

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 3 April 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), D Astle, M Atkin, A Champion, K Dean, D Lewis, J Morgan, Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village) Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk).

1 Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr New, Ms L Redfern (representing Hulland Village) and Cllr R Bright (DDDC).

2 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 6 March 2023

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 March 2023 as a true record of that meeting.

3 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

All outstanding items were on the agenda.

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 and Comments

a) District and County Councillors

There were no District or County Councillors present at this meeting.

b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Residents in Hulland village are concerned about safety on Hulland Hill and the bus stop, Cllr Murphy is asking a representative from County Highways to look at the issues. The response to the Litter pick had been very good in all villages; a total of 59 people took part and 71 bags of litter were picked up, this had been more successful than previous events and everyone was thanked for their participation.

c) Invited Comments from members of the Public

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

6. Village Development:

a) Wheeldon Way Development – Update from Working Group

Activity on site is still ongoing.

b) Planning Permission for 15 Houses Land between George Rodgers Close and Dog Lane

Cllr Champion had attended the planning meeting, there had been overwhelming reaction from District Councillors that the development should not go ahead, although 2 Councillors had been in favour of the proposals. There was concern from residents regarding the forthcoming appeal for the first application. Clerk to research details of the appeal. **Action: Clerk**

7 Village Image & Environment

a) Website & Facebook Page Update

Some new items need to be added to the website. Facebook is being kept well up to date and the number of followers is increasing. Digital copies of the Hulland Herald are being uploaded to the website.

b) Parish Boundaries on the Parish Council Website

Parish boundaries need to be clearly marked and uploaded to website. One Councillor queried the Parish boundary for Hulland Ward and whether the new development was actually in Hulland Ward rather than Biggin parish. **Action: Cllr Champion & Clerk**

c) Speeding Issues – Signs/Community Speed Watch/Speed Watch Signs

No community speed watch sessions held last month but hoping that sessions will restart soon. Latest speed sign data had been circulated to councillors and would shortly be uploaded to the website. Swarco had declined to quote for the provision of an average speed camera, Cllr Dean had obtained a quote from another company this was for £100,000 for 3 cameras including year 1 and 2 maintenance. Ongoing annual maintenance after the second year was likely to be £6-7,000. Cllr Birkbeck suggested that this matter be discussed further after the Parish Council elections. It was also suggested that the cameras be shared with other neighbouring villages.

d) Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing further to report at present.

e) Great British Spring Clean/Village Litter Pick

As reported under item 5 b) there had been a very good response this year. One Councillor questioned whether we could be more proactive in preventing litter being dropped.

f) White Village Entrance Gates

This item to be carried forward. **Action: Clerk**

g) Emptying of Dog Waste Bins in Hulland Ward

The District Council had confirmed that they were responsible for all but 1 of bins in the village. The bin on the Playing Field was the responsibility of the Parish Council. Clerk to circulate Cllr Champion's PowerPoint. **Action: Clerk**

h) Plans for the Coronation of King Charles

Plans for the Coronation included a prize draw, commemorative mugs for the school and pre-school children and the gates to the playing field would be left open during the Coronation weekend so families could picnic if they wished. The Council resolved that the Clerk should purchase 2 commemorative coins as draw prizes at a cost of £70 each and 80 mugs. The proceeds of the draw would go towards the purchase of an oak tree for the village. A grant application had been submitted to the County Council to fund the Coronation plans. **Action: Clerk.**

i) Consideration of valuations received on Parish Council land at Snappers Knowe

This matter was to be left until the next meeting as the final valuation had not yet been received. **Action: Clerk**

j) Cleaning of 'Welcome to Hulland Ward' Signs

This item to be carried forward to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

k) Hulland Ward Medical Centre

The Doctors at the Medical Centre do not currently want another public meeting. Councillors discussed a possible way forward. Cllr Birkbeck suggested that in the short-term Council representatives join with the Brailsford group.

8. Finance and Administration:**a) Parish Council Laptop**

There had been issues with the Parish Council laptop but following an upgrade these had now been resolved.

b) Parish Council Elections

Cllr Lewis had indicated that he would not be standing for the Council again in the elections, Cllr Lewis was thanked and applauded for all his work on the Council. Cllr Lewis to show Cllrs Champion and Dean how to prune the apple trees on the Slangs. **Action: Cllrs Lewis, Champion & Dean**

c) Update on Finances

The clerk reported that the balance in the current account was £16,388.20.

d) Prior approval for the payment of invoices due in May

As the next meeting was not until the 15 May, the Council resolved that the Clerk should circulate items for payment at the beginning of May. **Action: Clerk**

e) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Catena (Paid 13/3/23)	252.00
Hulland Ward Village Hall	81.00
DDDC	31.20
Darren Cartwright	150.00
Dove Computer Solutions Ltd	213.00
Clerk's Salary	257.23
Nest Pensions	34.97
HMRC	209.80
Clerk's Expenses	17.99

9. Review & Update on Capital Projects

There was nothing further to report at present. Cllrs to do a tour of the assets in June/July.

10. Councillor's Reports & Observations

- Councillors were concerned about potholes on the estate, Clerk to circulate links to Highways pothole reports and Fix my Street. Clerk to report the poor road condition at the Black Horse junction. **Action: Clerk**
- The Dog Lane sign had still not been recovered.
- There was a query over whether the manhole cover near the covid bench had been reported. Cllr Birkbeck to follow up with Cllr New. **Action: Cllrs Birkbeck & New**
- Councillors were concerned about the verge outside Hawthorn House, the developers had promised to repair damage when work on the site is completed.
- General concern about the state of the roads

11. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

All correspondence had gone out by email. The Clerk pointed out to Councillors that unfortunately Council expenditure had gone over £25,000 for the year ending 31 March 2023, this will mean that the Council will need to have an external audit at a cost of £200.

12. Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

This would be on Monday 15 May 2023 at 7 pm. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed

Dated