

Hulland Ward Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held remotely on Monday 1 March 2021 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair); Cllrs: J Scott (Vice-Chair), M Atkin, D Lewis, J Morgan, C New, V Thacker and W Ward. Mr T Sadler (rep. Hulland Village) Cllr I Ratcliffe (DCC), Cllr Bright (DDDC) and 1 member of the public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1 Attendance & Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Astle and Ms L Redfern (rep Biggin Parish)

2 Co-option of New Parish Councillor

Cllr Scott proposed that Mrs Victoria Thacker be appointed to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Morgan. Mrs Thacker signed the acceptance of office form and this was visible on the screen.

3 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 1 February 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 1 February 2021 as a true record of that meeting proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr New.

4 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

There were no outstanding items from the previous meeting.

5 Briefings and Comments

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Ratcliffe hoped that funding for improvements to the Waterlagg/Intake Lane crossroads would be included in the capital funding programme, but this was yet to be confirmed. Cllr Ratcliffe also updated members on County Council budget issues and paid tribute to the schools who had worked very hard over the last 12 months.

Cllr Bright asked members to contact him with any matters of concern.

b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Sadler for Hulland Village stated that they were hoping to get involved in the great British Spring Clean between 28 May and 13 June and it would be good if Hulland Ward could also get involved.

c) Invited Comments from members of the Public

There were no comments from members of the public.

6 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.

7 Village Development

The following applications had arrived after the publication of the agenda but due to the short response time required by the District Council the Council agreed to comment as follows:

a) 21/00226/FUL - Proposed single front extension - 15 Firs Avenue, Hulland Ward

The Council had no objection to this application. *Action: Clerk*

b) 21/00186/FUL- Proposed extension to existing agricultural building - Woodside Farm Intakes Lane Turnditch

The Council had no objection to this application. *Action: Clerk*

c) 21/00207/FUL - Change of use of agricultural building to 1no. dwelling house with associated alterations - Land on East Side Hillcliff Lane, Turnditch

Councillors were unhappy about some aspects of this application which appeared to be change of use of a relatively new barn in a green field site with no mention of an agricultural tenancy. The Clerk was to ask the District Council for more time to consider this application.

Action: Clerk

8 Village Image & Environment

a) Publicity Website

There was an issue with the Parish Council website, the Clerk to bring a full report to the next meeting.

b) Village Hall Car Park

A further quote for the work on the Car Park extension had been received, no work could go ahead until funds were available.

c) Playing Field Encroachment

The Chair and Vice Chair had met with the residents, who felt strongly that an encroachment had not taken place. Further information was to be provided; the Council would discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

d) Speeding Issues – Signs/Community Speed Watch

Most volunteers had now done the online training.

e) Parish Council Land

A complaint had been received regarding the fencing on the Slangs, Cllr Lewis to draft a response.

f) Neighbourhood Watch

Leaflets for NHW would be made available in the village shop, so new residents were aware of the scheme. The signs had still not arrived. Information regarding various scams were being circulated to NHW members on a regular basis.

g) Play Area Inspections & Risk Assessment

The Play Area needed to be inspected monthly. Cllr Astle to be asked to carry out these monthly inspections. Another member of the Council may need to attend training on Playground inspections. *Action: Cllr Astle + 1 another Cllr.*

h) Phone Box at Cross o'th Hands

The phone box at Cross o'th Hands needed repainting and restoration. The Council were happy for the phone box to be used as a library but were not ready to dispose of it. *Action: Clerk*

i) Great British Spring Clean

The Council resolved to go ahead with a village litter pick on the weekend of the 5/6 June. Cllr Thacker to draw up an event plan, Clerk to order litter pickers and bags. *Action: Cllr Thacker & Clerk*

9 Finance and Administration

a) Update on Finances

The balance in the current account was £22,166.74.

b) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting

The Council approved the following items for payment:

DALC Annual Subscription	420.62
Cartwright Landscaping	40.00
Acres Signs	204.00
CPRE Subscription	36.00
B Astbury	100.00
Clerk's Salary	251.18
Nest Pensions	26.52
Clerk's Expenses	37.61

c) Village Maintenance Contract

The tender for the village maintenance contract had been received, after slight amendment the Council resolved to accept the quote which totalled £5,740.

d) Application to Local Projects Fund

The Council resolved to apply to the Local Projects Fund for a memorial bench for the village.

Action: Clerk

e) Councillor Responsibilities

Councillors agreed that they would individually take on responsibility for the following:

Cllr Scott: Village mowing, estate and Village Hall

Cllr New: hedge cutting & estate planning

Cllr Atkin: Defibrillator and Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Astle: Playing Field & Play Area

Cllr Morgan: Outlying areas & planning

Cllr Lewis: Village & Biggin Group liaison, village environment, bulb and tree planting

Cllr Thacker: Parish Council Facebook page & publicity

Cllr Birkbeck: Main Road issues; Cameron Homes liaison & Wheeldon Way liaison committees.

Cllr Ward: speed watch.

Cllr Ward stated that he wished to resign due to very heavy work commitments. Cllr Ward was thanked for his work for the Parish Council work.

f) Ashbourne – Green Man and Black's Head Gallows Sign and Black Head Figure

After discussion, the Parish Council resolved not to comment on the above item.

10 Review & Update on Capital Projects

Work on the Village Hall Car Park extension was discussed under item 8 b).

11 Councillor's Reports and Observations

- The felt on the village notice board needed replacing.
- A drain on the main road opposite View Dales had sunk
- Mr Charlie Ratcliffe was thanked for distributing grit around the village grit bins.
- The road surface on Highfield Road was breaking up, this needed to be reported to Highways. *Action: Clerk*
- The A517 outside White House Farm needed repair. Cllr Ward to send photos to the Clerk. Clerk to report to County Highways. *Action: Cllr Ward & Clerk*
- There was considerable concern about people not cleaning up after their dogs. More signs were needed and information about how people could be reported. *Action: Clerk*
- Litter on Smithall Lane was a real problem.
- Trees on the Parish Council land at Snappers Knowe needed to be checked regularly. *Action: Cllr Birkbeck*

- A stile on Footpath No 2 opposite the Black Horse was difficult for people to climb over, Clerk to report. *Action: Clerk*

12 Correspondence

All correspondence had been sent out by email.

13 Dates for Parish Council Meetings in April and May

Due to bank holidays the meeting dates would be Monday 12 April and Monday 10 May at 6.30 pm

Signed Dated 12 April 2021