

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 15th November 2021

Held in The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Present

Parish Councillors: Cllr Nick Williams (Chair), Cllr Martin Beer, Cllr Carol Bradshaw, Cllr Tracey Tudor Jones, Cllr Chris Furness (DDDC), and Deborah Stansfield (Clerk)
Cllr Jamie Ollerenshaw (via Zoom)

Apologies

Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC)

Members of the public:

Henry Folkard
Andrea Tomlinson
Anna Whatley (via Zoom)

2. Opening Remarks

NW welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 20th September 2021)

Councillors unanimously agreed that these should be recorded as an accurate record and NW signed.

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

- a. Andrea Tomlinson, Head Teacher, Woodland Federation of Peak District Schools – gave an outline of an initiative to introduce “book boxes” in the villages to allow sharing of books that the school are no longer using. The intention to provide large plastic boxes so that people can help themselves and keep or borrow the books. General discussion around location of these.

NW suggested that the defib boxes in Great Hucklow and Little Hucklow could be used. Andrea will advise once the boxes are ready for placing. DS will “advertise” these in the Newsletter. **Action: AT/DS**

Other ideas were discussed regarding organisations that might be interested in taking some books: -

- Henry Folkard suggested that the bookshop in Eyam might be interested in having some.
- DS suggested The Nightingale Centre
- TJJ suggested foster carers in the area and will provide contact details to AT. **Action: TTJ**

- Ed Fordham may be interested in conjunction with the soft toy initiative he already has in place

Andrea also wondered if there are any ways that the school could work with the Parish Council.

- NW raised the school playground lease and agreed to talk to AT nearer the renewal date.
- Issues around off road traffic on School Lane were discussed and how the school could support the parish council's opposition to this in the future.
- MB talked about the Neighborhood Plan that he is currently working on and how the school might like to be involved in that in future.

b. Henry Folkard

Henry spoke about SHS and how the school might like to be involved once the site is restored and usable again.

He also gave an update on SHS – see notes at point 8.

5. Urgent Items

None

6. Highways/ Footpaths

a. School Lane – Off Road Traffic

NW previously confirmed that he had contacted Andy Wilson and agreed to place a number of large stones towards the top of the track at the junction of the path into the woodland as off-road traffic was now increasingly diverting along this. Arrangements were being made to place these ASAP. Outstanding.

Action: NW

DS had previously confirmed that a response had been received from DCC regarding ongoing concerns, NW to consider a response given the Jacobs Ladder TRO development. Outstanding. **Action: NW/DS**

NW advised that Alasdair Sutton has now visited the Lane to see things for himself. NW agreed to email the history of the issues regarding this to Alasdair Sutton who advised that he will reopen the case regarding off road traffic on the lane. Outstanding.

Action: NW/AS

b. Silence Heritage Site

See notes at point 8.

c. Verge Cutting/Weed Spraying Frequencies

Despite chasing DCC have not provided any further information. Discussed and Councillors agreed that there are some areas along highways particularly in Great Hucklow where weeds are growing very tall and where action is needed. DS advised that she has now received a quotation from J Warriner to provide this service as a one off strimming and clearing exercise (£90) and an ongoing spray (£34 per spray) every 8 weeks between March and August.

DS confirmed that she had included an article in a recent Parish Newsletter asking for comments (negative or positive) from parishioners regarding removing the weeds along the edges of highways. Two residents had responded with regard to specific areas near to their properties. One point had been clarified and one where a resident wished to take action themselves is outstanding. DS to speak directly. **Action: DS**

Councillors resolved that the work should be carried out as per the quotation (one off strimming and clearing at £90). NW proposed and TTJ seconded.
Action: DS

Verge Cutting (DDDC/DCC)

Chris Furness had previously asked how this was going in our parish and DS confirmed that it was always hit and miss as to when and which areas would be mowed. No plans to change our current arrangements but we would like a schedule of dates and to know what should be cut. DS had emailed CF. DS advised that no response has been received to date despite CF chasing this, DS to forward email again to CF who will escalate within the relevant department.

Action: DS/CF

CB advised that the verges on Castleton Lane have been cut as far as the top of Coplowdale on the left hand side but no further on and it's now very overgrown. CF agreed to ask for this to be completed. DS to send an email with details through to CF.

Action: DS/CF

d. Great Hucklow Village Green, Dog Fouling Notices

NW raised issues regarding dog fouling on The Green particularly in the areas where school children meet/play after school. The idea of eradicating fouling altogether in this area was deemed very difficult to achieve, however, reinforcement of the message regarding fouling and disposing of waste could be reinforced.

NW advised that he has received the email with sample notices that Alasdair Sutton had sent through, however, these didn't get the whole message that we want to convey across to the public. NW to speak to JO regarding printing more specific notices. **Action: NW/JO**

e. Dirty Lane Resurfacing Work

DS advised the date for this work has been brought forward again – now scheduled for 29th November to be completed by 10th December.

DS also mentioned the Causeway and how the edges are now encroaching on the lane due to fallen leaves/debris. To speak to Hayley at the school to ascertain the contact she has for adhoc road sweeping at DCC, Highways Department and arrange for it to be swept. **Action:DS**

7. District and County Councillor Reports

Chris Furness, Derbyshire Dales District Council

- a. Waste Collections – Chris Furness advised that the strike has now ended. Also Serco have 2 new drivers and 2 additional in training. All staff are currently working on Saturdays to catch up. At present there is no date for resumption of collection of food caddies.
- b. PDNPA – Tom Evans has advised that FBFL will fill in all the holes where the land has collapsed but do not accept responsibility for them occurring.,

NW advised that we have still not received a response to questions raised regarding the original consultant's report. CF agreed to email Tom Evans to advise that NW will be inviting him to a SHS committee meeting and also raise concerns about collapses near to Little Plumpton Cottage. **Action: CF**
- c. Brosterfield – CF advised that the residents of Foolow have failed to raise the £300k necessary to purchase the land and that PDNPA officers have now recommended that the site should go on the open market.

8. Mining Committee

Silence Heritage Site and Byway Closure

NW and HF gave an overview of the current situation and advised that since recent personnel changes at PDNPA more positive steps appear to be being made. Tom Evans has been appointed as Minerals Planner, he has been to SHS to see things for himself and HF and NW had a productive meeting with Tom and his manager, Brian Taylor, at Aldern House.

Awaiting a response from Tom on a number of things.

NW is currently drafting a list of questions for FBFL who now seem to be actively working with us. **Action: NW**

9. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Village Green Registration
DS advised that the solicitor has now approached DCC for confirmation of ownership of the land and no response has been received as yet. **Action: DS**

Agreed that following receipt of this information a newsletter item be created. Outstanding. **Action: DS**

10. Correspondence and Circulars

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

- DCC – Community Newsletter
- DCC – Waste collection updates
- DCC – Snow Warden Info
- DDDC - Fly Tipping Windmill – email confirming removal
- DALC – Training and newsletters

11. Finance

- a. Bank Current Account Balance – £5287.07 at 15th November 2021
Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was available for Councillors to view at the meeting.

- b. Payments made since last meeting: -
- £2.40 - Andrews and Arnold – dedicated phone number for grit bins
 - £100.00 - W Brindley – grass cutting
 - £126.00 - J Warriner – grass cutting

No credits received.

Payments Outstanding

- £50.00 - W Brindley – grass cutting
 - £15.30 – D Stansfield – purchase of RBL poppy wreath
- c. Wild Flower Verges – DS to ascertain cost of bulb planting by Great Hucklow resident, Councillors agreed the cost should come out of the wildflower budget. **Action: DS**
- d. Dirty Lane verge – DS advised that she had requested costs for clearing/tidying this up and would confirm. NW had spoken to the land owner adjacent to the wall regarding thoughts on tidying the verge and clearing the path and would arrange for some exploratory work to be undertaken prior to Councillors further considering any clearing work. **Action: NW**
- e. Snow Warden Service 2021/22
DS advised that she has forwarded the required forms from DCC to Jamie Ollerenshaw. DS to ascertain where the DCC salt delivery will come from in order for Jamie to complete the delivery address section of the forms. **Action: DS/JO**
- f. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- g. Councillors discussed and agreed that DS should include something in the Parish Newsletter requesting ideas from residents. **Action: DS**

12. Planning

- a. Neighborhood Plan

MB confirmed that Bakewell have abandoned their Neighbourhood Plan and we should factor this into our thought processes. He also advised that we should bring the mining issues and any school issues into our plan.

13. Date of next meeting - 17th January 2022

Date of future meetings - 21st March 2022, 16th May 2022, 18th July 2022, 19th September 2022, 21st November 2022, 16th January 2023

14. Items for Information

DS advised that she will be issuing draft budget information to Councillors in December to be reviewed ahead of the meeting in January when the budget will have to be agreed in order to request the precept. **Action: DS**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30