported, but no repair work has been done. It was suggested that these should be sent to the Cabinet Member for Highways. It was noted that the what3words location should be used when reporting potholes.

Cllr Murphy reported that District Council officers were working on the proposed local plan sites. All sites should be informed in due course as to whether they have got through to the next stage and this information should be available before too long. The Local Plan Consultation will be during August and September. Cllr Murphy suggested the Parish Council set up a Local Plan sub-committee. There were concerns about the sewerage system if more houses are built and concerns about house building when the infrastructure was not being improved.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Barrell from Hulland Village was hoping publicity information about the Hulland defibrillator would be available very soon. Hulland residents were also concerned about potholes; many have been reported with the what3words location.

- 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 raised concern about possible development in the village and information given at a recent online District Council meeting.

6) **Village Development:**

- a) **Planning application 26/00020/PDA Class Q Prior Approval Application – Change of use from agricultural building to no. dwelling house use class C3) as Barn next to the Deer Barn, Hillcliff Lane, Turnditch DE56 2EA**

The Parish Council resolved to have no objection to this application provided it still meets the requirements of part Q. *Action: Clerk*

- b) **Planning Application 25/01200/FUL Single storey side porch extension and two storey side extension at Cat Hall, Bullhill Lane, Turnditch DE56 2NS**

The Council felt that unfortunately they had insufficient information to comment on this application.

- c) **Update on Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Sub-Committee**

Update received under item 5 a) above.

- d) **Update on Wheeldon Way Development**

There was concern about possible discharge of sewerage from the site. Cllrs Champion and Ratcliffe to carry out a site visit. *Action: Cllrs Champion & Ratcliffe*

7) **Village Image & Environment:**

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

The speed sign data for January had been downloaded, and this would be available on the website and Facebook page in due course. *Action: Clerk*

- b) **Response from PCC Derbyshire – especially comments about speed data and encouraging village to report speeding events**

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

- c) **Village Entrance Gates Update**

Clerk was having difficulty getting an update from the Highways Department despite numerous emails and phone call. This matter had been sent to Cllr Hunter. *Action: Clerk*

- d) **Third Speed Sign for Les Ardennes**

The Council resolved to support Karl's proposals for a third speed sign. *Action: Cllrs Dean*

- e) **Neighbourhood Watch Update**

No report received from neighbourhood watch co-ordinator. Signs have been ordered.

- f) **Order for trees and tree planting around the village**

The Council resolved to revisit this issue and place an order in the autumn.

- g) **Update on the Brailsford Solar Park**

Clerk to ask for an update. *Action: Clerk*

- h) **Raised drain cover near the memorial tree**

Soil has been placed around the manhole cover but no work had been done on the ruts in the ground. Clerk to follow up this matter with the builders and include a photo of the area. *Action: Clerk*

- i) **Potholes**

This had been discussed earlier in the meeting under item 5 a).

- j) **Response from MP John Whitby following his attendance at the Parish Council meeting**

This item to be carried forward. Clerk to send an email of thanks to the MP for raising the Hulland Ward Medical Centre issue in the House of Commons. *Action: Clerk*

8) Play Area and Playing Field**a) Update on the Play Area Sub Committee**

The first meeting of the sub-committee is planned for Thursday 5 February at 1.30 pm in the Village Hall.

b) Roundabout

The roundabout had been returned after repair, although the Council were concerned as to whether this repair was acceptable. This matter to be raised with the Play Area Sub-Committee.

Action: Clerk

c) Height Barrier at the entrance to the Playing Field

The sign had been amended to read '2 metres' maximum height.

9) Litter – Great British Spring Clean – date for the village litter pick and litter on Smith Hall Lane

A substantial amount of litter had been left on the corner of Smith Hall Lane. Cllr Morgan to report and also obtain quote for a solar CCTV camera.

The Council resolved to hold the annual litter pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 21 March at 10.30 am meeting on the Playing Field Car Park. Clerk to prepare posters and order litter pickers and bags. **Action: Cllrs Morgan, Atkin and Clerk**

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

Cllr Champion had attended the latest committee meeting.

11) Review of the Village Hall Trust Deed

Councillors had now had the opportunity to review and note the contents of the trust deed.

12) Parish Council representative on the Hulland Herald Committee

Cllr Atkin agreed to be the Parish Council representative on the Hulland Herald Committee. **Action: Cllr Atkin**

13) Proposed Rent increases of 4.2% for Parish Council owned land for 2026/27

The Council resolved to approve the rent increases of 4.2%. Councillors also agreed that they would do a tour of Parish Council owned land in the spring. **Action: Clerk & Cllrs**

14) Date for commemorative tree planning at the Village Hall

The Council agreed to go ahead with the tree planting on Saturday 21 February 2pm, unfortunately only a small number of Councillors may be available to attend. **Action: Clerk & Cllrs**

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

Photos from Peter Birkbeck's retirement needed to go on the Facebook page and website. **Action: Clerk**

b) Update on Councillor Vacancies

The Council currently has 2 Councillor vacancies.

c) Co-option of Parish Councillor

No one was interested in being co-opted at the present time.

d) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £30,684.09 including reserved funds of £3,493.77.

e) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Hulland Herald (transfer to HH reserve)	250.00
A M Hall	132.00
P Astbury	120.00
Clerk's Salary	347.93
Cartwright Landscaping	984.00

16) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- Cllr Ratcliffe to obtain quote for gritting on the estate.
- Poppies on lamp posts to be an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- The Christmas Tree lights on the village tree had failed over the Christmas period, a new solution was required. Councillors also discussed the location of the tree.

17) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

All correspondence had been sent out by email.

18) Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 2 March 2026 at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed

Dated