

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 4 November 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), A Champion (Vice-Chair), D Astle, M Atkin, K Dean, J Morgan, S Morgan. A Street, PCSO Bradbury, 1 Member of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1) Attendance/Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Balls, Mr M Barrell (representing Hulland village) and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Parish)

2) Presentation of East Midlands in Bloom Certificate

Liz Fairfield, a judge for East Midlands in Bloom presented a certificate to Cllr Birkbeck. Hulland Ward had not actually entered the competition but had been nominated by a judge who had recognised the tremendous work the community were doing. Ms Fairfield spoke about East Midlands in Bloom and suggested that the Council may wish to consider entering the competition in the future.

3) Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Council unanimously resolved to appoint Mrs Maureen Atkin to the Council.

4) Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 7 October 2024

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 October 2024 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5) Outstanding items from the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

6) Declaration of interests

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

7) Briefings/Comments:

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Dermot Murphy was welcomed back to the meeting. Cllr Murphy reported that he was still working on issues regarding Hulland Hollow and also the proposed permanent closure of Hulland Ward Medical Centre. At present the Health Service feel that it is not viable as there are only 600 patients on their books and medication is being delivered in the area, they will do home visits to patients who can't attend the surgery; there may have been missed opportunities in the past for funding from section 106.

b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

There was no one present from Hulland or Biggin Parishes.

c) Invited comments from the public

Mr John Dick from the Ashbourne & District 50+ Forum spoke about the next meeting of the Forum which was due to take place on 15 November in Ashbourne, Dr Penny Blackwell will be the speaker, and there will be a discussion about the underutilisation of St Oswald's Hospital and the future of medical services in Ashbourne, the meeting was open to everyone.

At this point the Chair announced that he would be stepping down as Chair after this meeting. Cllr Champion as the current Vice-Chair would take over the role of Chair.

8) Village Development:

a) 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

The original application had been granted on appeal, now the applicant was applying to Increase the size and height of the barn. After discussion the, Council felt strongly that the original planning application should stand, and no modifications allowed. **Action: Clerk**

b) 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

The original application had been granted on appeal, now the applicant was applying to Increase the size and height of the barn. After discussion the, Council felt strongly that the original planning application should stand, and no modifications allowed. **Action: Clerk**

c) Hay Barn at Biggin

Councillors were concerned about the development of the barn. The Council resolved to wait until the next meeting when the application time frame and the recommendation of planners is likely to be known.

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

Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion had carried out a site visit. It is not clear at present when the first houses will be sold or when the sewerage connection is likely to done. Developers want to erect large for sale signs in the village. Multiple complaints had been received about mud on the road and the speed of traffic in workman vans, these complaints had been passed on.

e) 15 Houses off Biggin View

Detailed plans for the above development had now been submitted. The Parish Council still feel that the site is unsafe, particularly the access road, which is not built to highway standards, it was suggested that the developers be invited to submit an alternative application for 8/9 larger houses which would reduce the risk and volume of traffic using the site. The Council resolved that Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion should attend the site meeting and the planning meeting. **Action: Cllrs Champion & Birkbeck and Clerk**

9) Village Image & Environment:

a) Play Area Update

The surface of the play area is getting worn and requires attention.

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

No community speed watch figures were available. The latest MVAS data has been published on the website and Council Facebook page. A cardboard cutout copper project had been trialled in the village this appeared to have had significant impact on the MVAS data during those short periods.

c) Neighbourhood Watch

A report from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator was read out to the meeting. PCSO Bradbury is now covering this area, neighbourhood watch co-ordinator to be asked to contact PCSO Bradbury.

Action: Clerk

d) Playing Field Update

This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

e) Slangs/Orchard/Memorial Area – purchase of trees

Cllr Street to obtain larger trees as approved at the last meeting. The hawthorn saplings at the slangs have died; some residents are using this gap in the hedge as a short cut. **Action: Cllr Street**

f) Village Christmas Tree

A large Christmas tree has been promised, Councillors agreed to decorate on Saturday 7 December. Handyman to be asked to erect the tree. **Action: Cllrs**

10) Closure of Hulland Ward Medical Centre – future action

The Council were strongly opposed to the closure. Clerk to contact the local MP and invite to the next meeting. Correspondence to be circulated to all councillors. **Action: Clerk**

11) Village Hall Committee Update

Cllr Birkbeck agreed to attend the next meeting. Clerk to request a detailed set of accounts for the last financial year. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck & Clerk.**

12) 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.

13) Progress on the Sale of land at Snappers Knowe

Solicitors were progressing with the drafting of documents for the sale. Council resolved to approve the retention of the adjoining track. **Action: Cllr S Morgan**

14) Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) 2025 – dog controls for Hulland Ward Ashes Lane Play Area**a) Dog exclusion from the tennis courts**

A sign for the play area needs to be erected; there is already a sign prevented dogs being allowed in the tennis courts.

b) Dogs on leads on the playing field

Dogs to be allowed off lead as present, providing dog walkers clean up after their dogs. **Action: Clerk**

15) Discussion on local planning policy and support for a petition from other local councils

Council resolved to support this initiative as it would hopefully help to empower local councils. **Action: Clerk**

16) Update on the Defibrillator for Hulland Village

Hulland Village residents had not yet held a public meeting.

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

Clerk has now obtained .gov.uk email address, details of email addresses to councillors will be circulated in the next couple of weeks and it was hoped that the website would shortly become a .gov.uk domain.

Action: Clerk

b) Purchase of Lanyards

The Council resolved that the Clerk should go ahead and purchase lanyards at an estimated cost of £112.

Action: Clerk

c) Appointment of Internal Auditor

The Council resolved to appoint DALC as their internal auditor for 24/25. **Action: Clerk**

d) Approval of Clerk's Annual Pay Award

The Council resolved to approve the Clerk's annual pay award.

e) Update on Finances

The balance in the Parish Council account was £45,951.72.

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

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Cartwright Landscaping	957.60
DALC	60.00
A M Hall Ltd	1,140.00
Clerk's Salary	284.73
Nest Pensions	38.87
Clerk's Expenses	25.74

18) Review & Update on Capital Projects

Nothing further to add at present.

19) Councillor's Reports & Observations

- Some streetlights are not working, Cllr Astle to report
- There was still some concern about the groundwork solutions for George Rodgers Close.
- The footpath from Moss Lane to the playing field is not clearly marked and is almost impassable.
- Liability issue for the cardboard copper project to be clarified.

20) Clerk's Report & Correspondence:

The Clerk had recently attended the Parish Council Liaison Forum and DALC Day both events had been informative.

The Council discussed the possibility of moving Parish Council meetings to a different day of the week.

Action: Clerk

21) Next Meeting

Monday 2 December 2024 at 7 pm in Hlland Ward Village Hall. Meeting closed at 21,10

Signed

Dated