

Hulland Ward Parish Council

**Unapproved Minutes of the annual meeting held on Monday 13 May 2019 at 7.45 pm
In the Millennium Village Hall, Hulland Ward**

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair) Cllr D Astle Cllr J Scott
Cllr D Lewis Cllr C New Cllr W Ward
Cllr J Morgan Ms L Redfern (rep Biggin Parish)
Mr T Sadler (rep Hulland Parish) 1 Members of the Public
Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

Item	Action
<p>1 Attendance/Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Neale; Councillor I Ratcliffe (DCC) and Cllr Bright (DDDC). Cllr Morgan signed the Acceptance of Office forms and then gave her apologies for the remainder of the meeting.</p>	
<p>2 Signing of Acceptance of Office Forms All Councillors present signed the Acceptance of Office Forms, these were then counter-signed by the Clerk. All Councillors were issued with Pecuniary Interest forms these were to be completed within 28 days.</p>	LN Cllrs
<p>3 Election of Chair Cllr Lewis proposed that Cllr Birkbeck be re-elected as Chair, this was unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>4 Election of Vice-Chair Cllr Birkbeck proposed that Cllr Neale be re-elected as Vice-Chair, this was unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>5 Co-option of Parish Councillor The Council agreed to move item 11 b) to this point in the meeting in order to Co-opt Cllr Ward. The co-option was agreed unanimously.</p>	
<p>6 Approval of Minutes The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 1 April 2019 as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
<p>7 Outstanding Items from Previous Minutes All outstanding items were on the agenda.</p>	
<p>8 Briefings/Comments</p> <p>a) <u>District & County Councillors</u> There were no District or County Councillors present.</p> <p>b) <u>Invited comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes</u> Comments from Mr Sadler representing Hulland Parish and Ms Redfern Chair of Biggin Parish Meeting were recorded in the Annual Parish Meeting minutes.</p> <p>c) <u>Invited comments from the public</u> Comments from the public were recorded in the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes and no further comments were received from the public at this point in the meeting.</p>	
<p>9 Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.</p>	
<p>10 Village Development</p> <p>a) <u>Development land off Wheeldon Way, approval of reserved matters further discussion points</u> 1) Cllr Lewis was unhappy with the principle of officers not attending Parish Council meetings. The Clerk to send another request to the officer asking him to attend the next meeting and stating that the Council wished to seek his advice in a non-confrontational manner.</p>	Clerk

<p>2) The Council resolved to comment on the application, to date, as follows:</p> <p>“a) The Developers had cut the number of properties from 48 to 39, which although still too many - is to be applauded, due to the restrictive entrance through Wheeldon Way. The Council felt the new layout seemed safer, with the additional space allowing better road layout and turning circles.</p> <p>b) Guild Homes have also agreed to look into the possibility of building 4 car parking spaces for the 4 houses at the entrance to the development through Wheeldon Way, thereby hopefully reducing the access problems that seem an inevitable consequence of the Wheeldon way entrance.</p> <p>Both the Parish Council and the Residents would be most concerned if the developers were forced to increase the congestion of this development by implementing the Case Officer's brief to build 48 properties, rather than the 39 preferred by the Developer.”</p> <p>b) <u>Notice of Enquiry – Unlawful use of buildings, land at Blackbrook Lodge Caravan and Camping, Intakes Lane, Turnditch</u> The Parish Council had already commented on this application. The decision to comment was delegated to Cllr Neale if he felt that it was appropriate. Cllr Neale’s comments were to be circulated to all Councillors before submission.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>LN</p>
<p>11 Village Image</p> <p>a) <u>Hedge Cutting</u> Cllr New reported that leaflets had been amended and would be distributed to residents shortly. The Council agreed that the Playing Field Contractor could be supplied with a key for the sports field so he can do the hedges when necessary.</p> <p>b) <u>Grass Cutting</u> The grass cutting was going well and the village was looking tidy. Contractor to be asked to quote for refurbishment of the benches on the Slangs and opposite Hulland Garage. The Council felt that the benches should be refurbished on a rolling programme.</p> <p>c) <u>Publicity/Website</u> More images would be available shortly to go on website.</p> <p>d) <u>Speed Sign Results</u> None available for this meeting. Cllr Birkbeck to try and obtain latest results.</p> <p>e) <u>Pavement at Peel House</u> This matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>f) <u>Footpath Maintenance - repair of handrail</u> A quote of £100 for the repair of the handrail was accepted by the Council.</p> <p>g) <u>Missing Road Signs</u> Cllr Ward to respond to queries from County Council. Councillors were annoyed that signs advertising the new developments in Hulland Ward had been erected when signs for the surgery had been refused.</p> <p>h) <u>Village Hall Car Park</u> Clerk to arrange meeting with Cameron Homes.</p> <p>i) <u>Trees behind Rose Cottage, Cross o’th’ Hands</u> A request had been received for the cutting back of trees; Cllrs Birkbeck and New to inspect the site before going ahead</p> <p>j) <u>Emptying of bins on the Playing Field</u> Cllr Scott reported that the contractor was happy to empty the bins if suitable disposal could be agreed.</p> <p>k) <u>Playing Field Hedge</u> The Council resolved that the contractor be given the go ahead to cut the Playing field hedge on a regular basis.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>PB</p> <p>WW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>PB/CN</p>

12 Finance and Administrationa) Update on Finances

The balance in the Unity Trust account was £41,859.44.

b) Insurance Renewal Quotation

The Council accepted the quotation from Inspire of £652.80 and agreed to enter into a 3 year long term agreement.

c) Approval of Invoices & Expenses

The Council resolved to approve the following payments:

Came & Co	652.80
Eon	3.43
J Taylor	100.00
Clerk's Salary	244.74
Nest Pensions	25.81
Clerk's Expenses	26.52

d) Co-option of 2 Parish Councillors

One co-option had been made under item 5 above. It was hoped that another co-option could be made at the next meeting.

e) Parish Council Records

The Clerk had now accessed the safe; most of the historical minutes had been found, there appeared to be just 1 year missing, Clerk to continue searching. All minutes over 10 years old were to be taken to the Derbyshire Records Office.

e) Internal Auditor's Report

The Internal Auditor's Report was accepted by the Council. The Auditor had advised the Council by letter that VAT should not be reclaimed on behalf of the village hall. More enquiries were to be made on this matter but the Council resolved to cease the practice for the time being.

f) Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement, this was duly signed by the Chairman.

g) Approval of Annual Accounting Statement 2018/19

The Council approved the Annual Accounting Statement, this was duly signed by the Chairman.

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13 Review & Update on Capital Projects

Nothing to report at present.

14 Councillors Reports & Observations

Councillors reported the following:

- Someone had been seen acting suspiciously around the village late at night, this had been reported to the police. Some Councillors felt there was a renewed need for Neighbourhood Watch in the village
- The Playing Field boundary has been altered by a Grange Avenue property which backs on to playing field. Clerk to report this to the District Council as the owner of the property.
- Lots of lorries were still accessing the Black Horse triangle; there was an issue of land ownership, when this could be clarified then further action could be taken. It was also suggested that a bollard be put on that triangle.
- Planning approval for small extensions was not required, but this was due to end on the 30 May, does anyone know if government has extended this?
- Suggestion that floral cherry trees be planted on the Slangs.

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Positioning and cost to be investigated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial tree is doing well, local resident has taken on the task of regularly watering the tree, Clerk to write to thank the resident. 	
15 Correspondence Copies of the Clerks & Councils Direct and Countryside Voice were made available for Councillors, all other items has been distributed by email.	
16 Dates of Meetings for the remainder of the year The following meeting dates were agreed: 10 June, 8 July, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November and 2 December.	
17 Date for Meeting with the Village Hall Trustees The Council agreed to meet with the Village Hall Committee on the 8 July at 7 pm prior to the Parish Council meeting.	Clerk

Signed.....

Dated 10 June 2019

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