

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 6 March 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), M Atkin, A Champion, K Dean, D Lewis, J Morgan, C New. Cllr D Murphy (DCC), Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village) 3 Members of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk).

1 Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr D Astle and Ms L Redfern (representing Hulland Village).

2 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 9 January 2023

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

3 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

The manhole cover near the Covid bench and the steps down to the playing field still needed to be checked. Clerk to follow up on an email which had been sent to the Medical Centre. **Action: Cllr New & Clerk**

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 was no further information regarding work on the Intake Lane Crossroads, although the Parish Council should receive the final drawings. Cllr Murphy had spoken to the Highways Department following safety concerns about crossing of the main road. Cllr Murphy agreed to speak with Cllr Dean regarding the possibility of purchasing an ACR camera for the village.

b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Sadler appreciated Cllr Murphy's support on the Hulland Hollow issues, both had visited the bus stop which they considered to be a death trap and needed to be relocated. Arrangements for a litter pick in Hulland were well underway. Mr Sadler stated that each litter pick team needed to record the number of people taking part and the number of bags collected.

c) Invited Comments from members of the Public

A resident raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic through the village and the difficulty of crossing the road, 95% of the children in the village need to cross the road to catch the school bus. The resident would like a pedestrian crossing, the County Council has said that they would not be able to provide a zebra crossing as there was no speed related accidents. The resident had started a petition which would be sent to Sarah Dines MP.

Another resident was concerned about the planning application for 15 dwellings. The application has a very narrow access road with no alternative access available. A permanent alternative access needs to be found. Children may be walking along a narrow pavement to access the play area and other areas of Hulland Ward.

6. Village Development:

a) Wheeldon Way Development – Update from Working Group

The Working group were still working through the issues raised at the open meeting.

b) Application 23/00038/OUT - Outline planning consent for the erection of up to 15no. dwellinghouses and associated garaging with approval being sought for access - Land East Of Dog Lane Hulland Ward

It was understood that the above application was to be considered at a Planning committee meeting on Tuesday 14 March, although the Parish Council had not received any official notification of the meeting, or notification of the appeal on a previous application on the same site. As the Parish Council have serious concerns about this application it was resolved that Cllr Birkbeck should attend the meeting and formally request that a feasibility study be done for roundabout on the A517/Dog Lane junction to give new access to the site of the proposed development. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck**

7 Village Image & Environment

a) Website & Facebook Page Update

A Planning page had now been added to the website. Facebook was going well, the recent speed sign data had raised discussion regarding speeding through the village.

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

No Community Speed Watch sessions had been held during February. Cllr Dean gave a brief overview of the latest MVAS data for February. Cllr Dean to speak to Cllr Murphy about average speed cameras.

Action: Cllr Dean

c) 20s Plenty for Us

The Council would need to sign up for the campaign to bring the overall speed limit down through the village.

d) Neighbourhood Watch

Two alerts had been sent out, one regarding the theft of catalytic converters.

e) Pedestrian Crossing for Hulland Ward

Cllr Dermot Murphy to see if the village could have a crossing person.

f) Great British Spring Clean/Village Litter Pick – Date and areas to be covered

The Hulland Ward litter pick was planned for Saturday 18 March meeting at 10 am on the Playing Field. Clerk to prepare publicity. Hi viz vests or jackets to be worn by all participants. **Action: Clerk**

g) Official Opening of the Covid Bench

The official opening of the bench was planned for 17th March at 10.30 am. Cllrs Birkbeck and Lewis to say a few words about plans for the area. Cllr Atkin to obtain ribbon. Information to go on Notice Board, website and Facebook. **Action: Cllrs: Birkbeck/Lewis/Atkin & Clerk**

h) White Village Entrance Gates

Councillors viewed various designs for Village Entrance Gates. Clerk to obtain detailed quote for supply of gates and installation.

i) Emptying of Dog Waste Bins in Hulland Ward

The bins around the village are currently being emptied, Clerk to follow up with the District Council on this matter. The bin near the MUGGA is being missed, this bin may need to be removed or relocated. There is still an issue with the bin near the post box. **Action: Clerk**

j) Plans for the Coronation of King Charles

The Council resolved that the Village Hall should be used for the celebration of the coronation on the afternoon of Sunday 7 May. Clerk to obtain quotes for a bouncy castle outside. Teas & coffee to be provided, residents to be asked to bring their own picnic. A painting competition to be held, someone from the Art Club to be asked to judge the paintings. **Action: Clerk**

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

As only one valuation had been received so far this matter was to be held over to the next meeting.

8. Finance and Administration:**a) Parish Council Elections – Thursday 4 May**

The Clerk gave a briefing on the forthcoming Parish Council elections.

b) Update on Finances

The clerk reported that the balance in the current account was £18,074.93.

c) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

John German	600.00
DALC Annual Subscription	509.30
Darren Cartwright	350.00
Clerk's Salary	257.43
Nest Pensions	34.97
Clerk's Expenses	27.98

9. Review & Update on Capital Projects

There was nothing further to report at present.

10. Councillor's Reports & Observations

- Councillors were still concerned about the Medical Centre situation.
- The Dog Lane sign still needs to be recovered **Action: Cllrs Dean/New**
- The Wheeldon Way Developer still needs to respond to the concerns about the ground falling away.
- Publication on the latest speed data had brought lots of comments on Facebook, Clerk to respond. **Action: Clerk**
- The Parish Council had not received any notification regarding a recent cycling event; some litter has been left behind.
- The daffodils around the village are generally coming up well.
- The verge near Hawthorn House had been churned up parking during a recent development. The developer had promised to relay the grass on the verge when the work is finished. The pavement also needs to be cleaned.
- 'Welcome to Hulland Ward' signs need to be washed before planters go in. This item to go on the next agenda.

11. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

All correspondence had gone out by email.

12. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting and next Parish Council Meeting

These would be on Monday 3 April 2023 at 7 pm. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed

Dated