

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 20th May 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 Tracey Tudor Jones, Cllr Carol Bradshaw and Deborah Stansfield (Clerk)

Cllr Chris Furness, DDDC

Apologies: Cllr Judith Twigg, DCC and Jeremy Hand

Members of the Public: Anna Whatley

2. Opening Remarks

NW welcomed everyone to another new year of Parish Council business and thanked DS for her work last year.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 25th March 2019) – were signed as an accurate record.

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

None.

5. Urgent Items

None.

6. Highways/ Footpaths

- a. School Lane – DS confirmed that traffic monitoring was continuing. Previous discussions regarding sending a letter to DCC requesting justification for keeping this Byway open when Jacobs Ladder has been closed has not been sent as Jacobs Ladder has in fact not been closed. Agreed that a further note should be sent to JT at DCC reiterating that this issue is still a concern and remains on our agenda. **Action: DS**

Discussions around ongoing monitoring – discussed and agreed that whilst this was very useful, dangerous or exceptional activities by off road traffic should be reported via the PC website “Incident Reporting” tool so that these specific items can be monitored. DS to include in next Newsletter. **Action: DS**

- b. Mining Committee - JO advised that two meetings have been held so far where parishoners interested in being part of the group had attended.

Those present reported on a number of topics including Silence Heritage Mine, British Fluorspar (BFL), the extent of any Health and Safety Executive influence, The Peak District National Park (PDNP) decision to seek to appoint consultants to report on the impact of mine workings in the vicinity of Great Hucklow, and general community actions.

The group are actively seeking to arrange a meeting with senior representatives of BFL to establish open contact and a dialogue regarding the operations at Milldam mine.

It was emphasised that the current purpose of the group and meetings was to open up communications, and to build working relationships with all parties involved to help achieve positive future outcomes. It was also confirmed that there is now an "Incident Report Form" on the Parish Council web site (top right-hand quartile of the home web page). This is to report incidents of any type to the parish council and help collate information in one place. It is hoped that the "Incident Report Form" will be promoted and encouraged for any issues within the parishes.

NW had previously circulated a proposal to form a Committee, this was reviewed and agreed unanimously. Proposed by NW and seconded by JO. See copy attached.

JO to provide updates at future Parish Council meetings. **Action: JO**

- c. Silence Heritage Site – the site remains closed. NW advised that there have been no significant changes.
- d. Road between Plumpton Cottage and Bretton – NW advised that this remains closed and DCC are awaiting the outcome of the PDNPA's consultant's report prior to making any decisions about potential repairs etc.

7. District and County Councillor Reports

- a. The Causeway (Grindlow) – DS advised that confirmation has now been received that this resurfacing work has not been included in the 2019/20 budget round, it will carry forward to be considered for the 2010/21 budget. DS to contact JT at DCC and state our significant disappointment. **Action: DS**
- b. Waste bin at bottom of Dirty Lane, Great Hucklow – this has now been ordered, installation date has not yet been advised. CF to follow up. **Action: CF**
- c. Sale of High Rake – NW confirmed that bids have now been submitted to PDNPA on behalf of SHS. It is understood that bids will be reviewed on the 11th of June. CF advised that he is attending a PDNPA Authority meeting on the 24th of May and will be pushing for the High Rake sale to be suspended whilst policy change concerning sale of local assets is considered. CF to advise the outcome following the meeting. **Action: CF**

- d. District Council Elections 2019 – CF provided the following update on the situation as a result of the recent District Council elections: -
The results were greatly affected by Brexit. The Conservative Majority fell from 19 seats to just one seat. The Deputy Leader and the Chair of Governance and Resources Committee both lost their seats. The previous Leader (Lewis Rose) has stepped down, for health reasons, and there is now a new Leader and deputy Leader (Garry Purdy from Cromford and Sue Hobson from Baslow). The Lib Dem's, with 8 seats, have replaced Labour as the official opposition party. The Green Party debuted with 2 seats (including Tideswell). Other leadership roles will be confirmed at the AGM.
- e. A623 and A6 Junction (Manchester Bends) – NW advised that there had been significant disruption and chaos in Little Hucklow as a direct result of inadequately planned traffic diversions due to recent resurfacing of the Manchester bends on the A623 above Tideswell. Because the road had not actually been closed to HGV's at the A6/A623 roundabout, artics were still able to come as far as Tideswell Moor, where they would find the road closed but nowhere for them to turn around. This left them with little choice but to ignore the 7.5t weight restriction and take Forest Lane towards Little Hucklow. Once in Little Hucklow they attempted to turn right to follow Castleton Lane back towards the Anchor Crossroads, but then got stuck on the bend at Wash House Bottom. Despite the problem being drawn to the attention of DCC and Derbyshire Police no action was taken on any of the nights the road was closed. DS to draw the attention of JT to this and request better selection and enforcement of diversion routes when similar work is undertaken in future.

DS to email JT at DCC. **Action: DS**

8. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Registration of Parish owned land – No progress since last meeting. Ongoing.
Action: DS
- b. Visit to Milldam Mine, Great Hucklow – it was agreed that this would now be best followed up by the Mines Committee. **Action: JO**
- c. 2019 Elections – now completed, no election for Parish Councillors has been necessary as the current Councillors were uncontested. Budget allocated for this will not now be needed, however, it was agreed that £200 per annum should be budgeted to cover the cost of any future elections. **Action: DS**

9. Correspondence and Circulars

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

- PDNPA Parishes Bulletin – Parishes Day is 12th October this year.
- DDDC – notes from the February Forums are now available
- PPPF – Management Committee Notes have been received
- PDNPA “Pledge for the Planet” event will take place at the Nightingale centre on 13th July. DS to resend to Councillors, forward to Community Spirit and Great Hucklow School and also reply to PDNPA to ask if the local broadband project would be of interest as a project idea. **Action: DS**
- DALC Circular - VE Day 75 celebrations and events– 8th to 10th May 2020

- Poppy Appeal 2019 – request to support again has been received

Items for Newsletter: -

- Funding received for Upper Dove Area improved water quality
- PDNPA - Cycle Guides – Bakewell, Ashbourne, Matlock and Hope Valley
- DCC - Action Grants Cash for communities
- NW advised that PDNPA's Woodland Manager is currently carrying out work in the woods at Great Hucklow to protect ash saplings. This is aimed at reducing the numbers of grey squirrels in this location. DS to contact him to obtain wording for the Newsletter to provide information to parishoners.

Action: DS

10. Finance

- a. Bank Current Account Balance – £5867.95 as at 20th May 2019. Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was circulated at the meeting.
- b. Payments outstanding: -
 - £75.00 – Internal Auditor. This was higher than budget allocation but payment was resolved by NW and MB.

Payments made since last meeting: -

- £257.60 – Zurich Insurance annual insurance cover renewal
- £101.36 – DALC annual subscription
- £12.00 – PPPF annual subscription
- £505.20 – Conformance for calibration of vibration meter

Credits received: -

- £4774.00 – Precept

- c. Annual Audits
 - (i) Internal Audit – DS advised that the Internal Audit has now been successfully completed and no actions advised. A copy of the report was circulated to all Councillors.
 - (ii) External Audit – DS advised that we are no longer required to submit documents to an external auditor, however, we do have to submit an exemption certificate and display documentation on the website and noticeboards as before.

Action: DS
 - (iii) Annual Governance Statement – discussed and reviewed for the financial year ended 31st March 2019 and this was unanimously approved. To be displayed on website. **Action: DS**
 - (iv) Accounting Statements – discussed and reviewed for the financial year ended 31st March 2019 and this was unanimously approved. To be displayed on website. **Action: DS**
 - (v) Clerk's Job Description and Contract requires annual review. **Action: NW**
- d. Telephone/defibrillator box in Little Hucklow.

DS advised that weather permitting the refurbishment work will be carried out in the near future. DS to co-ordinate. **Action: DS**

- e. Budget and Precept 2019/20 – DS confirmed that this has been received.
- f. Mowing Schedules – 2019
DS advised that mowing work has now commenced and current certificates of insurance have been requested from both contractors.

11. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan
MB gave an update on activities and confirmed that a Parish meeting is scheduled for Sunday the 26th of May at the Nightingale Centre, posters to be placed on noticeboards and website and email to all parishoners. **Action: DS**

Currently awaiting information regarding the 2019/20 funding application process.
- b. Brosterfield Caravan Site – there were no further updates.

12. Date of next meeting

22nd July 2019 at 8.00pm – Parish Council Meeting

The Schoolroom, The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow.

13. Items for Information

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:43

Agenda item 6b: Motion to establish a Mines Committee.

It is proposed that:

1. An advisory committee be established to investigate the issues arising from current and historic mining activity in the environs of Great Hucklow.
2. The committee shall be known as 'The Hucklow Mines Group' (hereinafter referred to as "the Group").
3. The terms of reference shall be *"To hold meetings with parishoners, representatives of public bodies, experts and others; to commission and evaluate research; to raise funds; to keep appropriate records and to report back to the Council on a regular basis"*.
4. That the Chairman of the Group be Cllr Jamie Ollerenshaw.
5. That the Secretary be Carol Mealing.
6. That Cllrs Martin Beer and Nick Williams be members of the Group.
7. That the Group be free to co-opt other members of the public and experts as it sees fit.
8. That, other than as directed in this proposal, the Group be free to organise its own business.
9. That meetings of the Group shall normally be open to the public but shall be closed at the discretion of the Chairman of the Group or as directed by The Council.
10. That the participation of members of the public in meetings of the Group shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Group or as directed by The Council.
11. That public meetings of the Group shall be held in Great Hucklow, Little Hucklow, Grindlow, Windmill, Coplowdale or Foolow.
12. That the Group shall give at least five days notice of any public meeting.
13. That the quorum for the Group shall not be less than three members.
14. That minutes of meetings of the Group shall be circulated to all Councillors and the Parish Clerk, normally within 14 days of the meeting.

Proposed by Nick Williams, seconded by Jamie Ollerenshaw