

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 1 November 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair); Cllrs: J Scott (Vice-Chair), M Atkin, K Dean, I Gibson, D Lewis, J Morgan, C New and V Thacker. Mr T Sadler (rep Hulland Village) Cllr D Murphy (DCC); Cllr R Bright (DDDC). Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1 Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and noted from Ms Louise Redfern (rep Biggin Parish)

2 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 4 October 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 October 2021 as a true record of that meeting proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Gibson.

3 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

The Council had not been able to obtain lamppost poppies. The Council resolved to make a donation of £30 to the Royal British Legion.

4 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Thacker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6a).

5 Briefings and Comments

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy offered to try and obtain poppies through the local Royal British Legion. The funds for the Waterlugg junction project were still in the budget, it was hoped plans would be submitted in January with the possibility of work being done in May 2022. A resident had expressed concern about the A517 road surface, Cllr Murphy would report. Cllr Murphy was working on what changes could be made to make the Hulland Hollow junction safer but warned that progress may be slow.

Cllr Bright reported that the Safer Neighbourhood Team had done a 'pop up' in Hulland Ward and they will be returning to patrol the village. The Team are currently promoting the 101 non-emergency number, it was important that small crime issues were logged. Cllr Bright apologised for the problems with the District Council waste contract but had no further information on the matter at present.

b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Cllr Lewis commented that access to Biggin village was difficult at present due to the road being closed for a month for highway repairs, diversions were poorly sign posted.

Mr Sadler from Hulland village thanked the Council for including Hulland village in their meetings, the communication was appreciated. The chevron signs at Hulland Hollow had been cleaned and a meeting would be held shortly to discuss the safety issues at the junction. Mr Sadler reported that a number of residents were concerned about pigs which regularly escaped on to Smithall Lane, several pigs had been killed. There were concerns about road safety, residents had contacted the police, who were unable to help. The matter has also been reported to DEFRA who have taken up the matter.

c) Invited Comments from members of the Public

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

6. Village Development:

a) 21/01108/OUT - Outline planning application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling house - Valley View Main Road Hulland Ward DE6 3EF

As there is insufficient room for vehicles to turn round on the site, then vehicles would have to reverse on to the main A517 road, therefore the Council objected to the application. **Action: Clerk**

b) 21/01241/FUL - Single story rear extension and first floor side extension - Four Winds Main Road Hulland Ward DE6 3EA

Subject to a satisfactory site visit and no complaints from neighbours, the Council resolved to have no objection to this application. **Action: Cllrs & Clerk**

7 Village Image & Environment

a) Update on Parish Council Website & Facebook Page

The Facebook page is going well, Councillors were asked to send content to Cllr Thacker. A warning regarding the pigs on Smithall Lane was to be posted. This information was also to go to the Neighbourhood Watch group. **Action: Cllrs Thacker & Atkin**

b) Village Hall Car Park Extension

No further information was available at present.

c) Speeding Issues – Signs/Community Speed Watch

The next speed check session is to be held shortly. More volunteers are now trained. Information on the speed watches was to be available at the Neighbourhood Watch Launch event. The grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioner for more equipment had not been successful. The Council agreed to approach Cllr Murphy to see if he may be able to help. **Action: Clerk**

d) Neighbourhood Watch Update & Launch Event on 4 November

The Launch Event was planned for the 4 November. Unfortunately the Rural Crime Team and PCSOs may not be able to attend. Everything else is organised. Cllr Atkin is to meet with Cllr Bright regarding neighbourhood watch. Several incidents had been reported to the police over the last month, Cllr Atkin stated that it was important that all incidents be reported to the Police. **Action: Cllr Atkin**

e) Memorial Bench

The memorial bench and plaque have been ordered; delivery could be up to 12 weeks. The bench to be sited in the area near the memorial tree.

f) Christmas Trees

The small solar Christmas trees for the lamp posts had been ordered. The erection of the large village Christmas tree to take place on the 4 December. Clerk to circulate the risk assessment. **Action Cllrs & Clerk**

g) Snow Warden for Hulland Ward

Mr Charlie Ratcliffe had agreed to be the snow warden, Cllr Atkin to supply a list of all grit bins. **Action: Cllr Atkin**

h) Hulland Hollow A517

This matter had been raised under public speaking.

i) Traffic Survey A517 Hulland Ward

The Council resolved that they would continue to work with Aggregate Industries and other local companies to try to restrict lorry movement through the village to the hours of 8/9am and 5 pm.

j) Parish Council Land at Snappers Knowe

One person had expressed an interest in renting the woodland at Snappers Knowe. The Parish Council were not interested in selling the land at present. If the land was rented or sold there would be a clause in the agreement to prevent the woodland being used for any other purpose.

k) Pedestrian Crossing on the A517

The Council resolved that they would write to the County Highways regarding this matter. **Action: Clerk**

l) Play Area & Play Area Inspections

Cllr New agreed to clear the edging around the Play Area. Cllr Gibson to look into environmentally friendly weed killers which could be used, this would prevent the need for the area to be closed off. The cost of maintenance of the Play Area needs to be included in the Council's annual budget. It was agreed that Cllr Gibson would carry out quarterly checks on the Play Area. **Action: Cllrs New & Gibson**

m) Bench on the Playing Field

Bench has now been removed; the Council will look to obtain funding for a new bench in April.

n) Planting on the Slangs and the creation of a memorial area in the village

After a discussion regarding the suitability of the area for the planting of fruit trees and the need to recruit a group of volunteers to maintain the trees. The Council resolved to: dig 2 test holes on the site, look for a group of volunteers who would be happy to maintain the trees and then purchase 6 trees at a maximum cost of £150.

8 Finance and Administration**a) Speed Sign Maintenance Contract**

The Council resolved to go ahead with the speed sign contract as last year. **Action: Clerk**

b) Budget for 2021/22

The Clerk explained that the budget for the current year was largely on track. The Clerk would supply a draft budget for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

c) Update on Finances

The balance in the current account was £24,200.34. The Clerk had recently had to replace the Parish Council printer.

d) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting

The Council unanimously resolved to approve payment of the following items:

Kedal (Proforma invoice for Bench	476.25
Swarco	304.06
Cartwright Landscaping	1,165.00
Clerk's Salary	378.60
Nest Pensions	26.52
Clerk's Expenses	51.03

9 Review & Update on Capital Projects

Nothing further to report on capital projects.

10 Councillor's Reports and Observations

- Cllr Dean suggested that the Council should consider having recycling bins in the village, these had previously been provided on the car park near the shop. Cllr Dean to make enquiries, this item to be on the December agenda. **Action: Cllr Dean & Clerk**
- Trees on Moss Lane/Alport/Lower Greenway required maintenance, Cllr Atkin to report to the County Council. **Action: Cllr Atkin**
- Cllr Thacker to ask on Facebook if anyone was interested in carrying out another litter pick. **Action: Cllr Thacker**
- A leaning lamp post near the school to be reported to the County Highways. **Action: Clerk**
- The Information regarding the Public Space Protection Orders had been misleading, as the Council had been told that a 'dogs on lead order' could not be used on Moss Lane.

11 Correspondence

All correspondence had gone out via email. An email had been received regarding the A517 road surface, Clerk to report to County Highways. **Action: Clerk**

12 Date for Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting was arranged for Monday 6 December 2021 at 7 pm in Hlland Ward Village Hall.

Signed Dated 6 December 2021