

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 7 October 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), A Champion (Vice-Chair), D Astle, K Dean, J Morgan, S Morgan. 6 Members of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Balls, Cllr A Street, Cllr D Murphy (DDDC & DCC) and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Parish)

2) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 September 2024

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 September 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 Champion declared a non-pecuniary interest as a clergyman in the Diocese of Derby. Cllrs J Morgan and S Morgan declared an interest on item 6 a).

5) Briefings/Comments:

a) District and County Councillors

Our District and County Councillor was unable to attend this meeting.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Sadler from Hulland village wished to record his thanks to Cllr Murphy for his help in resolving matters around the village, the only item still outstanding was the clearing of drains. Mr Sadler also requested the Parish Council to support the purchase of a defibrillator for Hulland village and confirmed that Hulland village would meet the ongoing costs of the project.

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.

Members of the public raised concerns regarding items 6c) and 6d) on the agenda. There was insufficient information on the District Council website and a supporting statement referred to in the application was not available. The proposals appeared to be for the relocation of one building and also raising the roof height. It was not clear why a taller building and more hard standing were required.

A member of the public spoke in support of item 6b) this was a re-application for a modest kitchen extension.

6) Village Development:

a) Planning Application 24/00746/PDA - Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to form a dwelling under Class Q at Building to North of Mansell Spinney, Scout Lane, Hulland Ward

The Parish Council resolved to have no objection to this application.

b) Planning Application 24/00802/FUL, Erection of front extension at 15 Firs Avenue Hulland Ward DE6 3FS

The Parish Council resolved to have no objection to this application.

- c) **Planning Application 24/00816/VCOND, Variation of condition 2 of application no. 21/01436/FUL - Erection of an agricultural building for housing livestock at Long Meadows Farm Smith Hall Lane Hulland Ward**

It was unclear what the variation to condition 2 was referring to. The Council resolved that if this was a request to increase the height of the building then they would object. More clarification was needed.

Action: Clerk

- d) **Planning Application 24/00817/VCOND, Variation of condition 2 of application no. 21/01421/FUL - Erection of an agricultural storage building at Long Meadows Farm Smith Hall Lane Hulland Ward**

It was unclear what the variation to condition 2 was referring to. The Council resolved that if this was a request to increase the height of the building then they would object. More clarification was needed.

Action: Clerk

- e) **Blackbrook Caravan Park**

There was some concern that the park was accommodating more than the approved number of caravans. Clerk to contact the enforcement officer. **Action: Clerk**

- f) **Update on Wheeldon Way Development – Noise issues/Damage to verges/Drainage issues/Water dispersal issues/Damage to road surface**

The Chair and Vice-Chair were due to meet with developers in the next few weeks. **Action: Cllrs**

Birkbeck & Champion

- 7) **Village Image & Environment:**

- a) **Play Area Update**

Nothing to report at present.

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

Cllr Dean was still trying to sort out the cardboard cutout of a policeman which is to be attached to lamp posts. There was some concern about insurance and liability on this matter. A petition about speeding was to be set up. **Action: Cllr Dean**

- c) **Neighbourhood Watch**

A report from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator was read out to the meeting. Handyman to be asked to clean the neighbourhood watch signs. **Action: Cllr Champion**

- d) **Playing Field Update**

Drain work has been completed, Clerk to pass on thanks to the contractor. Fence to remain in place for the time being. **Action: Clerk**

- e) **Slanges/Orchard/Memorial Area – purchase of trees**

The Council resolved to accept a quotation of £300 for the purchase of trees. Details to be finalised at the next meeting.

- f) **For Sale Boards in Hulland Ward**

A query had been received asking why the Council were asking estate agents to remove For Sale boards that have been placed on ground maintained by the Parish Council. It was resolved to go ahead with this policy as these boards deface the village.

- 8) **Village Hall Committee Update**

The Clerk was asked to write to the TV Licence authority to confirm that a licence is not needed for the Hall. Clerk to also inform the Village Hall committee that work on the car park was not likely to go ahead until April/May 2025.

- 9) **Completion of the transfer of the Playing Field to the Parish Council and agreement that the Council take ownership of a small strip of land once drainage works are complete.**

No further information available at present.

- 10) **Car Park Extension to the Village Hall**

The Council resolved that following extensive discussion with the Village Hall Committee, who need funds for a replacement floor. There are insufficient funds available to the PC at present.

11) Progress on the Sale of land at Snappers Knowe

Solicitors were progressing with the drafting of documents and progressing with the sale.

12) Defibrillator for Hulland Village

The Council resolved to go ahead with the purchase of a defibrillator for Hulland village when grant funds are available on condition that: a) there is evidence that the village are agreeable to the proposal and b) the Parish Council receive confirmation in writing that Hulland village will meet the ongoing costs.

Action: Clerk

13) Finance and Administration:

a) Website/Facebook Page Updates

Two items to go on the Facebook page - ditch cleaning on the playing field and the news that Hulland Ward is to receive a Certificate from East Midlands in Bloom. **Action: Clerk**

b) Clerk's attendance at DALC Day at a cost of £60

The Council resolved that the Clerk should attend this event. **Action: Clerk**

c) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council account was £48,440.95.

d) Invoices and expenses for approval and payment at this meeting:

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Cartwright Landscaping	957.60
J & J S Marriott	84.00
PKF Littlejohn	252.00
Gordon Playground Inspections	210.00
Netwise	12.00
Netwise	316.80
Clr Expenses (PB) Printing	12.30
Clerk's Salary	284.53
Nest Pensions	38.87
HMRC	230.60
Clerk's Expenses	81.28

14) Review & Update on Capital Projects

Nothing further to add at present.

15) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- There was a large bale of silage at the roadside near Biggin View, Clerk to ask the contractor to remove it. **Action: Clerk**
- Clerk to make a formal request to see accounts for the Village Hall. **Action: Clerk**
- Residents had been informed by text message that there were proposals to permanently close the Hulland Ward Medical Centre. The Council resolved to oppose the proposals; Chair to formulate a response and also inform Ashbourne News Telegraph and Radio Derby. **Action: Chair & Clerk**
- The Council were pleased to note that Hulland Ward had been awarded a Certificate by East Midlands in Bloom. A representative from the organisation would be coming to the November meeting to make the presentation.

16) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

All correspondence had gone out by email.

17) Next Meeting

Monday 4 November 2024 at 7 pm in Hlland Ward Village Hall. Meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed

Dated