

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 3 November 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: A Champion (Chair), P Birkbeck (Vice-Chair), M Atkin, J Morgan, S Morgan; Cllr D Murphy (DDDC) and Mr M Barrell representing Hulland Village. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Balls and Dean and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Parish).

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 1 September 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 October 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

Access to the Moss Lane Footpath has been improved by the handyman. **Action: Cllr Champion.**

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 Murphy gave an update on local government reorganisation plans for Derbyshire, 4 options currently available, a 200-page document with full details was available on the District Council website. Submission needs to be made by end November; a decision will be made by central government by the end of summer 2026.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Defibrillator is now installed and registered in Hulland village, training session planned for 4 November.

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 at this meeting.

6) Village Development:

a) Planning Application 25/0091/VCOND, Variation of condition 2 of application number: 21/00229/FUL & APP/P1045/W/3284219 – erection of 1 no dwelling house and partial demolition of existing outbuildings at Land and Buildings West of Fernley, Hulland Ward

Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion agreed to inspect the site the following day. The Council resolved to have no objection to the application unless Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion raised concerns after inspection.

Action: Clerk

b) Update on Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Sub-Committee

Cllr Murphy reported that there was no update available at present, the last meeting had been cancelled, it was understood that a review of potential sites would be carried out shortly.

c) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

No update available. The issue of the sign and reinstatement of the memorial area will be raised at the next site visit. **Action: Cllrs Champion**

7) Village Image & Environment:**a) Speeding Issues – Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch signs**

The data for October from the village speed signs would be on the website shortly. No community speed watch sessions had been held recently.

b) Village Entrance Gates Update

The application had now been submitted to County Highways.

c) Third Speed Sign for Les Ardennes

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

d) Large Village Christmas Tree

After discussion the Council agreed to accept the kind offer of a Christmas Tree from Mr Neale. **Action: Cllr Champion**

e) Defibrillator Seminar

Currently over 20 people were booked to attend the Seminar which was to take place on Tuesday 4 November. **Action: Cllr Atkin**

f) Neighbourhood Watch Update

A report from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator was read to the meeting.

g) Neighbourhood Watch Signs around the Village

Two signs were missing, and the Moss Lane sign was obscured by the hedge. The Council resolved to purchase 10 more signs at a cost of £20 each. **Action: Clerk**

9) Play Area and Playing Field**a) Update on the height barrier at the Playing Field Entrance**

Construction of the height barrier is underway; it was hoped that completion would be done in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Champion had purchased a height warning sign.

b) Update on the Play Area Sub Committee

The Clerk had this matter in hand. The District Council were organising a play area inspection course, Clerk to ascertain whether attendance on this course would remove the need for the Council to have an annual play area inspection. **Action: Clerk**

c) Removal of the damaged Roundabout

The Council resolved that the broken roundabout should be removed from the play area. Handyman to be asked to do this and remove the storage box from the playing field. **Action: Cllr Champion**

d) Purchase of a new bin for the playing field at a cost of approximately £250

Council resolved to go ahead with the ordering of a waste bin at a cost of approximately £250. The bin to be placed outside play area. **Action: Clerk**

e) Emptying of the bin on the Playing Field

Derbyshire Dales District Council are not currently able to empty the bin on the playing field; this is being done by the handyman and paid for by the Parish Council.

10) Update on the meeting with the Village Hall Committee, future Chair of the Committee and Finances

The Council had made a presentation to Mr Bill Whitbread as he is standing down as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Constitution of the committee has not recently been reviewed. A copy of the accounts was circulated to Councillors.

11) Village Hall Car Park Extension link path to the Church

This matter to be carried forward.

12) Review of Council Policies**a) Approval of the 2025 Standing Orders**

Council resolved to accept the Standing Orders as presented, these would now go on the website.

Action: Clerk

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

Facebook page was up to date; some work to be done on updating website. **Action: Clerk**

b) Update on Councillor Vacancies

The Council currently has 2 Councillor vacancies. Cllr Birkbeck reported that he would be stepping down after this meeting as he was leaving the area. Cllr Birkbeck was thanked for his work as a Councillor, Chair and Vice-Chair over many years. It was agreed that Cllr Birkbeck be formally thanked in due course. Vacancies to be advertised on the website and Facebook page. **Action: Clerk**

c) Co-option of Parish Councillor

No one had expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Council.

d) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council accounts came to a total of £44,024.72 including reserved funds of £3,762.10

e) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices:

Hulland Ward Village Hall	63.00
National Lottery Refund	1455.00
L Neale - Village Hall Car Park Expenses	686.32
Headroom Height Sign (AC)	73.19
Ashbourne Secretarial and Printing Services (HH)	262.20
Cartwright Landscaping & Maintenance Services	1,005.60
Daniel Wright Architectural Design Ltd	270.00
Darren Cartwright	1,508.40
Clerk's Salary	306.01
Nest Pensions	41.92
Clerk's Expenses	20.25

14) Review & Update on Capital Projects

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

15) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- The Council needs to carry out a review of their assets.
- Clerk to follow up registration of land. **Action: Clerk**
- Clerk to follow up the final documents for the transfer of the playing field. **Action: Clerk**
- 1-metre-high soldier silhouettes had been erected around the village
- Trees for planting around the village need to be ordered, these can be ordered after the next meeting. The Woodland Trust would organise planting.
Three oak trees and a copper beech tree had been donated; 1 tree to go on the memorial garden, 1 on the playground and 2 at the village hall.
- Clerk to check handyman's working on the highway licence.

16) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

As 25 years has now passed since the Village Hall was built, the National Lottery has now amended the land registry document, so the Hall is in the sole ownership of the Parish Council.

17) Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 1 December 2025 at 7 pm. Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed

Dated