

Parish of Great Hucklow, Grindlow, Windmill, Little Hucklow and Coplowdale

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 17th September 2018

Held in The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow

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## Minutes of the Meeting

### 1. Present/Apologies for absence

Parish Councillors: Cllr Nick Williams (Chair), Cllr Tracey Tudor Jones, Cllr Carol Bradshaw, Cllr Jamie Ollerenshaw and Deborah Stansfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Martin Beer (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Chris Furness, DDDC and Cllr Judith Twigg, DCC

Members of the Public: Henry Folkard

### 2. Opening Remarks

NW welcomed everyone and thanked MB for chairing the previous meeting.

### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018) – were signed as an accurate record.

### 4. Remarks, Notices and Information – Parishoners and other members of the public

It was agreed that Highways and Footpaths would be discussed whilst DCC and DDDC Councillors were present.

### 5. Urgent Items

Further Silence Heritage Site collapse – see 6 (b) below.

### 6. Highways/ Footpaths

- a. School Lane – further discussions around concerns previously raised regarding off road vehicles and bikes. NW advised that the Parish Council would formulate a comprehensive plan of action with regard to progressing this. Henry Folkard to provide background information. Draft information received, NW to review. Outstanding. **Action: NW**

DS confirmed that residents of School Lane are now monitoring off road traffic activity in order to gather information on levels and frequencies of this type of traffic. DS advised that activity has increased since the beginning of September with bikes driving up and down the lane during school times. Ongoing.

**Action: DS**

JT reported that recent developments at Jacobs Ladder (Stoney Middleton) had now set a precedent with regard to possibly closing the road to this type of traffic. JT agreed to report back that School Lane was still very much on the Parish Council's agenda and traffic is currently being monitored. **Action: JT**

- b. Silence Heritage Site – Henry Folkard and NW gave an update of the current situation and advised that there has been a further major collapse (possibly 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> of August) which is bigger than the previous. Drone footage was viewed. The hole appears to be about 20 metres deep and the ground is very unstable around the perimeter.

NW also advised that a hole had appeared over the summer in the garden of Bank Cottage in Great Hucklow.

NW advised that Andy Barton, PDNPA is now back on the case and it is hoped that this will increase momentum.

A further restriction notification until April 2019 has been issued.

- c. Road between Plumpton Cottage and Bretton – JO reported and provided photographs to show new significant cracks in the road which appear to be getting visibly worse by the day. DS to write to Andy Yates, DCC to advise that this has been reported, that several local people have said they feel unsafe to travel on the road and that a daily monitoring system needs to be put in place. Copy to JT. **Action: DS**

NW to send correspondence to CF and CF will raise matter with PDNPA and at the PPPF. **Action: NW/CF**

- d. Windmill Signage – enhanced signage to deter speeding through Windmill have been requested by residents. DCC have provided images regarding potential signs. MB to review. **Action: MB**

## **7. District and County Councillor Reports**

- a. JT had previously provided information on a new DCC initiative called the “Safeguarding Scheme” and had agreed to provide more information so this can be circulated in the parish via a newsletter. No further information is currently available, agreed to remove from agenda until received.
- b. Potholes on the Causeway (Grindlow) - JT has raised this with Highways and they have advised as follows: -

“The Highway Inspector reports that this location is to be considered on the capital scheme list for resurfacing in the next financial year.

In the meantime, the road will be regularly inspected and any actionable defects repaired as necessary to keep the highway safe.” Ongoing.

- c. Potholes – a number of new pot holes were previously reported as follows: -
  - Windmill

- Little Hucklow (bottom of Lane)
- Great Hucklow to Bretton Road

All work now completed.

- d. Heavy Goods traffic Little Hucklow – CB had previously asked if a “No Through Road for Heavy Traffic” sign could be placed in Little Hucklow as many heavy lorries are travelling through the village and up Forest Lane. JT has raised with Highways, however, they have declined to do this. CB to monitor traffic and take photographs of offending vehicles to enable prosecution via Trading Standards. **Action: CB**
- e. Collapsed area Little Hucklow – CB had previously advised that there is a collapsed area near the chapel in Little Hucklow which has had cones placed around it but no repair work looks to have been started. JT agreed to raise with Highways. Outstanding. **Action: JT**
- f. Waste bin Little Hucklow - Cllr Chris Furness had previously agreed to investigate the possibility of a waste bin and had advised that the survey regarding this remains ongoing. Outstanding. **Action: CF**
- g. Waste bin Great Hucklow - DS advised that a further request from a parishioner had been made re an additional bin for the new bus stop at the bottom of Dyrty Lane (on Bottom Road). It appears that because of DDDC cuts (need to find cuts of £1M over the next 3 years) this would be unlikely to be granted. Costs for a bin and the associated service charges were requested to assess the viability of the Parish Council funding this. Outstanding. **Action: CF**
- h. Waste bags – CF advised that due to cuts DDDC will now be charging for black waste bags, however, green recyclable food caddy bags would still be provided FOC. TTJ advised that Grindlow had not received caddy bags for this year as yet, CF to investigate. Outstanding. **Action: CF**

## 8. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Noticeboard for Little Hucklow – now in situ, completed.
- b. Registration of Parish owned land – following discussions with DALC DS has now contacted Land Registry regarding the process of registration of the land and associated costs. Each individual piece of land currently has to be registered separately at a cost of £30 (land value up to £80K) together with an inspection cost of £40. Two possible routes can be taken –Adverse Possession or First Registration. There is potential to amalgamate several areas into one but not usually at first registration, however, following discussions it seems there may be scope to do this. Councillors resolved that a budget of £500 be allocated to the 2018/19 budget with the view to try to register the main pieces of land in Great Hucklow and Little Hucklow in this financial year. Outstanding. **Action: DS**
- c. Visit to Milldam Mine, Great Hucklow – to rearrange April/May time if possible. DS confirmed that she had sent an email, however, no response had been received. Chased and awaiting a reply. **Action: DS**

- d. Saplings in grass verges Little Hucklow – work has now been completed to remove all saplings. The only ones left are those where we would be required to complete a conservation tree work enquiry form. Outstanding.
- e. Gliding Club – the Gliding Club is going to be affected by changes to business rate subsidies. Letter of support re maintaining current subsidy levels has been sent. Completed.

## **9. Correspondence and Circulars**

All correspondence/circulars received had been circulated to Councillors on receipt. Items of interest as follows: -

- a. DCC Community Involvement Scheme – DS attended meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Workshops and discussions around other areas where PC's could be more involved – like the Snow Warden Scheme. Highways Warden Scheme is being considered, awaiting feedback and update.
- b. DCC Waste Recycling review (placed on website and noticeboards)
- c. District Council Community Forums
- d. Know your Heart Age Campaign (to include in next Newsletter)
- e. Peter Black (consultant) offer of Help with Neighbourhood plan – holding letter sent.
- f. Road closures Grindlow – electrical work (notified in August Newsletter) further information to be placed on noticeboards
- g. Road closure for repair work on Abney retaining walls (notified in August Newsletter and website)
- h. Poppy Appeal 2018 (to be advertised in September Newsletter)
- i. Peak Park Parish Forum – 29<sup>th</sup> September – DS, MB and JO to attend
- j. DCC Stoptober quit smoking campaign (to be included in September Newsletter)

## **10. Finance**

- a. Bank Account Balances – current account: £4681.16 as at 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was circulated at the meeting.
- b. Payments made since last meeting as follows: -
  - £478.50 – Clerks salary June 2018 to August 2018
  - £34.80 – Deb Stansfield in respect of Hedgehog crossing signs
  - £190.00 - James Warriner for July and August mowing service

- £120.00 – William Brindley for July (1 cut only due to dry weather conditions) and August mowing service

Payments outstanding: -

- £11.22 + VAT – Conformance in respect of materials used to erect LH noticeboard
  - £95.00 – James Warriner for September mowing service
- c. Budget Year to Date - DS reported that the PC is on or under budget in all areas so far this financial year. We have made savings in a couple of areas - £140 on grass cutting reductions and it was agreed that £300 previously allocated for GDPR can be removed from the budget as all necessary actions have now been completed.

Funding for refurbishment of the telephone/defibrillator box in Little Hucklow. The total refurbishment cost for parts required is £1221.20 + VAT.

Funds have been raised from DDDC Local Communities Fund (£61) and DCC (£200). PDNPA have confirmed that they will fund 75% of the total cost (£915.90) and therefore the PC will have to find £44.30 From Contingency fund. DS to complete relevant application forms and progress PDNPA application.

**Action: DS**

CB to investigate who is responsible for the defibrillator in Little Hucklow and ensure it is currently operational.

**Action: CB**

DS reported that she had been advised by DCC Snow Warden Scheme that in future we are able to request as much grit salt as we need and this will be provided FOC in addition to the free tonne we already receive. This will further release money from our budget in future years.

Discussed and resolved that as a precautionary measure another tonne of salt be purchased ahead of the winter to replenish our current stock (currently circa half a tonne). **Action: JO**

- d. Poppy Appeal 2018 - Resolved that the PC will purchase 10 large lamppost poppies again this year and request an additional 25 additional poppies (on sale or return basis) for residents to purchase if they wish. Cost is £3.00 each. **Action: DS**
- e. Clerk's Job Description and Contract requires annual review. Outstanding. NW and DS to meet to finalise. **Action: NW/DS**
- f. RIN Accounts - It had previously been resolved by Councillors that these accounts should be closed and the proceeds donated to the Nightingale Centre "Send a Child to Great Hucklow Fund". Further discussions took place and NW proposed that this should now be implemented, TTJ seconded. NW to discuss with Nightingale Centre Manager. Completed. Agreed once completed the bank account needs to close and Charity Commission needs to be informed. **Action: NW/DS**
- g. Parish Council Elections – notification received from DDDC advising that elections will fall on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019. Awaiting details of estimated costs which are due to be published in September 2018. **Action: DS**

## 11. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan – No submissions have been made to PDNPA in response to the consultation notices. PDNPA have advised that this will now be discussed at the 12<sup>th</sup> October Planning Committee. Outstanding.
- b. Sub committee – JO advised that the first meeting is due to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September. **Action: MB/JO**
- c. Primrose Cottage Windmill – application withdrawn.
- d. Unit 5 Cartledge Business Centre – change of use to Dog Day Care Centre – permission refused.
- e. Hucklow Wood Timber Extraction track – GDO notification – permission granted.
- f. Brosterfield Caravan Site – revised planning application has been submitted by PDNPA. Henry Folkard outlined the current situation. NW reiterated the PC's support for opposing the application. Ongoing.

## 12. Date of next meeting

19<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm - The Schoolroom, The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow.

It was agreed that the March 2019 meeting would be moved from the 18<sup>th</sup> March to the 25<sup>th</sup> March (DS on holiday).

## 13. Items for Information

14. Buxton to Sheffield Bus Service (65) – DS to clarify the Youth Discount Travel Card policy across boundaries (Derbyshire to Sheffield) with Stagecoach (copy DCC). **Action: DS**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.50.