

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 17 May 2021 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllr P Birkbeck (Chair); Cllrs: J Scott (Vice-Chair), D Astle, M Atkin, D Lewis, J Morgan, C New, V Thacker Mr T Sadler (rep. Hulland Village) Cllr Dermot Murphy (DCC), and 1 member of the public. Mrs B Kirkham (Clerk)

1 Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Birkbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllr Dermot Murphy as the new County Councillor for the area. Apologies were received from Ms Redfern (Biggin Parish) and Cllr F Bright (DDDC).

2 Election of Parish Council Chair

Cllr Birkbeck was re-elected Chair, proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr New.

3 Election of Parish Council Vice-Chair

Cllr Scott was re-elected as Vice-Chair proposed by Cllr Birkbeck and seconded by Cllr New

4 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 13 April 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 13 April 2021 as a true record of that meeting proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr New.

5 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

shrubs had now received for planting on the slangs area, reimbursement of the expenditure was included in the items for payment. Volunteers for help with the planting would be appreciated. There had only been one expression of interest in the Councillor vacancy and unfortunately that person was not eligible at the present time. Clerk to contact previous applicants. **Action: Clerk**

6 Briefings and Comments

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy introduced himself to the meeting and asked for information on issues to be passed on to him. Cllr Murphy was hoping to inspect the Intake Lane junction soon.

b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Sadler updated the meeting on plans for the Great British Spring clean and explained that the 3 parishes of Hulland, Biggin and Hulland Ward were brought together for the litter picks, although the actual events would take place at different times.

c) Invited Comments from members of the Public

A resident expressed their concern about the noise and speed of traffic through the village and commented on the number of heavy lorries coming along the A517 and questioned whether an alternative route could be found. The resident also requested the relocation of the village notice board at the top of Ashes Avenue.

7 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Morgan expressed an interest in item 13 below.

8 Village Development

a) 21/00427/CLEUD - Certificate of lawful existing use - use of outbuilding as a separate dwelling house (Use Class C3) - Barn at Mukkibruk Farm Intakes Lane Turnditch.

The Parish Council was highly disappointed that the Barn at Mukkibruk Farm had been used as a non-agricultural Dwelling House for over 4 years, without planning approval. However, in view of Section 191(2) and section 171 (b), no enforcement may be taken after the end of a period of 4 years, beginning with the date of the breach. For these reasons, the Parish Council must defer to legal argument and regretfully accept that a 'Certificate of Lawfulness' may be issued.

b) Wheeldon Way Development

No further information available at present but it was anticipated that work would commence in the next few months.

9 Village Image & Environment

a) Village Communication – New Website/Facebook Page

The Council resolved to go ahead and publish the new Facebook Page. Clerk to bring information regarding a new website to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Thacker & Clerk**

b) Village Hall Car Park

No further information available at present on this project.

c) Speeding Issues – Signs/Community Speed Watch

There was no new speed sign data available. Theory training had been completed by the speed watch group; roadside training would go ahead as soon as this was allowed.

d) Neighbourhood Watch

The official launch of the Neighbourhood Watch would go ahead in due course. Details of an attempted abduction of a 12-year-old girl in a nearby village had been circulated to the group.

e) Play Area Inspections & Risk Assessment

Cllr Astle had tidied up the area and carried out the play area inspection. The damaged sign needed to be replaced this would be done when details were available. There were lathes missing from the bench, the handyman to be asked for a quote for the work. **Action: Cllr Scott**

f) Phone Box at Cross o'th Hands

The phone box had been washed down and a missing pane of glass would be replaced shortly. The Council resolved to approve the purchase of paint at a cost of £40.

g) Great British Spring Clean/Village Tidy Up

Plans for the litter pick on the 5/6 June were in place but more volunteers were needed. Cllr Thacker to collect litter pickers and bags from Ashbourne. **Action: Cllr Thacker**

h) Notice Board at the top of Ashes Avenue

The cost of moving the sign would be £160. There was some concern that there may be utility pipes in the ground. Cllr Scott to check that handyman has a Highways Certificate. **Action: Cllr Scott**

i) Hulland Football Club

The cost of maintaining the football field was around £1,000 per year. Various clubs and groups used the field, but no income was received, although it was noted that there were no facilities on the field. Clerk to obtain a fixture list and ascertain if groups would be able to make a financial contribution towards the upkeep. **Action: Clerk**

10 Finance and Administration

a) Council response to remote meeting legislation

The Council resolved to support the initiative to allow local councils to have the flexibility to hold meetings remotely. A letter was to be sent to Robert Jenrick MP.

b) Social Media Policy

The Council resolved to adopt the Social Media Policy as circulated.

c) Update on Finances

The balance in the current account was £35,562.78.

d) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting

The Council approved the following items for payment:

Cartwright Landscaping	846.25
Came & Co Insurance	689.50
J Taylor	100.00
Viking (2 invoices)	53.26
E'on	4.06
Lester Lowe (3 invoices)	177.60
DALC	50.00
Jacksons Nurseries (DL)	76.93
Clerk's Salary	398.66
Nest Pensions	47.32
Clerk's Expenses	37.47

11 Audit 2020/21**a) Internal Auditor's Report**

The Internal Auditor's Report had not raised any areas for concern. The Council resolved to accept the report, proposed by Cllr New, seconded by Cllr Scott.

b) Approval of Annual Governance Statement 20/21

The Council resolved to accept the Annual Governance Statement, proposed by Cllr Scott, and seconded by Cllr Atkin.

c) Approval of Annual Accounting Statement 20/21

The Council resolved to accept the Annual Accounting Statement, proposed by Cllr Birkbeck, and seconded by Cllr Lewis.

d) Approval of Certificate of Exemption for 20/21

The Council resolved to accept the Certificate of Exemption, proposed by Cllr Birkbeck, and seconded by Cllr Lewis.

12 Review & Update on Capital Projects

Nothing further to report.

13 Councillor's Reports and Observations

- A letter regarding the bad smell in the Mansell Park area had been circulated, the Council agreed that this should be sent to Moy Park. **Action: Clerk**
- Several residents had raised concerns about the cultivation of laybys on Smithall Lane, these concerns should be sent to the County Council.
- The Clerk was to resubmit the application to the Local Projects Fund for a Memory Bench for £450.

14 Correspondence

The Parish Council had received a letter asking if they wished to be part of County council minor maintenance agreement for footpath maintenance. It was not clear whether the work requested last year had been done. Clerk to send information to Cllr Scott. **Action: Cllr Scott & Clerk**

15 Date for Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was arranged for Monday 7 June 2021 at 7 pm in Hlland Ward Village Hall.

Signed Dated 17 May 2021