

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

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday the 15th May 2023 (Meeting No. 8)

Held at 19.30 in the Unitarian Chapel, Great Hucklow

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### Minutes of the Meeting

#### **23.8.1 Present**

Parish Councillors: Cllr Nick Williams (Chair), Cllr Martin Beer, Cllr Jamie Ollerenshaw, Cllr Carol Bradshaw and Deborah Stansfield (Clerk)

Representatives from local organisations:

Katie Owens and Sarah Curl, Community Spirit

Colin Gay, Health and Safety and Major Hazards Supervisor, Rob Ridley, Mine Manager, James Shaw, Geologist and Environmental Manager, Fluorsid British Fluorspar Ltd

Mandi Muggeson, Finance and Projects Manager, The Nightingale Centre

Janet Persey, The Twinning Group

Ed Fordham, The Unitarian Chapel

Members of the public:

Henry Folkard

Audrey Abdi

Patricia Miles

Peter Miles

#### **23.8.2 Apologies**

Cllr Andy Nash, DDDC

#### **23.8.3 Opening Remarks**

NW welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **23.8.4 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Councillors unanimously agreed that these should be recorded as an accurate record and NW signed.

#### **23.8.5 Actions arising from the previous meeting**

None

#### **23.8.6 Parish Council Achievements 2022-23**

DS advised the following actioned by the Parish Council during the 2022-23 Financial year: -

Responded to 5 Planning Applications

Contributed to various PDNPA consultations and reviews

Mining Committee met regularly and reported on Milldam Mine and Silence Heritage Site. Continued to monitor mining activity, liaised with PDNPA, attended meetings, consulted on reports etc.

Financial Regulations and Standing Orders were reviewed

Risk Register and Asset Register were reviewed

Internal and External Audit requirements were completed

Options for village land registration (The Old Quarry) continued to be investigated  
Grass mowing contracts were monitored and retendered for three-year period (2023-2026)

Grit bin filling and road clearing was undertaken during the winter months

Funding from DCC and DDDC was successfully applied for and received for the Queen's Jubilee village event

New dog fouling signs, grit bins and a bench for Little Hucklow were purchased

### **23.8.7 Local Groups/Organisations Achievements 2022-23 and plans for forthcoming year**

Representatives from all the local organisations talked through the various activities that have taken place in the last 12 months together with future plans. Summary below.

#### **23.8.7.1 Community Spirit**

A Jubilee picnic, folk evening, play reading, gala, carol workshop, Xmas tree light switch on, pub quiz, Easter bonnet parade and Fell Race. Future plans include a Coronation picnic, a ceilidh and this year's, gala and fell race. New members to the Committee would be most welcome.

#### **23.8.7.2 Fluorsid British Fluorspar Ltd**

The mine currently employs 42 people, 23 of which are based at Milldam Mine. They extract 15- 20,000 tonnes of end product per annum with Brites as a by-product. Beginning to mine the west at sublevel 4 (150/200 feet in depth) circa 250m to the east of the village of Great Hucklow and are currently unsure if they are able to go deeper. Target is to extract 80,000 tonnes of ore next year. Working closely with PDNPA re communication back to locals including the development of a Liaison Committee. They are working with PDNPA and have agreed to fill 5 voids at Silence Heritage Site as part of their Corporate Responsibility Program, estimated cost is £1million to fill each void.

#### **23.8.7.3 The Nightingale Centre**

Currently looking to recruit a new Centre Manager. Running fundraising activities to raise money for the Send a Child to Hucklow Program. Currently running an appeal for the damage caused by the recent typhoon, where they will replace the very large trees with small ones. They welcome yoga, meditation, self-help groups etc. They have 30 rooms, 18 ensuite at the moment. Want to renovate some of the equipment in the grounds. Rooms can be hired and catering can be provided, the best time to hire/use the Peach Hall is on Sundays between group bookings.

#### **23.8.7.4 The Twinning Group**

Great Hucklow is twinned with the village of Parisot in the Tarn et Garonne department of France, a few km North of Toulouse. About 550 people live there. The twinning was founded in 2010. In the early

days there were lots of activities, the primary schools did things together, letters were shared, group visits between the villages were made. Now the committee meets every month to organise social and fundraising activities. The last group visit to Parisot was in 2018, but in 2019 folk from Parisot and Great Hucklow met for a break in the Pyrenees. Current events that are organised include wine and cheese events, film nights, pudding nights and book groups. A Literary festival each October is accessed via Zoom. There is a planned get together again in 2024. In 2013 there were 45 members in Great Hucklow now circa 14 households (26 members) meet and these are held on a Thursday evening at the Queen Anne pub. The website is currently being updated.

- 23.8.7.5 The Unitarian Chapel  
Recently reviewed the Trustee body. Worship is now held at the Chapel on a monthly basis. The Chapel sees itself at the service of the community. Held an Armistice outdoor service, erected a Ukrainian Peace Pole, ongoing collection of teddy bears for children who stay at the Nightingale Centre. Currently carrying out a review of the fabric of the building and expect to carry out a full redecoration program. Also commissioning an architect to look at ideas to rearrange pews to accommodate an office on the balcony, to place pews "in the round" rather than in rows downstairs to unlock the potential for some form of village hall, explore the false ceiling in the school room and make access to upper floor externally by via a lift. A newsletter is produced on a quarterly basis.

#### **23.8.8 Questions, comments and statements from members of the public**

Audrey Abdi felt it would be useful if representatives from The Foundry Activity Centre and the pub could be invited to future meetings.

#### **23.8.9 Dates for Parish Council Meetings – 2023/24**

2023  
July 17th  
September 18th  
November 20th

2024  
January 15th  
March 18th  
May 20<sup>th</sup>  
July 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 18th

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.00