

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 4 December 2023 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), Cllrs: D Astle, M Atkin, K Dean and J Morgan, Cllr D Murphy (DCC), Mr T Sadler (representing Hulland Village). Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk).

### 1. Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs A Champion, S Morgan, D Balls, and Ms L Redfern (representing Biggin Village).

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 November 2023

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6 November 2023 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.

### 5. Briefings/Comments:

#### a) Update from the developers of the land off Wheeldon Way

The Clerk had requested a meeting between the developers and Parish Councillors, but no response had been received. Clerk was asked to contact the Planning officer on the matter, Cllr Murphy to be copied into correspondence. **Action: Clerk**

#### b) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy had received complaints from residents regarding the Wheeldon Way access to the building site; there was some concern about damage to kerbs and road surface. Cllr Murphy had asked Highway Officers to visit the site to view the damage.

Police & Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster had visited the speed watch team on Friday; Cllr Dean had spoken to the Commissioner about the need for permanent speed cameras. Cllr Murphy advised lobbying the Highways Department for a change to their policy.

The Hulland Hollow signs had been ordered, but it was unclear when installation was going to take place. A recent District Council Planning meeting had discussed a motion asking for the Chair of planning to write to the Inspectorate regarding the approval of the 15 houses. One Councillor raised the question of the salting of Derbyshire roads, and commented that adjoining counties often carried out more rigorous road salting; Cllr Murphy agreed to raise this matter. It was noted that there had been 5 Accidents on Mercaston Lane in the last few weeks.

#### c) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Sadler was pleased to hear that the issues with Hulland Hollow appeared to be moving in the right direction, and thanked Cllr Murphy and Hulland Ward Parish Council for their support.

#### d) Invited comments from the public

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

### 6. Village Development:

#### a) Planning Appeal approval for 15 houses on land off Biggin View

The Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable had acknowledged the emails from the Parish Council.

**b) Update on Wheeldon Way Development**

The Council resolved to contact the Planning officer. **Action: Cllr Murphy**

**7. Village Image & Environment:**

**a) Play Area Update**

Cllr Champion had drafted out a response to the Play Area inspection report, Council resolved to approve the response with the wording regarding inspections being changed from 'monthly' to 'weekly' this was then to be sent to the Company.

Discussion took place regarding a broken fence at the bottom corner of the playing field, and whether this fence was necessary. Council resolved to discuss this again in the spring when the fence could be viewed in drier weather. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Speeding Issues – signs/community speed watch/speed watch signs**

The speed sign data for November is now on the Parish Council website. One speed watch session had been held in November; 5 letters had been issued as a result; the group had already held 1 session in December. MVAS data is now being sent to the Police & Crime Commissioner monthly. It had been suggested to Cllr Dean that the signs be turned off occasionally, but data still be recorded, and the signs be re-positioned. Cllr Dean was proposing that he could be trained and authorised to move the cameras.

**c) Neighbourhood Watch**

There was some concern about someone sleeping overnight in a car. The 30 mph signs had now been erected on Moss Lane and Derby Road opposite the Black Horse.

**d) Completion of the Transfer of the Playing Field to the Parish Council**

This matter to be carried forward to next meeting.

**e) Memorial area, tree with possible Ash Die back**

Following inspection the Council resolved to review this matter in the Spring. **Action: Clerk**

**8. Village Hall Committee Update**

Cllr Atkin had attended the latest meeting. It was noted that the Chair/bench would be removed from Village Hall shortly. The Clerk had received a response regarding the VAT issue, this was to be sent to the Village Hall Committee, the Clerk to investigate the matter further.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Chair of the Village Hall Committee regarding a statement on the storage of equipment, the Council resolved to approve the statement. **Action: Clerk**

**9. Car Park Extension at the Village Hall**

One estimate for the work had been received, and it was hoped that a second one would be received in shortly. Mr Len Neale, ex-Parish Councillor is acting as a consultant on this project.

**10. Sale of land at Snappers Knowe, appointment of solicitors and clauses to be put on the sale**

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

**11. Finance and Administration:**

**a) Website/Facebook Page Updates**

Website and Facebook were both being kept up to date.

**b) Approval of Clerk's Pay Award**

The Council resolved to approve the Clerk's national pay award.

**c) Appointment of Internal Auditor**

The Council resolved to accept the quote for internal audit from DALC at a cost of £240. **Action: Clerk**

**d) Budget for 24/25**

A draft budget was presented to Councillors for discussion, final budget would be approved at the January meeting.

**e) Update on Finances**

The balance in the current account was £40,386.26.

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

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices:

A M Hall	192.00
Burleys (Plantscape)	2306.40
Clerk's Salary	423.63
Nest Pensions	34.97
Clerk's Expenses	13.50

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

The Village Hall Car Park extension was discussed under item 9 above.

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

- The Memorial bench was about to be installed on the Playing Field.
- Cllr Morgan to clarify with the clerk the exact property involved in the new entrance near Halter Devil Chapel
- The previous Snow Warden was unable to continue with the work. The Council resolved that the Clerk should ask the handyman for an urgent quote for snow removal along the main routes on the estate, the Council further resolved that the handyman would be responsible for refilling grit bins around the village up to once per week if necessary. **Action: Clerk**

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

The Council had received a letter from Sarah Dines MP offering a portrait of the King, the Council resolved that the Clerk should apply for the portrait. **Action: Clerk**

A representative from Severn Trent had been in touch and had explained the process at the Sewerage Works, he had also offered to organise a tour of the Works in January. The Council resolved that the Clerk should organise a visit for Councillors for Wednesday 24 January at 11.15 am. **Action: Clerk**

**15. Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 8 January 2024 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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