

# Hulland Ward Parish Council

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

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**Present:** Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair), D Astle, A Champion (Vice-Chair), K Dean, J Morgan, S Morgan. Cllr D Murphy (DCC) 4 members of the public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk).

### **1 Attendance & Apologies**

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr M Atkin, Ms L Redfern from Biggin Parish and Mr T Sadler from Hulland Parish.

### **2 Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 3 July 2023**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5 June 2023 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

### **3 Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 14 August 2023**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14 August 2023 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

### **4 Outstanding items from the previous meeting**

There were no outstanding items from the previous meeting.

### **5 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.

### **6 Briefings/Comments:**

#### **a) District and County Councillors**

Cllr Murphy reported that additional funding had been approved for the work at Intake crossroads, work should go ahead shortly. Following the Highway officer's visit to Hulland Hollow, signage and road markings will be improved, there is currently no start date for the work. Cllr Murphy is still in discussion with the Highways Department regarding a crossing patrol for the village of Hulland Ward. The meeting was reminded that the Bin Collection day is likely to change, all residents will receive notices shortly.

#### **b) Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes**

There was no representative present from Hulland and Biggin Parishes.

#### **c) Invited comments from the public**

The tenant from the Council's woodland at Snappers Knowe addressed the meeting, in view of the ongoing discussions on the valuation of the land the tenant stated that he would be happy to have the tenancy extended. It was reported that there had been no further instances of fly tipping since the tenant took over last September.

Residents from properties adjoining the Council's land at Cat Hall Farm were also present.

### **7 Village Development:**

#### **a) Planning Application 23/00566/FUL - The Knockerdown Inn Knockerdown Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1NQ - Formalisation of the existing overflow car park, formation of an additional parking area, formation of new vehicular access and associated drainage and landscaping works**

The Council discussed the proposals, some Councillors questioned why they were being asked to comment on this application when they had not commented on a similar large application nearby. Some Councillors felt that the development would have an impact on traffic travelling through Hulland Ward. The Council resolved to remain neutral due to the application being outside the parish. However the Council resolved to comment that they welcomed improvements from a road safety perspective and would welcome any further road safety measures. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Planning Application 23/00906/CLPUD - Certificate of Proposed Lawful Use - Proposed increase in the number of caravans on site from 39 to 46 at Camping and Caravan Site Blackbrook Lodge Intakes Lane Turnditch**

The Council resolved not to object to this application. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Update on Wheeldon Way Development**

No further information available at present. Builder was being asked to repair damage to road surface.

**8 Village Image & Environment:**

**a) Fencing in the community orchard**

The gate post had been moved so this matter has now been resolved.

**b) Play Area Inspection Report – Consideration of quotes received**

The Council resolved to tape off the rocker until the spring had been replaced. Clerk to make enquiries with other local Councils regarding playground contractors. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Village Hall Committee**

Cllr Dean is attending meetings. A Parish Council bench is being stored at the Village Hall; this needs to be removed. **Action: Cllrs**

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

The latest speeding figures had been distributed and were now on the website. Following a Community Speed Watch in August 10, letters had been sent out. Just over 1.2 million vehicles have gone through the village this year to date. Cllr Dean is still in contact with a company supplying average speed cameras. Cllr Dean will also be raising the matter at an event at the Police HQ at Ripley. **Action: Cllr Dean**

**e) Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing new to report.

**f) Defibrillator Seminar**

The seminar was planned for the 14 September, some bookings had been received and this was to be published again on Facebook.

**g) Dog Bins**

This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.

**h) Grass Mowing around the village**

Village Maintenance Person had an accident which caused damage to the playing field gate, no one was injured. A report on the incident had been received, there was still some repair work to be done as the post needs to be replaced. Cllrs Birkbeck and Champion to have a look at the gates with a view to possible replacement. Risk Assessments from the Maintenance company had not been received. Clerk to follow up. **Action: Cllrs Birkbeck & Champion, Clerk**

**i) Equipment storage at the MUGA**

The lock had now been removed.

**j) Sewerage Reed Bed in Hulland Ward**

No response has been received from Severn Trent. Clerk to follow up. **Action: Clerk**

**k) 2023-24 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement**

Cllr Champion to obtain a quote for work on footpaths. **Action: Cllr Champion**

**l) Order for Christmas Planters**

The Council resolved to go ahead with the order for Christmas Trees at a cost of £1,922. **Action: Clerk**

**m) Damage to Playing Field Gate**

This matter was dealt with under h) above.

**n) Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer**

This matter had now been resolved.

**o) Provision of Seat at the bottom of Moss Lane**

Councillors suggested that Severn Trent be approached for sponsorship it was also agreed that this matter to be carried forward. **Action: Clerk**

**p) Concern regarding residents crossing the road near the Black Horse Inn**

Concern had once again been raised about residents having to cross the road near the Black Horse Inn. Clerk to write to Cllr Murphy about this matter. **Action: Clerk**

**q) Weed spraying around the village**

Some weed spraying had been done around the village and there had been some concern about the way this was carried out.

**r) Transfer of Playing Field to the Parish Council and receipt of funds from the District Council**

The ownership of the Playing Field had now been transferred to the Parish Council this was to be publicised on the website and Facebook, the Council's insurers were also to be notified. **Action: Clerk**

**s) Village Hall Car Park Extension**

Clerk to contact the District Council to ask if there could be an extension to the start date for work on the Car Park. **Action: Clerk**

**9 Update on the Sale of Snappers Knowe Woodland**

The Council resolved that they needed more time to consider this matter.

**10 Extension of Tenancy Agreement for Snappers Knowe Woodland**

The Council resolved to extend the tenancy agreement for 12 months, rental to include a cost-of-living increase. **Action: Clerk**

**11 Parish Council land adjoining Cat Hall Farm**

Council resolved not to sell the land in the next 6 months but may review the situation when Snappers Knowe issues had been sorted out. **Action: Clerk**

**12 Finance and Administration:**

**a) Website/Facebook Page Updates**

Website and Facebook Page were all up to date.

**b) External Auditor's Report**

Several items had been raised on the Internal Auditor's Report, these would be addressed in due course, the report would be published on the website before the end of September. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Update on Finances**

The balance in the current account was £47,973.15.

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

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following invoices some of which had become due during August:

Cartwright Landscaping	2466.00
Viking	51.34
Derbyshire Dales District Council	226.00
Hulland Ward Village Hall	81.00
Kevin Heaton	290.00
Clerk's Salary	257.43
Nest Pensions	34.97

PKF Littlejohn	252.00
Nigel Davis	1800.00
Clerk's Salary	257.23
Nest Pensions	34.97
Clerk's Expenses	164.32

**13 Review & Update on Capital Projects**

Work on the Car Park extension would go ahead in due course.

**14 Councillor’s Reports & Observations**

- There had been several unfortunate incidents on George Rodgers close, including a van broken into; youngsters from outside the area causing a disturbance and other suspicious activity.
- It was noted that the application for 15 houses is not on the next DDDC planning committee agenda
- A Ground solutions company has still not been set up a maintenance agreement meaning that hedges/grass have not been maintained.

**15 Parish Councillor Vacancy/Co-option of Parish Councillor**

David Balls introduced himself to the meeting and said he wished to stand as a Parish Councillor; having lived in the village for 11 years, is currently retired and has previously served as a school governor. The Council resolved to co-opt Mr Balls to the Parish Council.

**16 Clerk’s Report & Correspondence**

All correspondence had been sent out by email.

**17 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 2 October at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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