

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 17th January 2022

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 and Deborah Stansfield (Clerk)

Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC) (via Zoom)

Apologies

Cllr Chris Furness (DDDC)

Members of the public:

Anthony Burton (via Zoom)

Henry Folkard

Freya Williams

Ed Fordham (via Zoom)

2. Opening Remarks

NW welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 15th November 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. Anthony Burton

Anthony gave an overview of the issues he has with vehicles crashing into the wall of his property (Hilltop Farm, Little Hucklow) due to (1) icy road conditions and (2) HGV vehicles using a road they shouldn't be on because they are following their satnav directions and not abiding by current HGV signage (which needs strengthening).

This has been reported to DCC and he has now requested "off route" gritting as they have suggested, however, this is not going to resolve the issue totally.

AS has agreed to visit the property to understand the issue himself, NW to attend if possible. **Action: AS/NW**

b. Henry Folkard

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

He also is aware the Government response to the Glover Report on National Parks has now been published and that the Hope Valley Climate Project “Travelling Light” project re traffic in the Peak Park doesn’t seem to involving Parish Councils.

5. Urgent Items

Unitarian Chapel

Ed Fordham joined the meeting and NW explained that the Parish Council had now received eight letters of complaint (mostly regarding the format rather than its message) from residents regarding the new sign that has been placed on the Unitarian Chapel wall. NW also advised that it is his understanding that both Planning and Listed Building Consent is required before a sign can be placed on or within the curtilage of a Listed Building.

Ed explained that he was not aware that the wall it has been placed on is listed and although he was aware the sign had been delivered he had not instructed it to be placed on the wall as yet and he would arrange for it to be removed later this or next week.

Ed advised that there are a number of initiatives currently being considered for the Chapel by the Trustees, the motivation for which is for it to have greater use. He hopes to have further information which can be shared with the community after a Trustees meeting later this month.

NW invited him to make use of the PC newsletter as a means of communicating the plans to local residents.

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**

Alasdair Sutton agreed to visit the Lane to see things for himself in the next week or two. NW had previously 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

Synings Lane – Off Road Traffic Damage

NW advised that a resident of Little Hucklow has written to the Parish Council to express concerns regarding the level of damage off road vehicles has caused to the surface of the by-way used by walkers. Several large deep hollows which fill with water and mud make it difficult for walkers to use.

NW asked AS if there is anything he could do to raise the matter with DCC to see what could be done. AS agreed to look into this and report back at the next Parish Council meeting. **Action: AS**

- b. Silence Heritage Site
Remains closed - see notes at point 8.
- c. Verge Cutting (DDDC/DCC)
Information regarding proposed dates for mowing areas of Great Hucklow have been provided, however, dates for flail mowing for the surrounding area haven't. Maps identifying these areas have still not been provided. DS to chase. **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. Outstanding. **Action: NW/JO**
- e. 20's Plenty for Derbyshire Campaign
DS advised that a letter has been received requesting support for this initiative. A Zoom meeting will take place on the 18th January inviting Councillors to attend and support if they can. DS to forward details again to Councillors. **Action: DS**
- f. The Causeway
DS confirmed that she had now contacted DDDC and requested that this be swept. It appears not to have been carried out yet.
DS to chase. **Action: DS**

7. District and County Councillor Reports

Alasdair Sutton, Derbyshire County Council

AS advised that many DCC staff are still working from home.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – AS advise that there are funds available for street parties etc. and information will be forwarded shortly.

DS to include information and request ideas from parishoners in next Newsletter. **Action: DS**

8. Mining Committee

Silence Heritage Site and Byway Closure

The site remains closed.

NW and HF have a meeting with Paul Dempster of FBFL on the 31st January 2022. This should move the plan for site remediation forward – it is intended to have it ready for submission to PDNPA by the end of March.

Tom Evans of PDNPA is being copied into all correspondence and seems to be doing a good job of keeping us informed.

9. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Village Green Registration
DS advised that the solicitor has now received a response from DCC who have confirmed that the land is owned by them.

DS to ascertain with the solicitor what protection this gives. **Action: DS**

- b. Book Boxes – Woodland Federation of Peak District Schools
DS advised that no further information has been received.

10. Correspondence and Circulars

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

- DALC – Newsletters and circulars
- DALC – Advise re there being no cap on Precept increases 2022/23

- DDDC – Long term Empty Homes Premium – Consultation
- DDDC – Local Projects Fund advise of funds for projects
- DDDC - Councillor Lewis Rose OBE Obituary

- PDNPA - Parishes Day 1st October 2022
- PDNPA - Letter from Sarah Fowler re resignation

- Police and Crime Commissioner – Budget Consultation 2022/23
- Bakewell Police Station
Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter and Request for Events info

- PPPF - Glover Report – Government Response

- Tideswell and District Environment Group Circulars

- 20's Plenty Campaign

- Denstone, Staffordshire – Neighbourhood Plan issue

- Emails from residents:
Signage at Unitarian Chapel
Synings Lane issues with off road traffic

- Message from Tideswell First Responder re defib box in Great Hucklow.
DS to check box for cobwebs. **Action: DS**

11. Finance

- a. Bank Current Account Balance – £4088.35 at 17th January 2022

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
- £506.80 – D Stansfield – Clerks salary and refund for purchase of poppy wreath
- £865.20 – Wellers Hedley – Solicitors advice re Village Green

Credits received: -

- £225.68 – VAT Refund

Payments Outstanding: -

- £342.00 – 2Commune – web site hosting

c. Dirty Lane verge – NW advised that he had now carried out some exploratory work regarding clearing work and had ascertained that the best course of action would be to just trim the verge and remove the cuttings about 4 times a year. It may also be useful to clear the grass off the tarmac surface of the path back towards the wall but care will need to be taken not to de-stabilise the wall, DS to confirm prices provided by JW. **Action: DS**

d. VAT Return

DS confirmed that following submission of VAT Return for refunds for the previous 12 month period, a credit of £225.68 has been received.

e. 2022/23 Budget and Precept

DS had previously circulated budget information to Councillors. An uplift of £200 to the grass cutting budget was agreed in anticipation of costs to tidy up the verge along side the pavement on Dirty Lane. Funds would allow for this to be done with no increase to the Precept. This was proposed by NW and seconded MB and TTJ.

Post meeting note: The cost of Dirty Lane work has been confirmed at £480 pa so more than double that anticipated, meaning additional costs need to be built into the budget and Precept. An uplift of £200 to the Precept has subsequently been agreed by email/phone by Parish Councillors to cover this.

12. Planning

a. PDNPA Management Plan and Local Plan Update

MB advised that he had attended a meeting regarding this. The Glover Review will have a major impact on the Management Plan with statutory changes to the purpose of National Parks.

MB said that the Government is against having a National Landscapes Authority over National Parks as suggested by The Glover Report and are instead wanting a partnership approach with a flexible approach to Parish Members.

HF endorses the comments made by MB and said he sees a lot about intention but little detail on what is to happen and it seems that subscriptions rather than funding and a more draconian approach to parking enforcement etc. are also being suggested.

- b. Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Committee and Funding Opportunities
MB advised that he now wants to restart the Neighbourhood Planning process since plans are firming up regarding repair work to Silence heritage Site etc. He hopes to obtain funding in April 2022 with a view to adopting the plan in 18 months time. **Action:MB**

13. Date of next meeting – 21st March 2022

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

14. Items for Information

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20