

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30th November 2023 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: 1 resident and PCSO Paul Mood, PC Alistair Seit & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Barbour, Young & Garbett and Ward Cllrs Campion, Avaei & Laverick.</p>	
<p>6. Police Matters Cllr Locke brought forward the Police Matters agenda item in case the officers in attendance needed to leave the meeting.</p> <p>The statistics from Northumbria Police's Crime Mapper for September 2023 were shared: 10 reported crimes in the Village – On or near Charles Street – 1 report of anti-Social Behaviour On or near Ryall Avenue – 1 report of violence or sexual offense On or near Newham Avenue – 3 reports of violence or sexual offense. On or near Matten Avenue – 1 report of criminal damage and/or arson. On or near Arkle Street – 1 report of anti-social behaviour. On or near Ferguson Crescent – 1 report of anti-social behaviour. On or near Link Road – 1 report of anti-social behaviour and 1 report of theft.</p> <p>Northumbria Police reps commented that the village was relatively quiet in terms of reported crime and noted that the service was demand led so police presence is determined by the levels of reported crime. They therefore suggested that the Parish Council to continue to encourage residents to report incidents and the Parish Councillors to report on their behalf from Facebook posts or in person reports. Parish Councillors raised the issue of trying doors – both cars and houses – which had been prevalent earlier in the year. The police officers suggested that Northumbria Police undertake a letter drop of a few streets where the issue had occurred to encourage vigilance and care in locking cars and house securely. They asked the Parish Council to think about the best streets for the letter drop and email the suggestions in to PCSO Mood. It was also noted that any CCTV footage recorded by residents is helpful in identifying perpetrators.</p> <p>They also talked about a plain clothes police operation in the area targeting criminals using e-bikes and car thefts.</p> <p>The best way to report crimes is through the online form on the Northumbria Police web site – Parish Council agreed to put a link to the form on the Parish web site and on the Village and Parish Facebook sites.</p> <p>In response to questions about parking on grass verges, the police officers confirmed that NCC is responsible for enforcing parking infringements.</p>	<p>Cllr Fairley</p> <p>Clerk / Cllrs Locke & Fairley</p>

<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2023 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda – none</p>	
<p>4. Issues raised by residents A resident asked if there had been any progress on the plans to widen and light the path through the Havannah nature reserve to connect the village to the new school development. Cllr Locke said that NCC were still waiting for information from the developer so there was nothing to report.</p>	
<p>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors – none – the ward councillors have tendered their apologies.</p>	
<p>8. Correspondence Community Orchard planting day Sunday 21st January 2024 – an Eventbrite booking site has been created for up to 40 participants. There are 10 trees being planted. It was suggested that Hazlewood School could be approached to ask if any of the children could attend to help plant the trees. A grant from Northumbrian Water’s Branch Out fund has been awarded for £3,000 for maintenance and improvement works on the land at High Ridge.</p>	
<p>9. Financial Matters Cllr Locke has purchased wildflower seeds and bulbs for various sites in the village – the cost is £151.74 to be reimbursed by cheque. Signatories were not available at the meeting so the cheques will be signed and processed between meetings. The balance at the bank after this month’s cheques is £5,024.04.</p>	
<p>10. Environment, Planning & Highways Litter – it was confirmed that the winter litter picks will be the first Sunday of the month at 10am starting from the Community Centre. Cllr Down raised the possibility of reviewing the location of the litter bin on Chelton Close during the spring litter bin review. He suggested that the litter bin might be more effective if it as moved to the site of the former grit bin. It was agreed to ask for the new site to be trialled. Speeding, road safety and traffic management – the build outs have been completed but the speed cushions are still to be installed – proposed date of 13th December. Residents are complaining that the scheme is not fit for purpose, but it is not widely understood that it isn’t complete. Following the installation of the new speed cushions, NCC will look at a date to carry out speed surveys, this will likely be early next year. Highway maintenance issues highlighted along Coach Lane will be reported to the Highway Control officer once the speed cushion scheme is complete. Fencing off Ryall Avenue grassed area to protect it from parking – our traffic management area engineer acknowledges the issue but notes that regrettably, NCC lacks the resources / powers to carry out effective enforcement. She notes that the cost of fencing the area is in the region of £20,000 which is beyond available budgets,</p>	

Memorial Bench – there was a discussion about progressing plans to install a bench around the tree planted in 2018 to commemorate the end of WW1. Cllr Locke agreed to write to YHN to ask for permission and Cllr Down agreed to ask at the Tyneside Irish Centre about how to find out the names of the fallen from the village so they could be commemorated on the plaque on the bench.

**Cllr
Locke /
Cllr
Down**

**Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 25th
January 2024 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 7pm.**