

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Held remotely via Zoom

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## 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 and Deborah Stansfield (Clerk)

Henry Folkard, parishoner

Cllr Chris Furness, DDDC  
Cllr Judith Twigg, DCC

Apologies: Cllr Carol Bradshaw

### 2. Opening Remarks

NW welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and proposed that item 8b be moved to be discussed under Urgent Items whilst District and County Councillors were present.

### 3. Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020) - Councillors unanimously agreed that these should be recorded as an accurate record, NW signed.

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

Henry Folkard said he would give his input at various points of agenda.

The Councillors congratulated JT on her recent appointment as Civic Chairman.

### 5. Urgent Items

#### a. PDNPA/GWP Report

NW gave a brief overview of the current situation regarding the above. He reiterated that despite the fact that the report has now been produced PDNPA are refusing to share the contents with the Parish Council. JO has written to Sarah Fowler at PDNPA, however, the report still remains elusive.

CF agreed to escalate this within PDNPA. NW to send copies of the Sarah Fowler letter and reply to CF. **Action: NW/CF**

## 6. Highways/ Footpaths

### a. School Lane

NW 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. **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**

### b. Silence Heritage Site and Byway Closure

NW advised that no progress has been made and this remains closed, awaiting outcome of the PDNPA report. A further collapse has occurred in the site and closure of the Byway has been extended until March 2022.

### c. Road between Little Plumpton Cottage and Bretton

NW advised that DCC undertook their own underground surveys along the subsiding road, concluding that the movement has now stopped and was caused by natural ground movement. The road has now been repaired and is open.

### d. Abney Road Collapse

NW advised that a schedule of work to repair the road has been agreed and funding is in place. Repairs are expected to be completed by the end of 2020.

### e. Grindlow potential water leak

TTJ advised that following her husband's email to Severn Trent Chief Executive work to rectify this has now been carried out. It appears that there was a hole in the water main. All that remains is for the road surface to be tarmaced. Outstanding.

The persistence and efforts by TTJ, JO and NW to bring this matter to a successful conclusion are noted.

### f. Water leak at the bottom of Jacks Cross, near the sewage works

Following work by Severn Trent the area has now dried up and it is hoped that there will be no reoccurrence. Agreed to monitor over the coming weeks.

**Action: TTJ/DS**

### g. Speeding Cyclists in Great Hucklow

JO advised that cyclists are coming down the hill from Bretton into Great Hucklow at very fast speeds, motorists exiting The Causeway are concerned that a collision will occur. Discussed and agreed that DS will speak to DCC, Highways regarding options to try to address this. **Action: DS**

### h. Speed Limit in Little Hucklow

DS advised that CB has reported fast moving vehicles approaching the bends at The Blind Bull from both directions. Discussed and agreed that DS will speak to DCC, Highways regarding options to try to address this. **Action: DS**

It was further agreed that DS would speak to DCC, Highways regarding a potential review of all existing speed limits in our villages. **Action: DS**

- i. DCCC Weed Spraying  
Following receipt of an email requesting feedback on current chemical weed spraying activities in our villages it was agreed that this should continue. DS to confirm and also request details of all locations currently sprayed for our records. **Action: DS**

## **7. District and County Councillor Reports**

- a. The Causeway (Grindlow) and Dirty Lane (Great Hucklow) Resurfacing  
JT agreed to continue to pursue this by ensuring that this was included in the DCC 21/22 budget allocation for this type of work. **Action: JT**
- b. High Rake  
CF had previously agreed to speak to PDNPA regarding their future plans regarding High Rake with regard to CRoW and advise whether CRoW status would be of benefit if the land remains in the hands of the NPA.

CF advised that following discussions Chris Manby has agreed to discuss options with the Parish Council or other interested parties. NW to organise a conversation between Chris Manby and Silence Heritage Trustees. **Action: NW**

- c. DCC Ward Boundary Review  
CF gave an overview of the review explaining that the reduction in the number from 39 to 34. He stated that this would mean some wards would expand to take in more communities and in wards where there are currently two councillors they would most likely reduce to one. He does not envisage much change with the Bradwell Ward.  
JT provided input and advised that she would know more once the White Paper was published.

## **8. Mining Committee**

JO gave an update on activities: -

- a. JO advised that he is still awaiting the historic mining report that BFL agreed to provide and agreed to chase. **Action: JO**

## **9. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes**

- a. Parish owned Land Registration  
DS advised that she has now contracted six solicitors. The two solicitors willing to discuss this without any commitment to them have advised that registering the land by adverse possession would be extremely difficult given the openness and use of the pieces of land we are trying to register. Registering the land as a Village Green has been suggested as a possible alternative way of protecting the land. Councillors agreed that this could be a

good way forward. DS to ascertain process, responsibilities and likely costs.  
**Action: DS**

- b. Green Bin Garden Waste Collections  
Information on the new charging scheme and rebate for 2021/22 has now been circulated to individual households. DS to include information in next Newsletter. **Action: DS**

TTJ advised that no caddy bags have been delivered to Grindlow, DS to contact CF to organise. **Action: DS**

- c. Bench for Land Between Great Hucklow and Windmill  
DS confirmed that the order had been placed and delivery is expected last week in September or first week in October. **Action: DS**

## 10. Correspondence and Circulars

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

- PPPF Parishes Day – confirmed 3<sup>rd</sup> October, half day via Zoom
  - DALC Meeting with clerks and Councillors, John Scott attending to talk re the new Planning Consultations. **Action: MB to attend**
  - DCC – Building Better Opportunities support programme
  - PPPF – Matlock/Buxton/Chinley railway line update
  - PDNPA/PPPF - Parishes Telecon minutes
  - DALC – re Consultation on Planning System reforms
  - Climate Emergency Survey - NW has responded
  - PPPF – PDPNA Annual Monitoring Report
  - PPPF – Management Committee 24<sup>th</sup> August minutes
  - TDEG – Climate Presentation invite on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Items for Newsletter: -
- PDPNA – Breeding Raptors success
  - PDNPA – Line of historic trees on the Tissington Trail protected
  - PDNPA – Bearded White Vulture sighting
  - PDNPA – Record number of people enjoying traffic free trails following lockdown
  - PDPNA - Temporary closure of Monsal Trail for repairs
  - DCC – Community Newsletter
  - DCC – Government Council reorganisation plans
  - DCC – Green waste collection payment 2021 onwards information and first year discount scheme
  - What 3 Words – location identification app info

## 11. Finance

- a. Bank Current Account Balance – £6214.72 as at 28 8 20  
Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was available for Councillors to view at the meeting.

b. Payments made since last meeting: -

- £200.00 – W Brindley
- £226.00 – J Warriner
- £465.50 – Clerk Salary
- £44.40 – Defib Store, Tideswell

Credits received: -

None

Payments Outstanding: -

None

c. Wild Flowers/Bulb Planting at entrances to villages

Likely costs for seeds/plants, maintenance, labour etc. to be obtained. DS advised she is trying to make contact with Tideswell Clerk who is working on a wild flower project and maybe able to help with costs. **Action: DS**

NW advised that Freya Williams is happy to organise the experimental area at the bottom of Dirty Lane and has provisionally agreed a budget of £100 maximum.

d. Himalayan Balsam in Little Hucklow

PDNPA have previously advised of several areas in Little Hucklow including the water treatment works where this is currently established. DS advised that PDNPA have confirmed that they did report this to Severn Trent. Agreed to contact PDNPA to establish exactly where the other areas are. **Action: DS**

e. Defibrillator - Little Hucklow

An area around the defib box has now been surfaced with concrete/pea shingle to tidy up the area and prevent grass cuttings from accumulating on the paint work and glass panels. CB has advised that the cost of arranging this was £40, NW proposed and TTJ seconded that the payment should be authorised. DS to request an invoice. **Action: DS**

Attempting to obtain information to allow the defib to be registered with EMAS. Outstanding. **Action: NW/DS**

f. WEB Accessibility Statement

DS advised that all council websites must display an Accessibility Statement by later this month. In addition if the site and its contents do not meet the requirements a plan of action must be formulated to achieve that. DALC have provided guidelines on how to test for compliance.

DS confirmed that the Parish Council site displays a generic Accessibility Statement on the Home page written by 2Commune and that a test has been carried out both by 2Commune and DS using the DALC recommended "Fast Pass" Accessibility Insights Software tool and the site and contents have both "passed" with no failures.

## 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.

b. Parish Statements – PDNPA

MB advised that the revised Parish Statement issued by PDNPA have not taken into account comments submitted by the Parish Council. MB to provide specific text and DS to reply to PDNPA requesting these be included. **Action: MB/DS**

c. Consultation on Planning Reforms

MB advised that the first PPPF response on “Standard Housing Requirements” is currently being drafted. The second draft on “Planning for the Future” will be drafted shortly.

**13. Date of next meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 8.00pm

TBA

DS to identify dates for future meetings in 2021 and circulate to Councillors.  
**Action: DS**

**14. Items for Information**

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.00