

Hulland Ward Parish Council

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Unapproved Minutes of a meeting held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall On Monday 7 June 2021 at 7.00 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. A small presentation was made to former Councillor Len Neale in recognition of his many years of service on the Council. Apologies were received from Ms Redfern (Biggin Parish).

2 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 17 May 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 May 2021 as a true record of that meeting proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr New.

3 Outstanding items from the previous meeting

All outstanding items were on the agenda.

4 Briefings and Comments

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr Murphy commented:

- money was in the County Council Capital Project fund for work on the Intake Lane junction, although a starting date had yet to be confirmed.
- Support was being given to enable the Village Hall to obtain Covid-19 support grants.
- Request had been made for resurfacing of the A517 through the village, Clerk to send a letter of support to Highways. **Action: Clerk**

b) Invited Comments from Hulland and Biggin Parishes

Mr Sadler reported that plans were well underway for the Hulland litter pick on the 3 July. Aggregate Industries would also be carrying out litter picking over a period of time. The Chair decided to deal with item 7 j) at this point in the meeting.

c) Invited Comments from members of the Public

There were no comments from members of the public.

5 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest from members on any items on this agenda.

6 Village Development

The Council considered that the size of the development seemed overlarge for the small number of stock. A manure handling plan to prevent contamination of the Black Brook was also required.

Overall, the Council had no objection to the development. **Action: Clerk**

7 Village Image & Environment

a) Village Communication – New Website/Facebook Page

The Facebook group was working well, 72 followers had been acquired so far. Clerk to bring new website information to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

b) Village Hall Car Park

Funds for the project are expected to be received within the next month.

c) Charity Status of the Village Hall

Grant funding had been turned down by the District Council because it had stated that the Parish Council 'owned' the village hall. The Parish Council is the managing trustee, but the Village Hall is managed by a separate committee. A query was raised regarding ownership of the village hall, Clerk to investigate. **Action: Clerk**

d) Speeding Issues – Signs/Community Speed Watch

Theory training had been completed by the speed watch group; roadside training would go ahead as soon as this was allowed.

e) Neighbourhood Watch

There had been concern regarding a recent burglary in Hulland Ward.

Derbyshire Fire Service were offering free home visits to carry out 'safe and well checks' they also offered free smoke alarms. This information needs to go out to the elderly.

f) Play Area Inspections & Risk Assessment

Cllr Astle is still doing play area checks. Cllr New to remove the broken sign as the wording is not readable. **Action: Cllr New**

g) Notice Board at the top of Ashes Avenue

Cllr Scott had checked the notice board, it was mounted on concrete pillars with a wooden fence behind, the notice board is not in the resident's garden. The garden fence, which is the boundary of the property runs behind the notice board. Clerk to send a letter to the resident explaining that the Council do not intend to move the notice board. Photographs to be taken before any work is carried out. **Action: Cllr Scott & Clerk.**

h) Hulland Football Club

Two representatives from the Football Club to be asked to attend the July meeting. **Action: Clerk**

i) Bench near the Play Area

The handyman had advised that the bench was beyond repair. The Council resolved not to take any action at present but to monitor the situation to see if more damage was caused.

j) Litter Pick/Village Tidy Up

The litter pick in Hulland Ward had been very successful with 11 bags of litter collected. Children who took part, to be given a certificate. Cllr Thacker to sort out certificates. It was felt that the litter pick should be held earlier in the year as some rubbish was hidden by long grass. Starting with tea and biscuits at the village hall would also be considered in the future. **Action: Cllr Thacker**

8 Finance and Administration

a) Councillor Vacancy

The closing date for applications for the vacancy was the 13 June. The Council currently needed someone to take over responsibility for the speed signs and community speed watch, although roles and responsibilities were reviewed frequently it was important that all Councillors took an active part in the work of the Council.

b) Training – Playground Inspection Training

Cllr New agreed to attend the Playground Inspection Training on the 8 September. **Action: Cllr New**

c) Update on Finances

The balance in the current account was £33,108.70.

d) Invoices and Expenses for approval at this meeting

The Council approved the following items for payment, proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Lewis:

Community Heartbeat Trust	223.20
Parish Online	42.00
Clerk's Salary	252.98
Nest Pensions	26.52
Clerk's Expenses	15.99

9 Review & Update on Capital Projects

Nothing further to report.

10 Councillor's Reports and Observations

- The Council had received a letter regarding the vandalism of newly cultivated areas on Smithall Lane, the contents were noted with concern.
- The small gate on to the playing field was difficult for wheelchairs and pushchairs to access. Cllrs Birkbeck and Scott to investigate. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck & Scott**
- Cllr Astle stated that he wished to step down from the Council due to work commitments.
- Concern over changes to staffing at the Medical Centre. Clerk to send a letter. **Action: Clerk**
- The Council to send card and flowers to a resident on her 100th Birthday. **Action: Cllr Birkbeck**
- On Facebook the following comments had been noted: request for more wildflowers to be planted; question regarding the footpath outside Peel House; when were the hedges and nettles down Dog Lane going to be cut? request for increased PCSO presence in the village following the recent burglary.
- Village hedge cutting to be started in the next few weeks. Clerk to Invoice the Housing Association for hedge cutting on Biggin View. **Action: Clerk**
- It hadn't been possible to plant the buddleias on the Slangs due to the dry weather. Clerk to ask Plantscape if they would be able to carry out watering for 6 weeks after planting. **Action: Clerk.**

11 Correspondence

All correspondence had gone out via email.

12 Date for Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was arranged for Monday 5 July 2021 at 7 pm in Hulland Ward Village Hall.

Signed Dated 5 July 2021