

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 20th January 2020
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 and Cllr Judith Twigg, DDC

Members of the Public: Henry Folkard

2. Opening Remarks

NW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 18th November 2019) were signed as an accurate record.

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

- a. HF reported that he had witnessed increased numbers of off road vehicles, some on tracks that they are prohibited from using – at Silly Dale and Shatton. These have been reported to the police via the 101 contact telephone number. Discussed and agreed that any further sightings of illegal activity such as this should be raised with the police and also it would be useful to also report via the Parish Council's website incident reporting tool so a record of incidents is maintained. To include an item in next Newsletter. **Action: DS**

5. Urgent Items

- a. Brosterfield PDNPA Planning Application – Caravan Site
HF advised that this was now proceeding to committee stage on the 7th of February 2020. He also passed on thanks to the Parish Council for supporting the community in their endeavours to prevent permission being granted.

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**

JT 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. 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.

NW also advised that HERAS fencing that has been removed (presumably by motorcyclists) has been reported to DCC.

- d. Heavy vehicles Little Hucklow - DS advised the new signage suggested by DCC. This was discussed and agreed that this would help instruct traffic approaching from the Tideswell direction, however, similar signage needs to be erected near the junction from the Bradwell direction too. DS to request.

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 this will be repaired when current stabilisation works have been completed at Abney. Ongoing.
- f. Abney Road Collapse – DCC have provided an update on current works. Stabilisation of the road is now taking place and expected to be completed within 2/3 weeks. Long term repair of the collapse is awaiting confirmation of funding from Central Government. Ongoing.
- g. Grindlow potential water leak – TTJ had previously reported a potential water leak near Greenacre in Grindlow and has contacted Severn Trent Water Authority. JO to test for chlorine to try to identify source. **Action: JO**

JT agreed to pursue this on our behalf via the relevant officers. **Action: JT**

7. District and County Councillor Reports

- a. The Causeway (Grindlow) and Dirty Lane (Great Hucklow)
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 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**
- b. High Rake
CF advised that sales such as this had been discussed at the recent PDNPA Performance and Resources Committee and agreement had been reached to form a Scrutiny Committee (4 members). This committee will be asking the Parish Council for input and opinions specifically regarding the proposed sale of High Rake, current disposal policy, communications to locals and the general way this was expedited. It is anticipated that this will be a three month process. NW confirmed that the Parish Council is very happy to provide information on this and looks forward to hearing from the committee.

MB raised the issue of the recent review of Parish Plans and the insufficient time given for completion by Parishes, more effective communication would have been beneficial in this instance too.

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 confirmed 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.

8. Mining Committee

JO gave an update on activities: -

- a. JO advised that he understands that the PDNPA report is being discussed with BFL this month prior to general release. JO to contact PDNPA for a status update. **Action: JO**
- b. No date has yet been agreed for the next mines meeting.

9. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Parish owned Land Registration – DS advised that Land Registry have now rejected our application to register The Green, Great Hucklow because insufficient evidence has been supplied. A refund has been received for the fee paid. Discussed and agreed that the Parish Council now needs to take legal advice before pursuing again. Resolved that a further budget allocation of £500 is to be made in the 20/21 budget. **Action: DS**
- b. Snow Warden Service 2019/20 – DS advised that all necessary forms had now been submitted to DCC. JO confirmed that we have plenty of grit salt in stock for/if the bad weather occurs this year.
- c. Windmill Neighbourhood Watch Signage – DS advised that a sign for the country end sign post would be in the region of £30 including VAT. Councillors resolved that this should be purchased and cost found from our Contingency fund. **Action: DS**
- d. Croft Corner, Great Hucklow, lamp post – removal of rubble and barriers and filling of a hole caused by repair work has now been completed.

10. Correspondence and Circulars

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

Items for Newsletter: -

- Derbyshire Dales Community Forum, Bakewell – 29th January 2020
- Peak District National Park Foundation projects receive first funding

- PDNPA – Summary from the John Muir Awards and Year of Green Action
- PDNPA -Volunteers plant Sphagnum Moss Staffordshire Moorland
- Hucklow Players – a programme from the 1964 play “Henry came to Tideswell” has been returned to the village after 56 years.

11. Finance

- a. Bank Current Account Balance – £2888.83 as at 31 12 19 statement. Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was circulated at the meeting.
- b. Payments outstanding: -
- £250.00 + VAT - 2Commune, website hosting and maintenance 20/21
- Payments made since last meeting: -
- £30.00 – Land Registry, The Green, Great Hucklow
 - £680.00 – Clerk salary
 - £32.00 – HMRC, tax on Clerk salary
 - RBL - £105, sale of poppies
- Credits received: -
- £30.00 – Land Registry, The Green Great Hucklow
 - £36.00 - in respect of sale of poppies
 - £164.20 – VAT refund
- c. 2020- 21 Budget and Precept
Copies of proposed budget and explanatory notes was circulated to all Councillors. Discussed and resolved to increase the precept by 10% for the forthcoming financial year. **Action: DS**
- d. 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. Outstanding. **Action: DS**
- NW advised that he had now begun to contact the owners of the land for their permission at the sites being considered for planting. DS to contact DCC re the land at the bottom of Dirty Lane. **Action: NW/DS**
- Feedback from local residents also to be taken into consideration. To be included in the Newsletter. **Action: DS**
- e. Mowing Contracts – 2020 - 2022
DS advised that she had now received quotations to extend for a further 3 year period from both existing contractors. Costs and revisions to specification were discussed and Councillors resolved that the quoted prices should be accepted. DS to advise contractors and draw up new contract documentation. **Action: DS**
- f. NALC Financial Regulations Revision
DS advised that she and NW had now reviewed the proposed changes. DS to circulate to Councillors in order that they could review prior to the next meeting. **Action: DS**

- g. Clerk's Job Description, Contract and Salary requires annual review. Outstanding. **Action: NW**
- h. Defibrillator Provision
- (i) Great Hucklow
 DS advised that following a newsletter item one local resident had come forward to volunteer to monitor/maintain the defibrillator in Great Hucklow. In addition the Tideswell First Responders had volunteered to carry out regular checks on it. They had carried out an initial check and advised that some of the consumables will need replacing later this year and that currently there could be an issue with the electricity supply as the heater appeared not to be working.
- Discussed and agreed that it would be favourable to have the Tideswell First Responders carry out the regular checks with the local resident acting as a liaison point for any specific issues identified locally.
 To notify both parties. **Action: DS**
 To check electricity supply. **Action: NW**
- (ii) It was resolved that the Parish Council would accept the defibrillator as a donation and that the Parish Council would take on the financial responsibility for maintenance of it on an ongoing basis. DS to speak to Community Spirit to ascertain if they would be willing to partially fund this in the immediate future, budget for potential £100 expenditure in the 20/21 budget and add to the asset register.
Action: DS
- i. Additional Grit Bin Purchase - potential bin type identified. Quotes to be obtained on black recyclable plastic bin and an allowance made in ongoing budgets for other new/replacement bins. **Action: DS**

12. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan - No further update, awaiting PDNPA mining report prior to continuing work. Next step is to apply for funding.
- b. Brosterfield Caravan Site – see notes under “5 - Urgent Items”.
- c. Willowcroft Barn extension re-submission. No objection from PC, letter sent in response to previous application to be updated and re-sent.

13. Date of next meeting

16th March 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 21.40