

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th October 2023 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: Cllr Campion & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a warm welcome to our newly co-opted Councillor, David Down who said he was looking forward to contributing to the Parish Council and its work to improve the quality of life in the village.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Avaei & Laverick.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2023 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda It was agreed that NCC's Planning Department should be reminded that Hazlerigg Parish Council is a statutory consultee for planning matters in the area.</p>	Cllr Campion
<p>4. Issues raised by residents None.</p>	
<p>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors Cllr Campion reported that Nexus have confirmed that they are looking to increase the frequency of bus services in the village but have warned that increased frequencies will be lost if passenger numbers don't warrant it.</p>	
<p>6. Climate and Ecology Bill – motion to support the bill.</p> <p>The Climate & Ecology Bill, a private member's bill currently before the House of Commons, seeks to address the challenges that this situation poses by creating a whole-of-government approach to deliver a net zero and nature positive future. Based on the latest science, the CE Bill aims to align current UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, which was goal agreed to at COP15, via the <i>Kunming-Montreal Framework</i> (22 December 2022); and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the UK's fair share of the remaining global carbon budget to give the strongest chance of limiting global heating to 1.5°C, which was the goal agreed to at COP21, via the <i>Paris Agreement</i> (12 December 2015). By bridging the gap between the UK Government's current delivery, and what has been agreed at international levels, Britain has a chance to be a world leader on climate and the environment; seizing the opportunities of the clean energy transition, including green jobs and skills; reduced energy bills; and boosting the UK's food and energy security.</p> <p>Hazlerigg Parish Council notes that: The Climate and Ecology Bill has been introduced in the UK Parliament on four occasions since 2020, including most recently in the House of Commons 10 May 2023. The Bill is backed by [180] cross-party MPs and Peers, [237] local authorities, alongside the support of eminent scientists, such as Sir David King; NGOs, such as the Wildlife</p>	

<p>Trusts, the Doctors' Association, Oxfam, the W.I. and CPRE; businesses, such as The Co-operative Bank, Riverford and The Body Shop; and 42,000 members of the public. The CE Bill would require the UK Government to develop and achieve a new environmental strategy, which would include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, and require a plan that considers both together; 2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the best chance of meeting the UK's Paris Agreement obligations; 3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030; 4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological; 5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible; 6. Providing for re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and 7. Giving the British people a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative <i>Climate & Nature Assembly</i>, as part of creating consensus and ensuring that no one and no community is left behind. <p>The motion to support the bill was passed unanimously by the Parish Council. The bill will have it's second reading in the House of Commons on 24th November 23.</p> <p>The Parish Council will inform local residents of its support of the bill by publishing the motion on our web site, writing to our MP to let them know that the motion has been passed and contacting Woolsington PC to enquire if they have also passed the motion and have any plans for a joint press release.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>7. Police Matters</p> <p>The Northumbria Police online crime mapper reports that in August 2023 6 crimes were reported by residents in the village – please note these are the locations from which the reports were made and may not be where the crimes took place. On or near Heddon Avenue – 1 report of anti-social behaviour; on or near Newham Avenue – 1 report of violence or sexual offense; on or near Charles Street – 1 report of violence or sexual offense and one report of theft; on or near Ferguson Crescent – 2 reports of anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Cllr Champion also noted that in a recent meeting with the Police, they had said that the number of complaints about people trying doors had fallen. He also appealed to the Parish Council to continue to encourage residents to report crime.</p>	
<p>8. Correspondence</p> <p>White Ribbon Day 2023 – the Northumberland Association of Local Councils have written to ask for male Parish Councillors to support their contribution to this national day by making a video clip to confirm their resolve to take action to end violence against women and girls. The email will be forwarded to Cllr Down.</p> <p>Cllr Locke also confirmed that grant funding of £3k had been secured from the Northumbria Water LTD's Branch Out programme for the maintenance of the land at</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<p>High Ridge. Funding has also been awarded for the Community Orchard from Newcastle United Foundation (£2k) and the Branching Out scheme. Cllr Locke was thanked for her work to secure these grants.</p> <p>It was agreed that these funds should be paid in to the deposit account to keep them separate from the day-to-day current account.</p>	
<p>9. Financial Matters</p> <p>Current banking position – after this month’s cheques are authorised, the balance stands at £5,363.34.</p> <p>It was also noted that the correspondence address for the bank will be changed to Cllr Barbour’s address.</p> <p>Currently the bank account has 3 signatories but 4 would be preferable, Cllr Fairley agreed to be the fourth signatory.</p> <p>Cllr Barbour reported back on the convoluted discussions with the bank about security following new regulations – the Parish Council passed on their thanks for her efforts.</p> <p>Hazlerigg Community Centre grant – a detailed budget paper was circulated from the Community Centre treasurer and a grant of £3,900 was awarded to the Centre as contribution to the valuable work they continue to deliver in the village. There was a discussion about youth services in the Centre and the provider losing funding due to the changes in the deprivation score in the area. It was noted that the cost of the provision unfortunately exceeded the budgets of both the Parish and the Ward.</p> <p>Payment Authorisations –</p> <p>Grass Cutting £540 Insurance - £241 Clerk - £150.16 HMRC - £37.40 Hazlerigg Community Centre - £3,900</p>	
<p>10. Environment, Planning & Highways</p> <p>5 G Mast – it was reported that the revised planning application for the Mast had been approved on 13th October 2023. Discussions about the procedures at the planning committee meeting were concluded by Cllr Champion advising that any complaints about the meeting should be addressed to NCC’s Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Litter – the next Sunday morning litter pick will be held on 5th November.</p> <p>Speeding, road safety & traffic management – follow up actions from the walkabout continue to be chased up with NCC Traffic Management including the timescale for the reinstatement of the speed cushions on Coach Lane. Requests for speed monitoring on Coach Lane have also been made by Cllr Laverick.</p> <p>Planning Notices – it was noted that HPC are still waiting for an update on the planning application for the Great Park’s strategic routes and the development at Brunton Quarry. Cllr Champion also said that the Brunton Quarry application’s time was running out and that it had to come to planning committee before April 2024.</p> <p>Allotments – residents’ requesting allotments should be sign posted to the Allotments website. Cllr Champion also advised that the Great Park and Dinnington village were both getting new allotment sites as part of planning conditions. Cllr Locke suggested that the Brunton Quarry development should also include allotment provision as part of its Section 106 agreement. Cllr Barbour suggested adding these comments to the planning portal.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Barbour</p>

