

## HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

**In attendance:** 4 residents, Ward Councillors Herridge & Avaei & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

#### AGENDA

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; apologies</b> Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> were received from Cllr Garbett.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024</b> were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda – none.</b></p>	
<p><b>4. Issues raise by residents</b> A resident raised concerns about the amount of dog walkers using the fields behind Castle Street and the lack of communication from a Ward Councillor in relation to their complaint. The resident was advised to discuss this with the Councillor outside the meeting.</p> <p>A resident asked where and when they could access the findings of the Air Quality Monitoring undertaken by the Airport. Cllr Down advised that the full data set would be shared at the December meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee, but early indications were that air quality in Hazlerigg was within acceptable limits.</p> <p>A resident asked about the timetable for the ward boundary consultation and was advised that the final stage of the consultation opens in December 2024 and decisions about the new ward boundaries would be implemented at the local elections in May 2026. The proposal is that Dinnington village joins a new ward – Kingston Park &amp; Dinnington, while Hazlerigg, Brunswick and the Great Park continue as Castle Ward. Concerns were raised about the location of public rights of way within the Great Park development – it was agreed that the map would be posted on the village Facebook page.</p> <p>A resident complained about the legibility of the map accompanying a letter from the Consortium about the relocation of the mounds behind Castle Street. They also shared their concerns about the viability of the nature reserve given the number of dogs being walked there.</p> <p>A resident shared their issue with rising damp in their home and the failure of the landlord to deal with it.</p>	<p><b>Cllrs Fairley &amp; Locke</b></p>
<p><b>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors</b> Cllr Herridge reported that currently, one planning application covered all the paths and bridges within the NGP development and it included the controversial path through Havannah Nature Reserve. Planning are trying to separate the nature reserve path from the rest of the strategic routes because objections are holding up progress on more straightforward decisions. Cllr Herridge will inform the Parish Council when the path through nature reserve application will be heard by Planning Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Fairley raised the issue of the path proposed for the Show Field, as described by the NGP consortium rep recently. HPC had not been aware of this path before that</p>	<p><b>Cllr Herridge</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Herridge</b></p>

<p>meeting and were unsure which Planning Application it was part of. Cllr Herridge agreed to try to find out and report back.</p> <p>He noted that the benefits for access to local children would need to be weighed against the impact on the environment and wildlife before he made a submission to Planning Committee.</p> <p>He also advertised the upcoming Castle Ward Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in St John's Church, Kingston Park.</p> <p>Cllr Locke raised concerns about logic of the relocation of the mounds with in NGP land given that the material being moved did not appear to be being processed in anyway and the destruction of habitat and plants that had established in the original location.</p>	
<p><b>6. World Wars Commemorations</b></p> <p>Thanks were extended to the Clerk for putting up the decorative poppies in the village which have been well received by residents.</p> <p>Cllr Barbour described the options she had identified for a commemorative bench and said she would circulate the details to Parish Councillors. The ownership of the land and a contact person need to be established to get permission to install a bench as well as identifying how to install a suitable base.</p> <p>Cllr Down asked if the Parish were holding an event for Armistice Day but given that there are a number of events locally, it was suggested that this idea be rolled forward for next year instead.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Barbour / Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>7. Police Matters</b></p> <p>The most recent reported crime statistics are reported on the minutes of the meeting held earlier this month, there are no new ones to report.</p> <p>It was noted that the incidences of shoplifting and anti-social behaviour had reduced following police actions but posts of Facebook and comments at the meeting indicated that problems with mini motos and motorbikes persisted in open spaces. There was also an issue of attempted theft from a garden reported.</p> <p>Cllr Locke encouraged everyone to report any incidents to Police.</p> <p>It was also noted that no further information was forth coming in relation to the shooting incident on NGP / nature reserve land.</p>	
<p><b>8. Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'Wag &amp; Co' – Friendship Dogs – Donation Request</li> <li>- Various NALC publications and promotions.</li> <li>- Community Action Northumberland – Digital Champions scheme promotion.</li> <li>- Bin Fire – Lieven Street &amp; small electricals door step recycling scheme.</li> <li>- Branch Out interim report request.</li> <li>- Legend on the Bench – suicide prevention promotion.</li> <li>- Barrat Homes – email about proposed wildlife support measures in the Brunton Quarry development including hedgehog highways, swift bricks, bat boxes and tree protection and replacement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Consultations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places consultation – asking for feedback on the accessibility of polling station sites. It was agreed to enquire about the availability of posters for this consultation.</li> <li>- Future of Urban Green (by 8<sup>th</sup> November) – Cllr Locke will draft a response from HPC.</li> <li>- Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation</li> <li>- Movement Strategy Consultation (by 29<sup>th</sup> November)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Locke</b></p>



<p><b>Planning notices and updates</b> – no new planning applications have been identified but Cllr Locke noted that additional documents have been uploaded to the Strategic Routes Planning Application</p> <p><b>High Ridge</b> – copies of the easement offer were circulated to Parish Councillors for consideration. Feedback / comments to Cllr Barbour.</p> <p><b>Elliot Walk</b> – nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Havannah</b> – Cllr Locke will contribute to the Urban Green consultation on behalf of the Parish Council with a focus on the Nature Reserve.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Barbour</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Locke</b></p>
<p><b>11. Other issues raised by Councillors</b></p> <p><b>Clerk's pay</b> – Cllr Barbour reported that the Clerk's salary negotiations have been completed and will be implemented.</p> <p><b>Bulb planting</b> – the bulbs that have been ordered came later than expected but Cllr Locke will plant them in the verge along Coach Lane.</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b> – the next edition will be finalised and published in the next few days.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Locke</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

**Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 6pm.**