

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall

On Monday 6 December 2021 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair); Cllrs: J Scott (Vice-Chair), M Atkin, K Dean, I Gibson, D Lewis, C New and V Thacker. Mr T Sadler (rep Hulland Village} 1 Member of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

### 1 Attendance & Apologies

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

### 2 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 1 November 2021

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

### 3 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

The payment to the Royal British Legion had not been made. Cllr Murphy had been able to obtain poppies from the local Royal British Legion and Cllr Murphy would be reimbursed in due course.

### 4 Declaration of Interests

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

### 5 Briefings and 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 from Hulland Village stated that a meeting would be held in due course to address the safety issues at Hulland Hollow. The temporary traffic lights at the bottom of Hulland Hollow hill make it difficult for vehicles to negotiate the hill in snow and ice. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Highways Department to ask when work will be completed. **Action: Clerk**

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

A resident raised concerns that there were no pavements from the Les Ardennes development to the centre of the village. The Parish Council had previously expressed their grave concerns about this matter on several occasions. It was suggested that the resident contact the case officer and possibly look to form a residents committee.

### 6. Village Development:

#### a) 21/01325/FUL – Erection of front porch, 8 The Willows, Hulland Ward DE6 3EW

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

### 7 Village Image & Environment

#### a) Update on Community Website, report from Working Party

Members of the Council had recently met with the resident who had purchased the domain name. The Council resolved to keep their current website for the present time and further resolved that they would like to purchase the domain name [hullandward.co.uk](http://hullandward.co.uk) at a cost of £11.99. **Action: Clerk**

#### b) Update on Parish Council Website & Facebook Page

The current Parish Council website has now been transferred to Wix.

**c) Village Hall Car Park Extension**

No further information was available at present. The first meeting of the Wheeldon Way Working group had taken place, some useful issues had been raised. It was noted that many of the major planning decisions had already been made and cannot be changed.

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

Four Community Speed Watch sessions had been completed this month, as a result 10 letters will be sent to motorists. The Council wished to record their thanks to all the volunteers for their efforts. It was hoped that Speed sign data will be available for the next meeting. The Council resolved that the Clerk should submit a grant application to Cllr Murphy for a further set of speed watch equipment. **Action: Clerk**

**e) Neighbourhood Watch**

The launch event had taken place on 4 November and had been well received. Unfortunately, some NW items had arrived too late for the event but would be circulated. Cllr Atkin was forwarding information to residents from Derbyshire Constabulary. Cllr Atkin is hoping to recruit some deputies/street coordinators to help spread the workload. Sixty properties were now registered with Neighbourhood Watch.

**f) Traffic Survey A517 Hulland Ward**

This matter to be carried forward, Council representatives hoping to meet with representatives of Aggregate Industries in the new year.

**g) Parish Council Land at Snappers Knowe**

The person interested in managing the woodland was to be invited to the January meeting. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck/Clerk**

**h) Pedestrian Crossing on the A517**

This matter to be raised at the January meeting.

**i) Play Area Cleaning**

Cllr Gibson reported that the District Council do not use weed killers and suggested the Parish Council follow a similar policy. It was resolved that a local contractor be approached to carry out the jet washing. Cllr Gibson to carry out the first Playground inspection in January 2022. **Action: Cllr Gibson**

**j) Planting on the Slangs and Signage**

Six apple trees of various species had been planted, staked and tied. Cllr Lewis proposed putting up notices with information about the 'community orchard'. The Council resolved to go ahead with the placing of information notices, the wording was to be drafted and quotes for the signage to be sort for the next meeting. When the apple trees start to bear fruit children from Hulland School will be asked to pick and deliver the fruit. **Action: Cllr Lewis/Clerk**

**k) Creation of a memorial area in the village**

A memorial was to be created near the tree off Ashes Avenue where the covid bench would be sited. This work could not go ahead until after the Wheeldon Way development had been completed. This matter to be carried forward.

**l) Recycling Bins for the Village**

Cllr Dean had investigated this matter, but the District Council wanted their own recycling centre in Ashbourne to be used. This matter to be raised with Cllr Murphy next month. It was noted that there was a clothing bin by the Nags Head this was in aid of the Air Ambulance.

**m) Queens Platinum Celebrations**

The Council resolved that the planting on the Slangs should be done to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. This item to remain on the agenda for the discussion of possible future plans.

**8 Finance and Administration****a) Purchase of Hi Viz Vests**

The Council resolved to purchase 30 High Viz vests at a cost of approximately £150. Cllr Birkbeck agreed to contact Aggregates Industries to ask if they would consider covering the cost. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck/Clerk**

**b) Budget for 2021/22**

Draft budget figures had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Council would consider increasing the precept to £17,000. A final decision would be made at the January meeting.

**c) Donation towards the Hulland Herald Expenses**

The Council resolved to make a payment of £125 towards the printing cost of the Hulland Herald. The Council agreed that the local PCSO should be given a free copy.

**d) Appointment of Internal Auditor**

The Council resolved to appoint Jo Taylor to carry the internal audit for 2021/22 financial year.

**e) Update on Finances**

The balance in the current account was £21,743.93.

**f) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting**

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

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| Cartwright Landscaping       | 822.50 |
| Hulland Herald               | 125.00 |
| Meynell Langley Gardens Ltd  | 179.70 |
| Dermot Murphy                | 24.00  |
| B Kirkham                    | 92.40  |
| Clerk's Salary               | 240.62 |
| Nest Pensions                | 26.52  |
| Clerk's Expenses             | 95.24  |
| Christmas Tree Expenses (PB) | 50.00  |

**9 Review & Update on Capital Projects**

Nothing further to report on capital projects. The Council resolved that they would carry out another inspection of the assets next summer.

**10 Councillor's Reports and Observations**

- Councillors were thanked for their help with the erection of the village Christmas tree. It was suggested that next year the Council's contractor be asked to undertake the collection and erection of the tree and then the lighting be done by the Councillors.
- An abandoned car at the top of Moss Lane, was causing problems. Cllr Thacker to follow up.
- A Resident on Alport Close had expressed concern that there was no lighting on the pathway between Alport Close and Greenway. Clerk to raise the matter with Highways. **Action: Clerk**
- It was suggested that the village hall could be used as a blood donation centre.
- Cllr Dean agreed to sign up for a virtual summit with the 20s Plenty speed awareness group.
- It was noted that the camera at the top of Moss Lane was a weather station to monitor the state of the road during bad weather
- Many positive comments had been received about the poppies. The current poppies were to be stored for reuse again next year. The Council to look at obtaining poppies earlier next year to overcome the difficulties encountered this year
- Positive feedback on the Facebook page. Followers continue to grow.
- The village Carol Service would be on the 19 December, Cllr Thacker agreed to read a lesson on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr Thacker**

**11 Correspondence**

All correspondence had gone out via email.

**12 Date for Next Parish Council Meeting**

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting was arranged for Monday 10 January 2022 at 7 pm in Hulland Ward Village Hall.

Signed ..... Dated 10 January 2022