

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 2 October 2023 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), M Atkin, A Champion (Vice-Chair), K Dean, J Morgan, 4 members of the public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk).

### 1. Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr S Morgan, Cllr D Astle, Cllr D Murphy (DCC & DDDC), Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Parish) and Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village)

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 September 2023

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4 September 2023 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

### 3. Outstanding items from the previous meeting

There were no outstanding items from the previous meeting.

### 4. Declaration of interests

Cllr Birkbeck declared a non-pecuniary interest as a School Governor. Cllr Champion declared a non-pecuniary interest as a clergyman in the Diocese of Derby.

### 5. Briefings/Comments:

#### a) District and County Councillors

The District and County Councillor were not present at this meeting.

#### b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

There was no representative present from Hulland and Biggin Parishes.

#### c) Invited comments from the public

One resident was concerned about vehicles speeding through the village, even at 9 pm at night, the road has been resurfaced but this has not improved noise level, lorries still negotiating the Black Horse junction, these lorries should not be coming into the village. There is a cracked GPO cover. Lorries have been reversing into a private driveway and there have been instances of Hulland/Brailsford lorries on the wrong side of road. There are also 4 big spotlights from Aggregates shining on the south of the village which are still on at night. The resident had estimated that there were approximately 500 lorry journeys to Aggregates every week.

Another resident spoke about the Shuckton Manor planning application 23/00917/FUL and explained that there were 3 properties at Shuckton Manor. The resident explained that she had no objection to large parking area for 8 cars but did object to the single parking area and the gravel track. The location of the single parking area impacts on other properties, there has previously been a restrictive covenant on previous applications for no parking to preserve the nature of the grade 2 listed building, so this parking would go against that covenant. The position of the parking space is dangerous and will cause access and visibility problems for other residents, the single space seems unnecessary in view of the other 8 spaces. The resident also objected to the gravel track as they were concerned that this was beyond the scope of a track and may be used for parking and suggested that no parking or storage be made on the track. Resident suggested that perhaps geo-matting with grass growing through would be a better surface.

## 6. Village Development:

### a) Planning Application 23/01005/FUL, Alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of detached garage at 5 Hoillant Square, Main Road, Hulland Ward, Derbyshire DE6 3EF

The Parish Council resolved to have no objection to this application. **Action: Clerk**

### b) Planning Application 23/00917/FUL - Shuckton Manor House - Extension to patio and car park, installation of hard standings, external lighting, gates, retaining walls and associated landscaping Shuckton Manor House, Mercaston Lane, Mercaston, Derbyshire DE6 3BJ

The Parish Council considered this application and resolved to comment as follows:

- 8 Car Parking Spaces - no objection
- Access Driveway - the Council would prefer to see this in geo-grid rather than gravel
- Single Additional Parking Space - the Council wish to object to this part of the application as it is considered unnecessary (in view of the additional 8 spaces already requested) and the parking space will cause difficulties for neighbouring properties. **Action: Clerk**

### c) Update on Wheeldon Way Development

Developer to be asked to attend a future Parish Council meeting and give a progress report. **Action: Clerk** Cllr Balls joined the meeting at this point and signed his Acceptance of Office.

## 7. Village Image & Environment:

### a) Play Area Inspection Report

The Clerk had been in touch with Wirksworth Town Council who were organising some playground inspection training, further information to follow. Councillors Champion and Astle to carry out inspections every 3 months. **Action: Cllrs Astle & Champion**

### b) Village Hall Committee

Cllr Dean had stepped down as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Atkin agreed to be the representative in the future. **Action: Cllr Atkin**

### c) Speeding Issues – signs/community speed watch/speed watch signs

Cllr Dean briefed the Council on the latest speed sign data which is published on the Council website. Cllr Dean had attended an event at the Police HQ, he had raised the subject of average speed cameras with the Police and Crime Commissioner and with Cllr Murphy, both had offered their support. Cllr Balls agreed to provide support for the speeding issues in the village. **Action: Cllrs Dean & Balls**

### d) Speed Sign Maintenance Contract Renewal

The Council resolved to accept the quote for speed sign maintenance for 3 years at a cost of £1,152.26 + VAT. **Action: Clerk**

### e) Derbyshire Environmental Trust Grant Funding Scheme

It was not clear whether funds from this scheme could be used towards the cost of average speed cameras and the timescale for applications was very tight. However the Council resolved to apply if the project met the criteria. **Action: Cllr Dean & Clerk**

### f) Neighbourhood Watch

Several vans in the village had been broken into, residents were advised to be vigilant. Cllr Atkin reported that there would shortly be a tool marking event at Howdens in Ashbourne, this may prove to be a deterrent for some thieves.

### g) Defibrillator Seminar feedback from the event

Only 8 people had attended the event on the 14 September, but the training had been well received. Council resolved to hold a similar seminar again in the next 6 months. Cllr Atkin reported that the defibrillator rescue kit was out of date and needed to be replaced, Clerk to order new pack. **Action: Cllr Atkin & Clerk**

**h) Dog Bins**

A larger dog bin with lid was required for Dog Lane. The Moss Lane bin had still not been replaced. Clerk to follow up. **Action: Clerk**

**i) Sewerage Reed Bed in Hulland Ward**

Despite 2 letters being sent, no firm response had been received. Clerk to follow up. **Action: Clerk**

**j) 2023-24 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement**

The Council were still waiting for a quote for the footpath work which was scheduled to be completed during November. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**k) Transfer of Playing Field to the Parish Council**

There had been some public concern about possible traveller sites in the area, the Chair had issued a statement in the absence of the Clerk. The final legal document had not been sent through. The Council resolved to request completion of all legal documents subject to the Clerk taking legal advice as to whether insurance cover is recommended in the interim period. **Action: Clerk**

**8. Finance and Administration:****a) Parish Survey - Assessing the sustainability of settlements in the Derbyshire Dales**

Councillors had been asked to check if information produced by the District Council was correct. The Clerk to pass on 2 amendments to the information provided. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Website/Facebook Page Updates**

Ms Thacker who had been managing the Council's Facebook page had asked to step down from the role. It was resolved that the Clerk take over some of the Facebook posting and Cllr Champion be added as an admin to cover when necessary. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Champion**

**c) Update on Finances**

The balance in the current account was £45,711.05.

**d) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:**

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Cartwright Landscaping - July	766.00
Cartwright Landscaping - August	1133.00
J S Marriott	84.00
DALC	9.90
Clerk's Salary	257.23
Nest Pensions	34.97
HMRC	209.80
Clerk's Expenses	14.25

**9. Review & Update on Capital Projects**

It had not been possible to start work on the Car Park extension, so the Council resolved to reapply for planning permission. It would be necessary to appoint a project manager and the Council would need to obtain 3 quotes for the work.

**10. Councillor's Reports & Observations**

- Concern about dangerous dogs in the village attacking other dogs. Police are aware. Clerk to speak to Dog Warden at Derbyshire Dales District Council as a matter of urgency. **Action: Clerk**
- Part of the Slangs fence has been taken away, this would need to be replaced. **Action: Cllr Champion**
- Alleyway between Alport Close/Greenway still needs attention.

- Playing Field extension to the gravel path is overgrown.
- Lots of grass is being left on playing field after mowing.
- On the left-hand side at the bottom of the playing field there is a rotten stake which has fallen over, metal fencing has also fallen over.
- Hedge by the path is overgrown and needs cutting. **Action: Cllr Champion**
- Councillors queried what was happening with the planning application for 15 houses adjoining s George Rodgers Close Clerk to ask case officer for some clarity and ask when the appeal hearing is going to take place. **Action: Clerk**
- Traffic lights had been placed on the main road near the Black Horse pub due to half a manhole having disappeared; Severn Trent should be replacing.
- Complaints had been received about the noise level from the Just for Dogs Kennels, particularly early in the morning and between 4-6 pm. Clerk to report to Derbyshire Dales and ask for the noise levels to be tested. **Action: Clerk**
- A new field entrance had appeared on Intakes Lane on a dangerous bend, near Halter Devil Chapel. The Chair and Vice-Chair had previously visited the site with respect to Planning Application 23/00674/FUL and the owners had given assurance this gateway would be permanently sealed upon completion of the proposed stables and riding arena. It was thought that this was a temporary access. This item to be on the next agenda. **Action: Clerk**

#### **11. Clerk's Report & Correspondence**

Most correspondence had been sent out by email. The Clerk advised that it was now best practice for Parish Councils have a .gov.uk domain name and email addresses. The Clerk to find out further information. **Action: Clerk**

#### **12. Resolution to close the meeting to members of the public to consider valuations and sale of the land at Snapper Knowe**

The Council resolved to close meeting at this point.

#### **13. Consideration of valuations and sale of land at Snappers Knowe**

The Council had received 3 valuations for the woodland. It was resolved that the Council would offer the woodland to the tenant for an average of the valuations which was £28,200. The detailed clauses of the sale to be decided at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### **14. Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 6 November at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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