

Hulland Ward Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held remotely on Monday 13 April 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), and 3 members of the public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1 Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. One minutes' silence was held in memory of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. Apologies were received from Cllr Astle and Ms L Redfern (rep Biggin Parish).

2 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 1 March 2021

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

3 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 16 March 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 16 March 2021 as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Lewis.

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 stated that this would be her last meeting as she was not standing in the forthcoming County Council elections. Cllr Ratcliffe was pleased to note that funding had been found for the Hulland Ward Day Centre and over £40,000 would be available for work on the Intake Lane junction. The Chair and Councillors thanked Cllr Ratcliffe for her work and the support she had given over many years, particularly with enabling Hulland Ward to purchase the speed signs.

b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Sadler for Hulland Village explained that a litter pick had been organised and he would register the event for Hulland, Hulland Ward and the surrounding area. The School were keen to be involved. Hulland village volunteers would take responsibility for picking litter along Smithall Lane.

c) Invited Comments from members of the Public

A resident expressed concern about planning application 21/00343/FUL; a small property was being made into a large house which changed the dynamics of the village and made this type of property less affordable; soakaway would be within 5 metres of property.

6 Declaration of Interests

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

7 Village Development

a) 21/00287/FUL – Relocation of Farm Access – Chapel Farm, Mercaston Lane, Mercaston.

The Council had no objection to this application provided the current farm access

(shown on 14428-002) is permanently closed.

b) 21/00343/FUL – Single Storey Rear Extension – 16 Ashes Avenue, Hulland Ward

The Council had no objection to the application provided the boundary walls of both 14 and 18 Ashes Avenue are secured by a structural survey completed and exhibited prior to development.

8 Village Image & Environment

a) Village Communication – New Website/Facebook Page

The Council agreed that information on the Facebook page should also be on the website so that non-Facebook users were not disadvantaged. A review of the effectiveness of the Facebook page would be carried out after a period of time. Clerk to supply list of items that needed to be published on the website. *Action: Clerk*

b) Village Hall Car Park

The Council was still waiting for receipt of the grant before work could go ahead. Clerk to check that VAT could be recovered on the work. *Action: Clerk*

c) Speeding Issues – Signs/Community Speed Watch

Roadside training would be done as soon as Covid restrictions allowed. Cllr Ward agreed to keep the Speed watch group ticking over until another Councillor was appointed. *Action: Cllr Ward*

d) Parish Council Land

The Chair proposed that Councillors and the Clerk to do a tour of the parish assets, these would also be photographed so a digital record could be produced. It may be necessary to dispose of one item of land to cover the cost of the Village Hall Car Park extension.

e) Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch week was the 5-11 June which coincided with the litter pick. Derbyshire Police were currently running a 'Protect your Car' scheme' notices were going up around the village. Cllr Atkin to pass on details of the new PCSO. *Action: Cllr Atkin*

f) Play Area Inspections & Risk Assessment

The Play Area inspection forms needed to be updated. *Action: Cllr Astle & Clerk*

g) Phone Box at Cross o'th Hands

Mr Neale and a neighbour had agreed to give the phone box a clean-up.

h) Great British Spring Clean

Cllr Thacker to organise in conjunction with the school and Hulland village. *Action: Cllr Thacker*

i) Playing Field Encroachment

The playing Field was to be surveyed and photographed to prevent possible future encroachment.

j) Dog & Waste Bin Locations

The locations were as follows: 3 on Moss Lane, 1 at the top of Highfield Road near the bus shelter, 1 by the gate of the playing field. The litter bin at the top of Dog Lane was broken, Clerk to ask the District Council to replace it. *Action: Clerk*

k) Dog Fouling around the Village

The Council agreed to continue to use the District Council signs. Clerk to send signs to Cllr Atkin. *Action: Cllrs New, Atkin & Clerk*

l) Defibrillator

Cllr Atkin reported that the defibrillator would soon require a new battery at a cost of £186 plus VAT.

m) 20s Plenty for Derbyshire

This was a campaign being run throughout Derbyshire to encourage villages to have 20 mph zone. The Council agreed to respond with the suggestion that the main road area near the junction of Ashes Avenue and the estate area near the school be included.

Action: Clerk

9 Finance and Administration**a) Update on Finances**

The balance in the current account was £21,835.59.

b) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting

The Council approved the following items for payment:

J & J W Stafford	1,349.22
Cartwright Landscaping	40.00
Lester Lowe	36.00
DALC	30.00
Clerk's Salary	251.18
Nest Pensions	26.52
Clerk's Expenses	32.39

c) Clerk's Additional Hours

The Clerk had worked additional hours in the 6 months up to the end of February. The Council resolved that these should be paid.

d) Asset Register

The asset register was to be amended to read '3' picnic tables and the village hall was also to be added. After these amendments, the Council resolved to accept the asset register as presented.

e) DALC Course Attendance

The Council approved the attendance of a Councillor and Clerk on the following courses: 'Building a 2-way conversation with your community' and 'Internal Controls'.

f) Approval of Village Maintenance Contract for 3 years from 1 April 2021

The Council resolved to accept the contract which had been circulated prior to the meeting. *Action: Clerk*

g) Parish Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Ward was thanked for his work on the Council. The Clerk would advertise the vacancy in due course. *Action: Clerk*

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

- A resident had suggest using the phone box at Cross o'th' Hands as a lending library.
- The repair to the pavement on Dog Lane was unsatisfactory, Clerk to follow up. *Action: Clerk*
- Residents of the Mansell Park area had been encountering a bad smell for the last 8/9 months from the Stonecliffe Poultry Unit. Cllr Morgan to draft out a letter which would be sent from the Parish Council. *Action: Cllr Morgan & Clerk*

- Cllr Thacker asked if the reasons for fencing the Slangs had been communicated to residents.
- There had been a recent oil spillage at the Car Park near the village shop.
- Many positive comments had been received about the daffodil display, Cllr Lewis asked Cllrs to note any gaps in the planting.
- Discussion took place regarding planting of shrubs on the Slangs. The Council approved expenditure of up to £100.
- Some residents were still being asked to attend Brailsford Doctors Surgery where parking was an issue.

12 Correspondence

A letter of thanks had been received from the WI for the Christmas Trees and floral displays in the village. A further letter had been received expressing concern about overhanging trees from the Black Horse Car Park, this was to be forwarded to the landlord at the Black Horse. All other correspondence had been sent out by email. *Action: Clerk*

13 Date for Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was set for Monday 10 May

Signed Dated 17 May 2021