

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

Parish Council Meeting - Monday the 22nd January 2024, 8.00pm

Held in The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow

Minutes of the Meeting

| 24.1.1 | Present | Action |
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| | Parish Councillors: Cllr Nick Williams (Chair), Cllr Martin Beer, Cllr Jamie Ollerenshaw, Cllr Carol Bradshaw, Cllr Matt Watson and Deborah Stansfield (Clerk) | |
| | Members of the Public | |
| | Henry Folkard | |
| | Apologies | |
| | Cllr Andy Nash (DDDC) Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC) | |
| 24.1.2 | Opening Remarks | |
| | NW welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting, noting that it was a week later than originally planned. A one minute silence was held in memory of Roland Butcher, Chair of the Parish Council for 30 years, who had sadly passed away recently. | |
| 24.1.3 | Minutes of the previous meeting | |
| | (held on 20th November 2023) Councillors unanimously agreed that these should be recorded as accurate and NW signed. | |
| 24.1.4 | Remarks, Notices and Information Parishoners and other members of the public | |
| | None | |
| 24.1.5 | Urgent Items | |
| 24.1.5.1 | Parish Council Website – DS advised that the current provider of our website will no longer be providing services from March 2024. The service will continue to be provided by Cuttlefish (the site’s software developers) at the same costs with no changes to service and no migration needed. Options of changing to another provider were discussed by Councillors, however, these all involved additional costs and Councillors agreed to stay with Cuttlefish for the next 12 months and then review the service again. DS to advise Cuttlefish of our intentions and sign necessary paperwork. DS to update Risk Register NW to look at potential cost of removing our .gov domain from Cuttlefish management on renewal (28 th April 2025) if | DS DS |

more cost effective to do that.

NW

24.1.6 Highways/ Footpaths

24.1.6.1

Silence Heritage Site and Road to Bretton Edge

Previously Andy Yates has provided an update and advised that the road is still being monitored and will remain closed for now. DCC are dealing with many similar cases and this will be assessed against others with respect to prioritisation of funding.

NW confirmed that the road remains closed and no further updates have been received.

24.1.6.2

School Lane – Off Road Traffic

Outstanding actions: Placement of large rocks. Contact DCC to find out status w.r.t Jacob's Ladder

NW(8)

NW investigating suitable trail cameras to track off road activity. Councillors discussed, NW proposed, MB seconded and it was resolved that a budget of up to £150 be set and the cameras should be purchased.

NW/DS

24.1.6.3

Verge Cutting (DDDC/DCC)

AN had suggested setting up a meeting with Samantha Grisman, Clean and Green Manager, DDDC. DS advised that a meeting would now take place in February.

DS

24.1.6.4

Synings Lane – Off Road Traffic Damage

AS and NW previously met and visited the site. AS has advised that he has raised a case number (FS533420137) but the response from the council had dismissed the problem as being typical of country roads. Need to consider if any further action is possible.

DS/AS(8)

NW advised that Tom Parkes of Burrs Farm has also raised the issue of damage caused by bad drainage. NW to meet and raise with AS. Remains outstanding.

NW/AS(1)

24.1.6.5

Forest Lane and Washhouse Bottom, Little Hucklow

CB had requested "Go Slow" signage on Castleton Lane coming from the direction of the the Anchor pub just before the bad bend at Washhouse Bottom. NW had previously met with Alasdair Sutton to view and discuss. AS has raised jobs for this (FS34203458 and FS533424829). NW to meet and chase up with AS. Remains outstanding.

NW/AS(4)

The road surface at the junction at the top of the village is also badly eroded because large and heavy vehicles have damaged it.

Remains outstanding.

AS(1)

- 24.1.6.6 Grindlow – Replacement Horse and Rider signage
JO advised that the signage at each end of the village is now very faded and needs to be replaced. AS has raised a job for this (FS533422866). Remains outstanding. **AS(2)**
- 24.1.6.7 Windmill Triangle – MB advised that a new issue has arisen regarding the tarmac around the manhole on the hill just above the triangle. It has been reported and partially resolved. MB to forward photograph to DS if further action needed for raising with Andy Yates. **MB**
- 24.1.7 District and County Councillor Reports.**
None
- 24.1.8 Mining Committee**
24.1.8.1 Update
HF and NW gave an update on the current situation and advised that they had met with Andy Nash and Alasdair Sutton at SHS to look at the work needed on site. FBFL have now walked away completely from any work that is needed to fill the holes. There are now no employees at the mine. PDNPA are also excluding themselves from any responsibility with regard to filling in the holes.
- 24.1.9 Actions Arising from Previous Minutes**
None other than already appear on the agenda.
- 24.1.10 Correspondence and Circulars**
All correspondence/circulars received had been circulated to Councillors on receipt. Items of interest as follows: -
- DALC/NALC**
DALC Circulars and Newsletters
Training Dates
Community Ownership Funds Applications
AGM Reminder
- DDDC**
Xmas and New Year Waste collections
- DCC**
Pittlemere Lane, Tideswell Moor - closure for STW Main Renewals
- PDNPA**
Annual Archaeology Day
£10K fundraiser for vital access projects
Historic water tank structure restored in Sheldon
Confirmation of removal of unauthorised works at Cressbrook Dale
Accessible Castleton Press Release
Park pioneers using AI to monitor the landscape
Historic landscape award for restoration of a Peak District

Lime Kiln
Support scheme for Farmers extended for a year
Peak District Mosaic secures National Lottery funding to
champion national parks

PPPF

Newsletters

Police

Newsletters

Policing Budget consultation

Special Constable Council Tax Discount Proposal

Other

Sarah Dines – Kings Portrait

UK Peaks Tour 2024 Event Dates

DFRS 2024/25 Budget consultation

24.1.11

Finance

24.1.11.1

Bank Current Account Balance on 22nd January 2024 –
£4907.77

Spreadsheet detailing all transactions was available for
Councillors to view at the meeting.

24.1.11.2

Payments/income since last meeting: -

Payments made: -

Tideswell and Hope Valley First Responders (defib battery)
- £247.20

Andrews and Arnold (Grit bin phone) - £1.44

D Stansfield (Clerks pay) – £546.11

D Stansfield (Clerks WFH) - £30.00

HMRC (tax on Clerks pay) - £136.40

Andrews and Arnold (Grit bin phone) - £1.44

24.1.11.3

Grindlow – New Bench

DS confirmed that £400 had now been received from DCC
to fund the bench. DS advised that the supplier (Solway)
has confirmed that the bench will cost £310.00 + VAT and
current delivery lead time is two weeks. Councillors
discussed, JO proposed and MW seconded and it was
resolved that the bench be purchased. Bench to be
brown/black colours and delivery to JO. DS to order.

DS(5)

24.1.11.4

Little Hucklow – Village Notice Board

DS advised that the current cost of a board online to match
the existing from Greenbarnes is £977.45 + VAT plus
delivery. Councillors discussed, NW proposed, MW
seconded and it was resolved that this be purchased
subject to receipt of any funding from DDDC.

DS to apply for some funding from DDDC.

DS

- 24.1.11.5 **Budget and Precept - 2024-25**
DS had previously distributed a draft budget for review. Councillors discussed and agreed with minor amends and it was resolved that a Precept of £6526 for 2024-25 would be requested which represents a 4% increase on the current year.
The Clerks pay was also discussed and Councillors unanimously agreed and resolved an increase in salary to £2350 in line with local authority increased rates.
DS to submit Precept request by 27th January and recirculate updated budget sheet.
- 24.1.12 Planning**
- 24.1.12.1 **PDNPA Management Plan and Local Plan Update**
MB advised that he is attending a meeting on the 23rd of January to discuss the Local Plan. The report from the consultants shows that the overall population of the park has dropped and the age profile has increased. With regard to affordable housing DDDC wants to identify fewer but larger sites to accommodate 20 plus houses. MB advised that he is pushing for more consideration to be given for commercial sites for people who live in these houses to be able to work.

MB also advised the following: -
National Park Authority has now filled a number of vacancies. The enforcement team are split between north and south planning teams and are now working closely with planners.
- 24.1.12.2 **Planning Communications**
DS advised that a communication had been received regarding the distribution of future planning decision notices. Decision notices would no longer be sent to Parish Clerks for circulation to Councillors.

MB advised that PPPF has disputed this with PDNPA as this was not what had been agreed and Clerks should still receive an email with a link to the relevant notice. MB advised that he has raised this as an issue again.
- 24.1.13 Dates of future meetings**
- 24.1.13.1 18th March 2024, 15th July 2024, 16th September 2024, 18th November 2024.
- 24.1.14 Items for Information**
- 24.1.14.1 NW advised that he will be celebrating his 60th birthday on the 13th July. There will be a big party and everyone present would be welcome to attend.
- 24.1.15 Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30 pm.

