

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th July 2023 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: 2 local residents, Cllr Campion & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Thorp, Cllr Barbour, Cllr Garbett, Weetslade Ward Councillor Fox & the PCSO's.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2023 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda Enid Street grassed area – Cllr Locke reported that the edges of the area had been strimmed, but the rest of the area had been left as part of the commitment to support biodiversity. Cllr Locke agreed to reply to a resident's enquiry about the maintenance of the land.</p>	Cllr Locke
<p>4. Issues raised by residents None other than reports of thanks being passed on for the grass cutting work at High Ridge.</p>	
<p>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors Cllr Campion said that the Boundary Commission have now started their process of reviewing ward boundaries in the city in preparation for 'all out' elections in May 2026. The preliminary stage is starting now until December this year and is looking at Council size – that is the number of Councillors elected to represent the residents of the city. Views are being sought on council size – anyone can make a representation, individuals, groups and organisations, the Parish Council could send in a collective contribution or contribute as individuals. The consultation on the warding pattern starts on 23rd January 2024. Views will be sought on the existing ward boundaries, natural boundaries and community connections. Final recommendations will be published in December 2024. In reply to a question, Cllr Campion said that the views of individual residents were equally as important to the Boundary Commission as those of city councillors or special interest groups.</p>	
<p>6. Hazlerigg Parish Council Complaints Procedure Cllr Barbour has circulated a draft procedure on email and urges all councillors to read it and make comments to her so she can prepare a final draft for adoption at the September meeting.</p>	All / Cllr Barbour
<p>7. Urban Tree Challenge Fund This initiative may not be appropriate for the village but Cllrs Locke, Fairley & Young will request a meeting with NCC's tree officer to explore possibilities including Community Forest funding. Cllr Fairley said she had concerns about tree safety.</p>	Cllr Locke

<p>8. Neighbourhood Plans</p> <p>Cllr Locke confirmed that adopting a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish had previously been discounted because there was so little land left in the Parish to develop. However, she wondered if having a neighbourhood plan might protect the parish from other forms of land use in the future. Cllr Campion confirmed that Neighbourhood Plans are legally enforceable in terms of controlling land use but was unsure about their powers in terms of infrastructure. Cllr Young was concerned that the process was a lot of work and might yield few benefits but also requested for further details of the process, benefits, and potential legal protection against further encroachment onto Village green space, before any decision is taken.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Mike Wood (Chair) Dinnington Parish Council be invited to a future meeting to talk about the Neighbourhood Planning process they had been through.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>9. Community Centre / Community Activities</p> <p>Cllr Fairley said that there were sadly no activities over the summer. The Youth Club hadn't been able to secure funding because the village appears to no longer be classified as deprived. The coffee morning and classes are term time only. Cllr Fairley said that a Men's' Pie Club had already been discussed and that there was little interest in one. She also said that Tool Shed had been explored but they have their own premises which they expect participants to attend. NCC's community artists in residence programme was also mentioned but had been discounted because of the resources the community centre would have had to commit. It was suggested that Cllr Thorp could be asked to explore some options for activities.</p>	<p>Cllr Thorp</p>
<p>10. Newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Locke had circulated draft newsletter text on email for comment. She will arrange to get it printed and there were offers from Cllrs Fairley & Young to deliver paper copies.</p> <p>A general discussion about the value of the newsletter concluded that it was helpful in raising awareness of the Parish Council, but it didn't generate a lot of feedback from residents and hadn't increased attendance at the meetings. It was agreed that the circulation of printed copies would continue for now but that there may be a move towards email circulation going forward.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke</p>
<p>11. Police Matters</p> <p>The Northumbria Police online crime mapper reports that in May 2023, 10 crimes were reported in the village. Cllr Campion noted that the crimes may not have actually been committed in the village, it could be that they were just reported from addresses in the village.</p> <p>1 incidence of violence or sexual offense reported on or near Ferguson Crescent; 1 incidence of violence or sexual offense reported on or near Castle Street, 1 incidence of anti-social behaviour reported on or near Windt Street, 2 incidences of violence or sexual offense reported on or near Charles Street, 1 incidence of anti-social behaviour and one public order offense reported on or near Coach Lane / Enid Street, 1 incidence of anti-social behaviour reported on Heddon Avenue and 2 violence or sexual offenses reported on or near Collier Gardens.</p> <p>A resident said that they hadn't heard any recent complaints about car door trying.</p>	
<p>12. Correspondence</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Park Academy – Pre-Planning application consultation. An event had been held earlier in the month to raise awareness of the planned new middle school which is earmarked for a site next to Havannah First School. The developers – Avison Young UK have been invited to attend our September meeting to discuss how the development might impact on Havannah Nature Reserve. Cllr Champion noted that he had concerns about number of car parking spaces associated with the school and the small amount of cycle parking spaces. Cllr Champion agreed to forward a link to the planning application to the Parish Council. In response to a question about the Sage Building, Cllr Champion said that it had been sold but the new use was not yet clear. • Invitation to Northern Gas Networks online conference 14.9.23 – to be circulated to Parish Councillors • Swift Library Resources – to be circulated to Parish Councillors • Three Villages Parish Councils’ meeting – it was agreed that Cllr Barbour & Ali would raise this at the joint Parish Council’s meeting in September to find out if there were any shared issues to discuss. If so, then a separate meeting should be arranged. Cllr Locke also requested that at the same meeting, Parish Council’s Litter Strategies could be discussed and what notice Parish Councils could expect in respect of NCC works in their Parishes. • Enid Street Grassed area – a resident had made a further complaint about the maintenance of the grassed area. The issue is to be picked up at the September meeting and a firm action agreed. 	<p>Cllr Champion</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Barbour & Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>13. Financial Matters Bank Statements and current banking position to be discussed at the next meeting. Hazlerigg Community Centre Grant deferred to the next meeting. Payment authorisations deferred.</p>	
<p>14. Environment, Planning & Highways</p> <p>5 G Mast – Cllr Champion left the room for this discussion. An FOI has been submitted to NCC about the deferred planning decision last month. It is expected that the decision will be rolled forward to a meeting in September – provisional dates for Planning Committee are 1st September and 22nd September. A resident thanked the Parish Councillors for their efforts to follow up due process. Cllr Champion agreed to find out what income NCC receive from masts located on their land.</p> <p>Litter – the next Litter pick is on Monday 7th August at 6pm. Cllr Locke gave her apologies. It was also noted that shops are now required to have recycling facilities for disposable vapes.</p> <p>Speeding, road safety & traffic management – follow up actions from the walkabout to be chased up with NCC Traffic Management. It had been confirmed that the speed reduction on Coach Lane was consulted on in 2019 but had not been implemented – this also needs to be followed up with NCC Traffic Management.</p>	<p>Cllr Champion</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>Outstanding developer actions in respect of the bus stop and crossing facilities opposite Havannah Park had also come to light and will be followed up with compliance officers.</p> <p>Ali explained that she had been told that the need for pedestrian crossings could be determined by a formula of vehicle movements and pedestrian demand on a road, it was not determined by accidents / fatalities.</p> <p>Cllr Young raised the issue of a crossing at the North Tyneside end of Coach Lane and asked Cllr Campion for his support. He agreed to discuss the issue of cross boundary co-operation on road safety issues with the NCC Assistant Director of Transport.</p> <p>Cllr Young continues to pursue the reinstatement of the first set of speed humps on Coach Lane with North Tyneside Council.</p> <p>Cllr Locke asked if there were many instances of non-compliance by developers across the ward. Cllr Campion said it was a city-wide problem exacerbated by staffing issues and there were over 200 outstanding cases.</p> <p>Planning Notices – negotiations are underway with Barrett’s about access for utilities under the land at High Ridge to the land at Brunton Quarry. Cllr Barbour has asked for a decision from the Parish Council to allow her to approach solicitors to represent the Parish Council in these arrangements. Parish Council agreed.</p> <p>The Parish Council hopes for a settlement that will contribute to the management and maintenance of High Ridge in the future.</p> <p>Bridleway and footpath stopping up order 2022 – this is a historical notice but has raised the issue of inviting the Great Park Management Company to a Parish Council meeting. Clerk to follow up with previous contacts.</p> <p>Grass Cutting – High Ridge has been mowed, the cost is £450, and we are waiting for an invoice.</p> <p>Elliott Walk – ongoing discussions with NCC</p> <p>Havannah Nature Reserve – the Parish Council has not received any news about the management plan. Cllr Locke will now raise this with the NCC Cabinet Member for Resilient City with responsibility for Urban Green, Cllr Paula Maines. Water samples at Havannah have been taken as part of a national citizen science project, the results will be shared with Urban Green when they are available.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Campion</p> <p>Cllr Barbour</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Barbour</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p>
<p>15. Other issues raised by Councillors</p> <p>Allotments to be an agenda item in September</p>	

Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 28th September 2023 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 7pm.