

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 3 October 2022 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), Cllr New (Vice-Chair); Cllrs: D Astle, M Atkin, A Champion, K Dean, D Lewis, C New, Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland village), 3 members of the public. Cllr Bright (DDDC). Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

### 1 Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Owens and Cllr D Murphy (DCC) and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin village).

### 2 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 5 September 2022

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 5 September 2022 as a true record of that meeting.

### 3 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

The tenant for the woodland at Snappers Knowe has signed the tenancy agreement and paid the rent, the tenant proposes to put up 'no fly tipping' signs and erect a small fence. Clerk had asked the tenant to give the Council regular updates on the work being done.

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings have been sent to the local Police with an open invitation to attend if possible, but no response has been received so far.

The issue of lorries turning near Derbyhill House had been reported to FP McCann and they had spoken to their hauliers.

The Medical Centre had not given a date for another meeting but had said the staff were busy preparing for a CQC inspection which would take place in the next 2 weeks

There are currently 14 people booked on the defibrillator seminar planned for the 7 October.

### 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

Cllr Bright would welcome applications for the Local Projects Fund for up to £400. The Council resolved that they should apply to the fund to cover the cost of installing a covid bench. **Action: Clerk**

With regarding to the building work on Wheeldon Way, Cllr Bright asked to be informed of any issues, there had been concern about access, the developers needed to be considerate to the residents, Cllr Bright will follow up on any matters raised. Police & Crime Commissioner is doing a rural crime week to focus on issues to do with rural crime.

#### b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Sadler representing Hulland village stated that he would be meeting with Cllr Murphy to discuss Hulland hollow issue which can be affected by speed in Hulland Ward. Cllr Birkbeck explained the community speed watch process. Mr Sadler was keen for work to be done at Hulland hollow but understood that work at the Waterlagg crossroads needs to be done first.

**c) Invited Comments from members of the Public**

A resident was concerned about lorries travelling through the village, some of which were still mounting the grass verge at the Black Horse. A gas main has become cracked near the Black Horse due to the weight of lorries.

**6. Village Development:**

**a) Derbyshire Dales Local Plan housing allocation for Hulland Ward**

Following a recent decision by the District Council to turn down an application for a further 15 houses in Hulland Ward, there had been some concern that the local plan was being ignored. The Council resolved that a letter should be sent to Paul Wilson, the Chief Executive of Derbyshire Dales District asking for clarification on the matter. The Chair of Biggin Parish Meeting was also unhappy about this situation. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Wheeldon Way Development – Update from Working Group**

The developer was now holding regular meetings with residents and has offered to do an independent survey after work has been completed as there has been some problems with vibration and noise during the laying of foundations. There was also some concern regarding preservation of existing hedges.

**7 Village Image & Environment**

**a) Website & Facebook Page Update**

A photo of the School building is still required for the website. Clerk requires access to the Facebook page. The responsibility of posting regular updates needs to be clarified. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck & Clerk**

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

Data from the speed signs has been circulated this shows that 28%/29% of vehicles are speeding. Statistics show that 1.35m vehicles have come through village since December. In view of these statistics the Clerk was asked to send a letter to Derbyshire Constabulary requesting a speed camera. The Council also discussed the possibility of erecting village entrance gates.

**c) Additional Speed Indicator Devices**

Cllr Dean agreed to identify another possible location for a speed sign. **Action: Cllr Dean**

**d) Neighbourhood Watch**

Information is being sent out regularly to Neighbourhood Watch members. The Safer Neighbourhood team were trying to organise monthly meetings, if these go ahead Cllr Atkins would be happy to attend and will report back to Council.

**e) Vehicle noise on the A517 Hulland Ward/update on discussion with Longcliffe Quarries**

Aggregate Industries are now working between 7.30am and 10pm. It was reported that some lorries travelling through the village could be transporting materials for HS2 and it was not clear on the destination or the route being travelled. The Council needs to have photographic evidence of vehicles speeding through the village at unsociable hours so that this can be taken back to the companies concerned. A meeting with Longcliffe Quarries to be held in due course.

**f) Parish Council land at Cat Hall Farm**

The Council had received 2 offers to rent/purchase the land. The Council felt that the new owners of Cat Hall Farm should be offered a tenancy as the land had previously been rented to Cat Hall Farm and the area was not currently fenced off. Clerk to invite the owners of Cat Hall Farm to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**g) Request for a grit bin on George Rodgers Close**

Residents in George Rodgers Close are in Biggin parish and don't currently pay precept to Hulland Ward. Cllr Champion to raise this matter with Cameron Homes.

**h) Request for a memorial seat on the Playing Field**

The Council approved the request for a new memorial bench in principle but felt that the bench should replace an existing bench, any bench purchased would need to be of low maintenance. The cost of the bench and installation would need to be met by the person making the request. **Action: Clerk**

**i) Derbyshire County Council Snow Warden Scheme**

Cllr New and a resident were happy to continue with snow warden work as last year. The Council resolved not to join the DCC Snow Warden Scheme at this stage.

**j) Wirksworth Eco Friendly Houses Scheme**

This was a new scheme in Wirksworth, the Council noted that eco friendly measures can be requested at the planning application stage, the standards are set by the District Council but the Parish Council could encourage participation.

**k) Use of the Village Hall as a warm space**

This matter had been raised at the last meeting, Cllr Bright would have been happy to support through his Local Projects Fund. Village Hall Committee would need to be consulted, Clerk to contact Village Hall Committee. **Action: Clerk**

**8. Finance and Administration:**

**a) Update on Finances**

The clerk reported that the balance in the current account was £22,639.15. Cllr Dean had checked the bank balance and confirmed that this figure was correct.

**b) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:**

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Darren Cartwright	780.00
Bagshaws	300.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	210.00
J S Marriott & Co	84.00
Clerk's Salary	239.03
Nest Pensions	32.37
HMRC	194.20
Clerk's Expenses	21.88

**9. Review & Update on Capital Projects**

There was nothing further to report at present. Date for viewing assets 3.30 pm Tuesday 11 October.

**10. Councillor's Reports & Observations**

- The application for 15 homes adjoining Biggin View had caused a lot of anxiety among residents, some had contacted Cameron homes regarding the removal of a fence.
- The builders on Wheeldon Way had attempted to remove an ash tree. Clerk was asked to contact the case officer regarding the removal of the ash tree and hedges on the development. **Action: Clerk**
- The Defibrillator seminar is taking place on Friday 7 October, members were encouraged to attend.
- On the Playing field there is rust on the goal posts, Clerk was asked to contact the football team and ask them if they could carry out maintenance. The hedge on the far side of the pitch needs cutting, Cllr New to ask for the hedge to be cut by tractor. **Action: Cllr New & Clerk**
- There was a deep hole where the bench had been removed, the Council contractor to be asked to refill with gravel. **Action: Cllr New**

- The Butterfly area/orchard will require long term maintenance, Cllrs Dean and Champion offered to help with maintenance.

**11. Clerk's Report & Correspondence**

The Clerk reminded the Council that in the next couple of months the Council would need to starting thinking about setting the budget for 2022/23. All correspondence had gone out by email.

**12. Date of next Meeting**

The next Parish Council would be on Monday 7 November at 7 pm. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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