

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 8 April 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), Cllrs: A Champion (Vice-Chair), D Astle, D Balls, A Street. Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village) 1 Member of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1. Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Dean, J Morgan, S Morgan, Cllr D Murphy (DDDC & DCC) and Ms L Redfern representing Biggin Parish.

2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 March 2024

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4 March 2024 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. Outstanding items from the previous meeting

There were no outstanding items from the previous meeting.

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/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

Mr Sadler commented that the litter picks held in all 3 villages had been very successful. The local MP and District and County Councillor had both taken part. In total there had been 52 people involved and 60 bags of litter had been gathered covering 6 miles of grass verges.

c) Invited comments from the public

No comments were received.

6. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Mr Andrew Street introduced himself to the meeting and the Council unanimously resolved to appoint Mr Street as a Parish Councillor. The acceptance of office forms were duly signed.

7. Village Development:

a) Planning Appeal Hay Barn, Upper Lane, Hulland Ward

This application is actually in Biggin parish but as this affects Hulland Ward then the Parish Council can make comment if they wish. The Parish Council expressed concern about this development and resolved to receive information about future developments of this nature and would support Biggin Parish Meeting on this matter.

b) Update on Wheeldon Way Development – Noise issues/Damage to verges/Damage to road surface

There was now a foreman on site to deal with queries from residents and to help resolve any issues. It was thought that the show houses would be completed by the end of May. Some repairs to the road surface have been carried out, the developer is using a road sweeper daily.

8. Village Image & Environment:**a) Play Area Update**

Cllr Astle still doing regular checks. 'No dogs' and 'no cycling' notices require fixing. Power washing still needs to be done, Cllr Champion to speak to the village handyman. The ditch along the playing field needs to be cleaned out, this may need to be followed up with the developers. The fence down the side of the playing field may need repair/removal. **Action: Cllr Champion**

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

The latest figures from the speed signs have been published on the website and Facebook. There had been a car crash at the A517 junction with Moss Lane.

The Police had recently supported the community speed watch group and were particularly keen to challenge abusive motorists.

c) Neighbourhood Watch

As Cllr Atkin has now left the Council there was no representative for the Neighbourhood Watch.

d) Defibrillator – Training Session booked for Thursday 16 May at 7 pm

This event would be held in the Village Hall, details to be advertised in due course.

e) Feedback from the Great British Spring Clean on the 16 March 2024

This event had been very successful and well supported. Clerk to prepare press release. **Action: Clerk**

f) Drainage on the Playing Field/Moss Lane Flooding issue

This matter to be carried forward

g) Community Orchard – damage to trees and provision of warning notices

Cllrs had observed that most of the branches on the fruit trees had been snapped off, Councillors were concerned as to whether the trees would recover. There was also some garden waste and other waste in the community orchard. Fence panels from one property on the boundary had fallen down, wire fencing had now been put around this area. The King Charles memorial tree needed to be planted in this area and this may require fencing around.

h) Damage to streetlight at the Black Horse junction

This had now been reported to the County Council.

8. Village Hall Committee Update

This matter to be carried forward.

9. Car Park Extension at the Village Hall

Two new quotes had been received for a modified proposal. Detailed proposals to be put to the next meeting and it was proposed to hold a joint meeting with Village Hall Committee representatives at 6.30 pm before the next Parish Council meeting.

10 Progress on the Sale of woodland at Snappers Knowe,

The sale was progressing, the solicitors had now got all the relevant information to proceed with the land registration. It had been necessary for the Clerk to find minutes from 1899. The Clerk reminded Councillors that they still had some very old minute books in storage, and it was agreed that these should be put on display at the Village Show in August before being deposited with Derbyshire Records Office. **Action: Clerk**

11- Finance and Administration:**a) Website/Facebook Page Updates**

The website and Facebook Page were all up to date.

b) Updating Bank Signatories.

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

c) Update on Finances

The balance in the current account was £38,455.47, this had been checked and verified by Cllr Dean.

d) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting:

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

Catena	252.00
Cartwright Landscaping	120.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	68.34
Lester Lowe Ltd	100.00
Clerk's Salary	275.43
HMRC	225.40
Nest Pensions	37.57
Clerk's Expenses	17.94

12 Review & Update on Capital Projects

The Council was working on the car park extension and a new notice board and gates to the Playing Field were also planned.

13 Councillor's Reports & Observations

- Councillors were concerned about a pond on George Rodgers Close that required improvement work to allow it to take additional drainage water from the new Dog Lane houses.
- The Doctors Surgery was now part of the Henmore Medical Practice. The Council resolved to formally approach the Practice for an update later in the year.
- Speeding may get worse as we get into the summer months. Community Speed Watch Group were considering doing a speed check on Dog Lane.
- The Council had been approached by a local football club to use the playing field; in principle the Council were in favour. This to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

14 Clerk's Report & Correspondence

All correspondence to Councillors had been sent out by email. The Clerk had received the Kings Portrait Councillors were happy for this to be put up in the Village Hall.

15 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 13 May at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 20:30. There would be a meeting with the Village Hall Committee at 6.30pm prior to the Parish Council meeting. Apologies were received from A Street and D Balls for next meeting.

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