

HAZELRIGG PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish 30th May 2024

In attendance on behalf of Hazlerigg Parish Council:

Rachel Locke, Chair
Sheila Barbour, Vice Chair
Louise Fairley, Councillor
David Down, Councillor

In attendance on behalf of Castle Ward

Thom Champion, Councillor
Ali Avaei, Councillor
Andrew Herridge, Councillor

1.	Rachel Locke, Chair of Hazlerigg Parish Council welcomed all to the meeting, in particular Andrew Herridge, a new Ward Councillor. Apologies were received from Cllr Heather Garbett & Ali Lamb (Clerk).
2.	The Chair presented the Annual Report, which is attached.
3.	The acting Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year which also included the Annual Governance and Accountability Report (AGAR). Both Annual Accounts and AGAR are attached.
4.	No residents were in attendance to ask questions of the Parish Council.
5.	The Annual Meeting of the Parish closed at 7.20pm.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council 30th May 2024

In attendance:

Rachel Locke, Chair
Sheila Barbour, Vice Chair (also acting Clerk for the evening)
Louise Fairley, Councillor
David Down, Councillor
Thom Champion (Ward Councillor)
Ali Avaei (Ward Councillor)
Andrew Herridge (Ward Councillor)

	a spate of bins being set on fire or being turned over. It was suggested these excess bins should be removed.	
7.	<p>Actions/updates from Ward Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been advised of coming changes to the provision of social housing and some services via YHN. From the 1st July, all services delivered by YHN will become part of NCC. There is an online briefing on 10th June 2024 3-4pm. • There will also be a NCC councillors meeting regarding public transport on 18th June 2024. It was noted by those present that there had been a number of issues with the bus service recently, particularly the non-provision when the speed humps were installed within a day, however buses did not resume for three days. The 43,44,45 services are particularly affected owing to staff sickness/shortage and drivers only being allowed to do certain routes. Ward Cllrs to feedback. • Some antisocial behaviour had been reported at High Ridge along with bin issues. Ward Cllr Avaei is looking into these matters. • Road resurfacing work at Ferguson Crescent is definitely happening before year end and this has been confirmed by the communities officer. 	Cllr Avaei
8.	<p>Police Matters</p> <p>Our Local PC was unable to attend the meeting this evening and there was no new statistics available for reported incidents.</p>	
9.	<p>Correspondence has been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to complete a survey from Northern Gas Networks re Customer Value Perceptions • Various National Association of Local Councils • Communities Team Newsletter • Resident enquiry re Swift Boxes • Request to partake in a Research Project re Urban Green Newcastle • Community Action Northumberland <p>It was noted that a few emails that may be relevant have gone unanswered and these need to be actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithium batteries support a motion correspondence. • Consultation on phone lines • Northern Power Grid 	Cllr Locke/ Clerk
10.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheques were approved for the payment of HMRC £44.80, Clerk Salary £179.48, NALC reissue of cheque £224.16 and £20.00 for the purchase of compost for the village planters. • The year end accounts had been presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish along with the AGAR. Both items were agreed by the council to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chair. • The up-to-date position of the bank accounts was presented. £3349.00 remains in the current account after payment of the above cheques and £3000.00 was moved to the reserve account in respect of the grant received, for the management and works to be carried out at High Ridge 	

	to keep this separate from day-to-day council expenditure. The 2024 of £9000.00 precept is due to arrive in June 2024.	
11.	<p>Environment, Planning and Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter - There was further discussion around the problem of litter, which continues to be a problem, currently without a satisfactory solution. A litter pick has been agreed for Monday 10th June at 6.00pm. It was also suggested that more effort could be made with getting businesses in the village on board with anti-litter action. • The Clerk is also to check back with Christine Herriot as it was thought from a previous 'All Parishes' meeting that NCC would provide more bins if requested. • Bee's Needs - It was noted that '30 Days Wild' begins in June and this could be promoted via the FB page. There is also a week of events running for Bees Needs between 8-14th July. The PC still needs to decide what action it will take but this will likely consist of social media awareness, as well as ensuring planters in the village planted with pollinator-friendly plants. It was also suggested there could be an event in the community centre. • WW1 Commemorations - Cllr Down has requested some support with the WW1 Commemorations project and Cllr Barbour is to assist. Cllr Locke has also offered assistance where necessary. • Traffic - A picture from one of the pupils at Hazlewood School was agreed upon for our new speeding sign in the village and the Chair will contact Hazlewood School to advise the outcome. • It was agreed to raise the residents and parish council's disappointment with NCC regarding the number of times the speed humps have needed to be done, and the outstanding paint works to make the zebra crossing safer and redefining of road markings. Ward Cllrs were asked to make officers aware of this to avoid such complications in future. • Planning - Other than planning app 2022/1131/01/DET reserve matters there were no other planning notices. There is particular concern over the proposals to introduce street lighting and tarmac pathways through the nature reserve. Cllr Champion has agreed to speak with Louise Sloan, Asst Director of Planning at NCC to ascertain if the parish council would be able to meet with her or she would be able to attend one of our meetings so we can be clear how this aligns with current planning policies. • Allotments – It is noted that there is a new Allotments Officer. • Ogle Roundabout - Cllr Champion will enquire if the Parish Council can have a planter for the Ogle Avenue roundabout The box plants were inadvertently cut down when the roundabout was mown recently. It was agreed a planter with a substantial plant in the middle of the roundabout would be better and enable the grass to be cut with worry of cutting down plants. Planting of spring bulbs around the planter was also discussed including alliums. Cllr Locke to speak with Woosington about their allium alley. • High Ridge - Cllr Locke is to enquire if Northumberland Wildlife Trust will be able to complete the survey on High Ridge in June as previously advised. If the survey is not forthcoming another company is to be 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Down Cllr Barbour Cllr Locke</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Ward Cllrs</p> <p>Cllr Champion</p> <p>Cllr Champion</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p>

	<p>sourced to complete the survey in early course. Grass cutting has been suspended until August in anticipating of the survey taking place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliot Walk - We have received notification from Brunswick Parish Council requesting a meeting at Elliot Walk on Wednesday 12th June at 6.00 with their Chair Eric Mackinlay. The Clerk is to respond to their Clerk confirming attendance by Cllrs Locke, Fairley and Down. • Havannah Nature Reserve - It was agreed to write to Urban Green to ask what actions they are taking from the Management plan in the next six months as there does not appear to be anything happening in the reserve currently. It was also suggested we ascertain what the '106' funds received from the Havannah Park/Oakwood Grange development, have been spent on. Concerns were raised about lack of engagement and accountability. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p>Other issues raised by Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Down advised that the Airport have requested a number of local areas input including Brunswick and Hazlerigg as to where to put Air Quality Monitors. It was suggested that when we meet Brunswick PC re Elliot Walk, we should ascertain if they have responded to the request on behalf of Brunswick Village and where they have suggested. It was also suggested that some monitors could be put in the nature reserve. • Cllr Fairley advised that they are expecting the Youth Club to return to the Community Centre in June. • Cllr Down is to contact NCC regarding what appears to be leftover rubbish from a property vacation on North View. 	<p>Cllrs at meeting 12.6.24</p> <p>Cllr Down</p>

The meeting closed with the next meeting being advised as Thursday 27th June 2024.