

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 18th May 2020

Held remotely via Zoom

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 first virtual Parish Council meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 18th March 2020) were signed as an accurate record.

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

None

5. Urgent Items

Coronavirus (Covid 19)

- a. Standing Order Amendments due to Coronavirus (Covid 19) - DALC recommendations circulated prior to the meeting were discussed. NW proposed and JO seconded that the revised document should be adopted.
Action: DS

- b. PDNPA – National Park Returning Visitors
Discussed implications of visitors now returning to our parish and whether any additional road signage was required to ensure safety because of the ongoing road closures. Concluded that sufficient signage is on place.

Councillors agreed to send an email of support to PPPF in their efforts to ensure that Parishes are kept informed of developments. **Action: DS**

6. Highways/ Footpaths

- a. School Lane – Previously 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. Outstanding. **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. Outstanding. **Action: NW/DS**

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

DS advised that since the partial lifting of the “Lockdown” traffic had increased in volume.

- b. Silence Heritage Site – NW advised that this remains closed, awaiting outcome of the PDNPA report.

NW reported that since the last meeting the fencing closing footpaths which had been removed has now been reinstated and a further collapse has occurred.

- 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.

NW advised that DCC have engaged consultants to carry out various underground surveys and it would be useful to see the results. To contact Julian Gould to ascertain if this is possible. **Action: NW/DS**

- d. Camphill Lane further subsidence – NW confirmed that DCC stopped work on the repairs to the wall when the Lockdown was announced, expected to resume when safe to do so.
- e. Abney Road Collapse – NW confirmed that DCC have now received a report from their contractors identifying repair options. These are now being costed. etc. Outstanding.
- f. Grindlow potential water leak – Severn Trent Water Authority started work w/c 7th May 2020 by carrying out repairs to a stop tap outside Withen View. Road closed signs are still on site. Water is still on the road, to check in a couple of weeks to see if this has stopped leaking and report if necessary. **Action: JO**
- g. TTJ reported that there is a further water leak at the bottom of Jacks Cross, near the sewage works. DS to report to Severn Trent Water. **Action: DS**

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 three meetings and their recommendations have subsequently been passed by the Resources Committee. In future all community stakeholders will be consulted prior to any proposed disposals.
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**

8. Mining Committee

JO gave an update on activities: -

- a. JO advised that the PDNPA report remains outstanding that PDNPA will make it available to BFL prior to making it more widely available.
Discussed continued dissatisfaction with this approach and agreed that NW and JO would draft a letter to Sarah Fowler, PDNPA (and will copy Andrew McCloy). MB will raise with her on the 8th of June when he meets on other matters. **Action: NW/JO**
- b. JO gave a general update on BFL current underground activities at the mine. They are currently working on levels 4 and 5 updating ventilation systems, JO to circulate information received. **Action: JO**
- c. Old Mill Dam Mine Shaft – Bank House – NW advised that this has now been capped.

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. Outstanding. DS to contact. **Action: DS**
- b. 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**

CF advised that an Emergency Committee will be held on the 21st of May to discuss resuming the garden waste collections.

10. Correspondence and Circulars

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

- DALC – Climate Emergency Meetings
- PDNPA – Coronavirus (Covid 19) Poster

Items for Newsletter: -

- PDNPA – Fire Risk – Stay at Home message
- PDNPA – seasonal bus service in the Hope Valley cancelled for 2020
- DCC – Reopening of Countryside Parks
- DCC- Reopening of Recycling Centres
- Gliding Club – reopening

11. Finance

- a. Bank Current Account Balance – £7198.91 as at 18 5 20
Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was available for Councillors to view at the meeting.
- b. Payments made since last meeting: -
- £104.40 – DALC subscription
 - £12.00 – PPPF subscription
 - £153.60 – Gritbins (Kingfisher Direct)
 - £50.00 – W Brindley
 - £101.00 – J Warriner
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- Credits received: -
- £5251.00 – Precept
 - £50.00 - Community Spirit (contribution to Defib consumables)
- Payments Outstanding: -
- £75.00 – J Taylor (Internal Audit)
- c. BACS Payments – DS advised that continued use of BACS as a payment method has to be approved every two years as per our Financial Regulations. Discussed and resolved that this is working well and should be continued. NW proposed and CB seconded. Agreed unan.
- d. Insurance Renewal – DS advised that a renewal notice has been received for the forthcoming year at the same cost as last year. Discussed the increased value of our assets and the potential need to increase our cover as the current policy limits the asset value to £10K. DS to update the Asset Register with replacement values and investigate further, however, Councillors were concerned about the increase in cost of the premium and agreed that a maximum additional sum of £50 could be accepted without further consultation. **Action: DS**
- e. Internal/External Audits
Internal Audit - DS advised that the Internal Audit has now been carried out and no issues have been identified.

External Audit – DS advised that she is currently completing the required documentation. The Certificate of Exemption has been completed and Councillors were able to view the document during the meeting. This was approved by Councillors, NW proposed and TTJ seconded, agreed unan. This needs to have a “wet” signature (by the Clerk/RF and The Chairman)

which will be achieved by signing and scanning the documents. DS to organise and submit. **Action: NW/DS**

f. 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. Outstanding. **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. Outstanding. **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.

Potential partial funding options were discussed, together with the possible replacement of a bench on the common land at Great Hucklow. Agreed to investigate further **Action: NW/DS**

g. Mowing Contracts – 2020 - 2022

DS advised that new contract documentation had been signed by all parties.

DS enquired if it would be appropriate to temporarily increase the frequency of the cuts in Great Hucklow and Grindlow given the current Lockdown circumstances and parishioners being at home full time coupled with the good weather and faster growing grass. Councillors agreed, DS to reschedule to every three weeks at the current contract rates resulting in an increase of two cuts in total over the summer season. **Action: DS**

DS advised that W Brindley had offered to cut verges that would usually be cut by DCC if they are not able to provide the service this year due to current circumstances. DS to speak to DCC to ascertain what they are planning. **Action: DS**

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

i. Defibrillator Provision

- (i) Great Hucklow
JO queried if it is necessary to have paediatric in addition to adult pads. DS checked with TFR's and confirmed that this is not necessary.

DS advised that the maintenance checks on the defib are still being carried out during Lockdown and that the training had been postponed indefinitely.

DS confirmed that a contribution of £50 has been received from Community Spirit towards the cost of consumables required for the defib unit in Great Hucklow.

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

12. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan - No further update, awaiting PDNPA mining report prior to continuing work. Next step is to apply for funding. Remains outstanding subject to receipt of the PDNPA report.

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

13. Date of next meeting

20th July 2020 at 8.00pm

TBA

14. Items for Information

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40