

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 18th November 2019
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 Carol Bradshaw and Deborah Stansfield (Clerk)

Cllr Chris Furness, DDDC and Cllr Judith Twigg, DDC

Apologies: Cllr Tracey Tudor Jones

Members of the Public: Henry Folkard, Freya Williams

2. Opening Remarks

NW welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the business this evening was to deal with items which had not been raised at the previous meeting on 28th October.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 28th October 2019) were signed as an accurate record with one correction.

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

- a. HF reiterated that a TRO had now been placed on Jacobs Ladder (Stoney Middleton) (discussed under 6a below).
- b. HF raised concerns regarding the MEMRAP proposed train line reinstatement.

5. Urgent Items

PPPF response to PDNPA Management Plan “Thriving and Sustainable Communities” – discussed a draft response written by MB and agreed to add an additional section identifying action required from PDNPA in order to deliver the desired outcomes. **Action: DS**

6. Highways/ Footpaths

- a. School Lane – DS 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**
- b. Silence Heritage Site – NW advised that there was no further progress, awaiting outcome of the PDNPA report. Ongoing.

- c. Road between Little Plumpton Cottage and Bretton – NW advised that DCC are awaiting the PDNPA report before taking any decisions regarding repairs to the road. Ongoing.
- d. Heavy vehicles Little Hucklow - DS confirmed that she has spoken to DCC regarding placing additional signage to prevent heavy goods vehicles going through the village and as yet no response has been received. To chase
Action: DS
- e. Camphill Lane further subsidence – a wall just below where previous repair works were carried out appears to be coming away from the road bed. Andy Yates, DCC has advised that they are arranging to strip back vegetation in order to make an assessment. Ongoing.
- f. Croft Corner, Great Hucklow, lamp post – non-removal of rubble and barriers have been reported to DCC, filling of hole caused by repair work also reported. Awaiting Repair/removal, ongoing.
- g. Abney Road Collapse – NW advised that he had attended meetings at Abney Parish regarding the repair work. Andy Yates has agreed to provide ongoing status reports. It is thought it will be some time before the work will be completed and diversion signs have been put in place.
- h. Windmill Neighbourhood Watch Signage – DS advised that a Neighbourhood watch sign has been “stuck” on the Windmill sign at the country end of the village. This is obscuring the sign somewhat and is not satisfactory. There is already a Neighbourhood Watch sign attached to the post at the Great Hucklow end of the village and it was agreed that a similar sign should be purchased for the country end sign post. Price to be obtained. **Action: DS**
- i. Grindlow potential water leak – TTJ has reported a potential water leak near Greenacre in Grindlow and has contacted Severn Trent Water Authority. JO to take a look and discuss with TTJ and the owner of Greenacre to try to assess the situation. **Action: JO**

7. District and County Councillor Reports

- a. The Causeway (Grindlow) – a letter stating our disappointment that resurfacing work has not been included in the 2019/20 budget round has been sent to JT and an initial response saying that this has been passed to the appropriate officers has been received. JT advised that she has not heard any more on this. Discussed and JT agreed to continue to pursue this by ensuring that this was included in the DCC 20/21 budget allocation for this type of work.
- b. High Rake – Councillors formally thanked CF for the action he had taken representing our local concerns and to influence the decision made by PDNPA to withdraw this from the market. Councillors acknowledged that CF's intervention had been key in PDNPA's decision making.

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

8. Mining Committee

JO gave an update on activities: -

- a. JO is currently chasing the PDNPA report from Andrew Barton which is understood to be available within the next two to four weeks.
- b. BFL report on historic mining is still outstanding. JO advised that he is hoping that a BFL representative will attend the next mines meeting to give an update on the status of the report.
- c. Next mines meeting is at 8.00pm on Tuesday the 10th of December in the Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow.

9. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Parish owned Land Registration – DS advised that Land Registry have now acknowledged receipt of our application to register The Green, Great Hucklow. Awaiting response.
- b. Poppy Appeal 2019 – DS confirmed that a total of £105.00 has been raised. (£30 by the PC, £75 sales to local residents). DS to contact RBL and arrange for an invoice to be submitted and any remaining unsold poppies to be returned. **Action: DS**
- c. Review of Polling Station Locations – DS advised that a full list of polling stations for the forthcoming Parliamentary elections has now been received. Polling will be at the Nightingale Centre as previously for this election. The Old Unitarian Chapel, Great Hucklow has been suggested to DCC as an alternative venue in the future if necessary given the Nightingale Centre's conflict of use as a facility for vulnerable children and a public polling station.
- d. Snow Warden Service 2019/20 – Forms for this year have been completed, DS to submit. Additional FTP form required for Zak Williams who had agreed to assist JO. **Action: DS**

10. Correspondence and Circulars

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

Items for Newsletter: -

- PDNPA – Call for Buxton Young People to be Fairer to Nature
- PDNPA – Archaeology book “Reading the Peak District Landscape”

11. Finance

- a. Bank Current Account Balance – £3616.13 as at 30 10 19 statement. Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was circulated at the meeting.
- b. Payments outstanding: -
None

Payments made since last meeting: -

- £80.00 – W Brindley, mowing contract
- £50.00 – DALC, Auditor Training (DS)

Credits received: -

- £39.00 - in respect of sale of poppies
- £50.00 – in respect of DALC Training (DS)

- 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. **Action: DS**

Discussed and agreed that whilst information is being gathered no action would be taken until all land owners of the sites being considered for planting were contacted for their permission. **Action: NW**

Feedback from local residents also to be taken into consideration. To be included in the Newsletter. **Action: DS**

- d. Mowing Contracts – 2020 onwards

Discussed and agreed that the current situation with two contractors is working well and agreed that DS would contact both contractors with a view to inviting pricing to extend the current contractual arrangements for a further 3 years.

Action: DS

Also agreed to review the current specifications and update where appropriate – e.g. strimmed area around the Little Hucklow defibrillator box. **Action: DS**

- e. NALC Financial Regulations Revision

DS to review/compare and circulate comments to Councillors. Outstanding.

Action: DS

- f. Clerk's Job Description and Contract requires annual review. Outstanding.

Action: NW

- g. Defibrillator Provision

- (i) Little Hucklow

CB advised that satisfactory arrangements for maintenance of this are in place. No further action.

- (ii) Great Hucklow

NW advised that a new volunteer was need to monitor/maintain the defibrillator in Great Hucklow as due to other commitments the current incumbent is no longer able to do this. DS to draft a Newsletter item.

Action: DS

- (iii) Consideration was given to the Parish Council taking on the financial responsibility for maintenance of the defibrillator on an going basis (currently funded by Community Spirit group). DS to investigate implications of this. **Action: DS**

- h. Additional Grit Bin Purchase - potential costs were discussed following initial enquiries made for a new bin at Coplowdale this financial year and agreed to

look at further provision/replacement for other sites next year. DS to review old purchase records to identify previous supplier etc. **Action: DS**

12. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan - No further update.
- b. Brosterfield Caravan Site – no further update.

13. Date of next meeting

20th January 2020 at 8.00pm

The Schoolroom, The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow.

14. Items for Information

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15