

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 16th March 2020 (Draft)

Held in The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Present/Apologies for absence

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

Cllr Chris Furness, DDDC

2. Opening Remarks

NW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 20th January 2020) were signed as an accurate record.

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

None

5. Urgent Items

- a. Coronavirus (Covid 19)
CF advised that DDDC would be advising Parish Councils on various local initiatives to assist residents during the outbreak once they had received information from DCC.

The possibility of having to reschedule the Parish Council and AGM meetings in May was discussed and councillors agreed to wait to see how events unfold.

Discussed the planned defibrillator training on the 29th March and agreed that it would be prudent to postpone this. **Action: DS**

6. Highways/ Footpaths

- a. School Lane – Discussed the increase in traffic recently and agreed that the Parish Council would contact Andy Wilson to see if he would have any objection to the PC contacting DCC and requesting road blocks be placed 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. **Action: DS**

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. **Action: NW/DS**

DCC Cllr Judith Twigg had previously agreed to assist by chasing this matter up with relevant officers. **Action: JT**

- b. Silence Heritage Site – NW advised that this remains closed, awaiting outcome of the PDNPA report, no significant progress on obtaining this has been made. Ongoing.
- c. Road between Little Plumpton Cottage and Bretton – NW advised that DCC are still awaiting the PDNPA report before taking any decisions regarding repairs to the road. Ongoing.
- d. Heavy vehicles Little Hucklow - DS confirmed that new signage has now been erected.
- e. Camphill Lane further subsidence – NW confirmed that DCC are currently working on the repairs to the wall.
- f. Abney Road Collapse – NW confirmed that DCC are expecting a report from their contractors this week regarding the likely repair costs etc.
- g. Grindlow potential water leak – Severn Trent Water Authority have confirmed that they will be working to repair the leak w/c 7th May 2020 and the road will be closed whilst work is carried out.

7. District and County Councillor Reports

- a. The Causeway (Grindlow) and Dirty Lane (Great Hucklow)
Previously discussed further deterioration of the Causeway and in addition the very poor state of Dirty Lane particularly now there was diversionary activity through the villages due to the Abney and Bretton road closures. JT had previously agreed to continue to pursue this by ensuring that this was included in the DCC 20/21 budget allocation for this type of work. **Action: JT**

TTJ confirmed that some patches have in fact now been repaired but the overall condition remains very poor.

- b. High Rake
CF advised that the recently formed PDNPA Scrutiny Committee has now held two meetings and that he is happy that progress is being made. There will be another two meetings prior to any recommendation/committee stage. The Parish Council will be able to attend the public committee meeting and speak/comment before any decisions are taken.

HF had previously suggested that High Rake should now be declared as an Open Access area with public footpaths being reinstated. Letter to PDNPA to be drafted. Outstanding. **Action: NW/DS**

- c. Green Bin Garden Waste Collections
CF had previously advised that a system of charging for green bin collections will be introduced in April 2021. The cost (per bin) will be £50 pa, in the first

year this will be discounted to £35 if payment is received by December 31st 2020. DS queried how residents will be notified of when and how to pay in order to receive the discount, CF to confirm. **Action: CF**

8. Mining Committee

JO gave an update on activities: -

- a. JO advised that there no more meetings are being planned until the PDNPA report has been made available. Concern had been expressed at BFL having sight of the report prior to anyone else and whether the report might be changed prior to the PC/public seeing it. Assurances have been given that the PC will see the report as soon as it is made public.
- b. NW suggested that it would be a good idea to have some general information about what is happening down the mine prior to the next PC meeting, JO to provide. **Action: JO**

9. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Parish owned Land Registration – Councillors agreed the need to take legal advice in order to progress the PC's applications and agreed that we should obtain estimates from several legal practices. DS to contact. **Action: DS**
- b. Windmill Neighbourhood Watch Signage – MB confirmed that this had now been installed.

10. Correspondence and Circulars

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

- DCC - Parish and Town Council Liaison meeting 30th March in Matlock
- NALC – Coronavirus (Covid 19) information
- DALC – Office moving information (from Cromford Mill to Limetree Business Park, Matlock)
- Peak Park Parishes Forum – New public data forum focus group
- Peak Park Parishes Forum – Thriving and Sustainable document

Items for Newsletter: -

- PDNPA - Peak Park Proud Launch – refreshed Country Side Code
- PDNPA - Goshawk success and reduction in wildlife crime
- DCC – Live Stronger for Longer report into healthcare
- Keep Britain Tidy spring clean
- Little Hucklow Road Closure for electrical works – 23rd March – 7th April 2020

11. Finance

- a. Bank Current Account Balance – £2863.07 as at 28 2 20 statement. Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was circulated at the meeting.
- b. Payments made since last meeting: -

- £300.00 - 2Commune, website hosting and maintenance 20/21
- £44.26 – BHMA , Neighbourhood Watch sign
- £44.40 – Defib Store (S Bottomley), defib pads
- £42.00 – 2Commune, .gov.uk email address
- £413.50 – Clerks salary

Credits received: -

- £30.00 – Land Registry, The Green Great Hucklow (now banked)
- £244.24 – VAT refund

Payments Outstanding: -

- £104.40 – DALC subscription 20/21
- £12.00 – PPPF subscription 20/21
- £153.60 – Gritbins.com, 2 gritbins

c. Wild Flowers/Bulb Planting at entrances to villages

There were discussions around an alternative idea of planting flowers in planters. DS to chase wild flower recommendations from PDNPA. DS confirmed that she had contacted DCC re the land at the bottom of Dirty Lane and was now awaiting information from Heather Crowther, Ecologist, PDNPA.

Action: DS

NW previously advised that he had contacted the owners of the land for their permission at the sites being considered for planting. DS confirmed that she had contacted DCC re the land at the bottom of Dirty Lane and was now awaiting a response from Sean Twyford. **Action: DS**

Feedback from local residents also to be taken into consideration. This was included in the Newsletter and a number of responses had been received. NW advised that planting directly into the ground rather than planters was the preferred option stated in responses.

d. Mowing Contracts – 2020 - 2022

DS advised that new contract documentation had been drafted and forwarded to both contractors for review and signature. **Action: DS**

e. NALC Financial Regulations Revision

Discussed the document circulated ahead of the meeting, NW proposed and JO seconded that the revised document should be adopted. **Action: DS**

f. Clerk's Job Description, Contract and Salary requires annual review. Outstanding. **Action: NW**

g. Defibrillator Provision

- (i) Great Hucklow
 - Electricity supply has been checked and new batteries installed in the alarm, all now working.
 - Tideswell First Responder's are now checking the defib on a weekly basis, a record of visits is being logged and left inside the defib. cabinet.
 - Defib has been added to the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) register of defibrillators.

Community Spirit have agreed to a one off £50 donation towards the cost of consumables for the defib – new pads have now been purchased.

JO queried if it is necessary to have paediatric in addition to adult pads. DS to enquire. **Action: DS**

- (ii) Little Hucklow
CB obtaining information to allow the defib to be registered with EMAS. **Action: CB**

- h. Additional Grit Bin Purchase
Quotations received and an additional two grit bins have now been purchased.

12. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan - No further update, awaiting PDNPA mining report prior to continuing work. Next step is to apply for funding.

MB advised that there is going to be another opportunity for the Parish Council to comment on Parish Statements.

- b. Willowcroft Barn, Great Hucklow, extension re-submission – received notification from PDNPA that permission has once again been refused.
- c. Brosterfield Caravan Site – received notification from PDNPA that permission has been approved despite widespread objection.
- d. Withen View Cottage, Grindlow, car port - received notification from PDNPA that permission has been refused.

13. Date of next meeting

18th May 2020 at 8.00pm

The Schoolroom, The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow.

14. Items for Information

PDNPA Parishes Day – MB advised that this will be held on a Saturday in October 2020, date TBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30