

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th MARCH 2025 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Councillors Locke (Chair), Down, Fairley & Garbett.

In attendance: 3 residents & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

| Item | Action |
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| <p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Barbour and ward councillor Cllr Avaei & Campion.</p> | |
| <p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p> | |
| <p>3. Matters Arising not otherwise on the agenda</p> <p>Newsletter – it was noted that the newsletter had been published on the Parish Council’s website and that hard copies were available in the Community Centre. Unfortunately, information about the ward councillor’s surgeries had not been received in time to be included but could be included in future editions. Cllr Campion did email to let us know that he wasn’t currently holding surgeries, but he was available to discuss issues with residents if they contacted him directly.</p> | |
| <p>4. Issues raised by residents None</p> | |
| <p>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors None – Cllr Herridge had taken away some issues from the previous meeting and the Parish Council are looking forward to receiving updates on his enquiries about parking on Elliot Walk and Ryall Walk verges, graffiti and neighbourhood policing contacts.</p> | |
| <p>6. Police Matters The clerk had written to our PCSO about attending Parish Council meetings but had not received a reply.</p> <p>Reported crime statistics January 2025 – taken from the Northumbria Police Crime Map:</p> <p>4 reported crimes – reports made from or near:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enid Street – 1 x violence or sexual offence; 1 x other crime.- Charles Street – 1 x other theft.- Castle Street – 1 x drugs. <p>A resident said they had reported the issue of motorbikes on High Ridge field before Christmas and were surprised not to see those reports reflected in the crime statistics. It was also noted that the Police had recently delivered letters to Strawberry Terrace about motorbikes.</p> | |
| <p>7. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NCC email with a quote for No Parking signs - £257.48 – supplied and fitted. | |

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| <p>Hazlerigg Community Orchard – Cllr Locke said that watering would need to start again but the water butt issue remains unresolved. Cllr Locke agreed to buy a new water butt to connect to the existing one. NCC need to be contacted to ask when their water cycle for the orchard will commence.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>Bees' Needs – Cllr Fairley reported that the community centre had been giving away sunflowers the previous weekend. Cllr Locke said she would share the pollinator monitoring information once the flowers were in bloom.</p> | <p>Cllr Locke</p> |
| <p>Elliot Walk – Cllr Locke has emailed Christine Herriot about parking on Elliot Walk following complaints from residents. Ideally, the Parish Council would like NCC to fund race course fencing to prevent parking. The Tree Officer has asked the Parish Council to liaise with Allotment holders about the new hedge on Elliot Walk – the view from the Parish Council is that it would be better for NCC to do this. There was general concern about where to go next with issues about Elliot Walk ... it was suggested that Emma Foody MP could be contacted and Cllr Locke agreed to email her specifically about Elliot Walk. It was suggested that Emma Foody should be asked to hold a surgery in the Newcastle part of her constituency. HPC need to alert Brunswick PC about the hedge planting proposals on Elliot Walk There was a general discussion about how to get senior political attention for local issues – probably not appropriate for the All-Parishes meetings but potentially via Cabinet members.... Cllr Locke will add other verge parking issues to her email to Emma Foody.</p> | <p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p> |
| <p>Strawberry Terrace – Continuing the discussion about verge parking – the issue of the container on the grass at the end of the street was raised. It has been graffitied and is unsightly. Is it legal?</p> | <p>Cllr Locke</p> |
| <p>Speeding and road safety – An email listing the Parish Council's requests has been sent – awaiting a reply.</p> | |
| <p>Planning – The status of the flooding application and the Brunton Quarry application need to be checked. On the Shop and Go parcel drop – Cllr Locke has emailed Planning several times about the permissions required to install the facility and whether or not they have been attained. The landowner is the Premier Shop. A written objection has also been made in relation to the Planning Application in Cell A on the grounds of flooding on behalf of the Parish.</p> | |
| <p>High Ridge – Signage – could the rotten posts and invisible sign next to the garages be replaced with one on the garages wall? Cllr Down will try to find the contact details for the Management Committee of the flats.</p> | <p>Cllr Down</p> |

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| <p>Grass cutting – No prices for the different options have been forthcoming from NCC as yet. A resident said they preferred the area to be frequently cut with the big machine rather than the infrequent cuts with the Grillo. It was noted that North Tyneside Council have also been approached for prices. The hedgerow planting is going ahead with the NE Forest project. Work is also in hand to establish Wayleave payments with Northern Power Grid.</p> <p>It was suggested that a reminder be sent to NCC about Lola Street and Enid Street grassed areas – they are now the responsibility of the Parish Council, and the spring cut has been done.</p> <p>Havannah – The clerk was asked to email Mick Murphy about the chain of responsibility in the new structure for Havannah and to invite him to the next meeting.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>10. Other issues raised by Councillors</p> <p>Garages – access issues are still unresolved and causing frustration for residents.</p> <p>Lawn mower – there was a discussion about the options for the community orchard and High Ridge wild flower area if the estimates from NCC were too high. The clerk will ask a contact to make some recommendations for the Parish Council to consider.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |

Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 24th April 2025 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 6pm.