

# HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

**In attendance:** 2 residents & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

### AGENDA

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; apologies</b> Cllr Barbour welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> were received from Cllrs Locke &amp; Young; PCSO Mood and Cllr Campion.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b> were agreed and signed by Cllr Barbour.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda</b></p> <p><b>World War 1 Commemorations</b> – Cllr Down reported that more information had been flowing in from the War Graves Commission and approximately 28 men had been identified with connections to the village. The question under discussion is how to progress the project and how much detail to go into. Cllr Barbour suggested that the project should be combined with the lamp post poppies and D Day commemorations and that the information gathered should be posted on the website and village Facebook page inviting residents with connections to the men to get in touch. There was also discussion about commemorating them with a plaque on the Community Centre and on a bench. Cllr Down agreed to continue to do his research and the project will become an agenda item.</p> <p>The Clerk reported back on investigations into NCC's knitted poppies which were not available to borrow because they couldn't be cleaned and had to be destroyed but the knitting / crochet patterns had been shared by NCC and would be added to the website &amp; FB page with an invitation for residents to make some for the village celebrations.</p> <p>It was also reported that large lamp post poppies could be purchased for around £5 each. Cllr Barbour agreed to count the lampposts and suggest the number that would be required.</p> <p><b>Airport Consultative Committee</b> – Cllr Down reported that the airport were willing to pay for a new litter bin but only on condition that NCC agreed to empty it. The clerk was asked to contact Mick Murphy, Head of Local Services to progress this issue.</p> <p><b>Premier Shop parking</b> – Cllr Down reported that he had been advised by North Tyneside Council to make an online request for parking restrictions outside the shop. There was a discussion about potential solutions including bollards to separate the footpath and forecourt. Cllr Down will continue to pursue the issue.</p> <p><b>Northumberland Association of Local Councils / National Association of Local Councils</b> – Cllr Down has begun to receive newsletters and circulars from these organisations and wanted to know how / if the information was shared. He had noticed an interesting item about new avian flu reporting and containment regulations which could affect allotment holders. Cllr Fairley said that NCC were sharing changes in regulations with allotment holders.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Down</b></p> <p><b>Clerk / Cllr Fairley</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Barbour</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Down</b></p>

<p><b>Orchard Planting Day</b> – Cllr Down reported that the day had been a success and that local families had taken part in planting the 10 trees. Cllr Fairley wanted to get a copy of the planting plan and tree tags to identify the species planted. She also wondered about on-going maintenance the possibility of people sponsoring a tree – Cllr Barbour agreed to look into this.</p> <p><b>Boundary Commission review</b> – it was confirmed that HPC’s submission had been lodged.</p> <p><b>Swifts</b> – The funding from Castle Ward Committee will provide 50 swift boxes and box making workshop – being held on 4.5.24. There is also a training day on 3.6.24 to prepare people to survey swifts being organised by Cllr Fairley. Cllr Fairley also shared a useful Facebook link ‘All things Swifts UK’.</p>	<b>Cllr Barbour</b>
<p><b>4. Issues raise by residents</b> None</p>	
<p><b>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors</b> None</p>	
<p><b>6. Hazlerigg Parish Council Action Log</b> This list was started last summer to track and summarise the actions agreed at Parish meetings. It serves as a quick reminder to who is doing what and will make writing the Annual Report simpler for Cllr Locke. An extract from the online document was shared from this year and any updates on the actions should be sent to the clerk.</p>	<b>All</b>
<p><b>7. Bee’s Needs Event Planning</b> It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for future meetings and noted that Urban Green have a series of events planned.</p>	
<p><b>8. Parish Newsletter</b> It was agreed that the same approach as the January newsletter is followed – drafted by the clerk, small print run for shops, community centre and notice boards and posted online. Deadline early June.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<p><b>9. Advertising for new Parish Councillors</b> It was noted that Cllr Young had said that she was leaving the area and that she would likely stand down from the Parish Council. That would leave 3 vacancies on the Parish Council. It was agreed that the seats would be advertised in the next Parish Newsletter and on the website.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<p><b>10. Police Matters</b> The clerk reported that she had written to our PCSO to ask for letters about responsible parking to be sent out by the Police. The PCSO is looking into it.</p> <p>Reported crimes for February 2024 – 17.</p> <p>On or near Ryall Avenue – 1 x criminal damage &amp; arson; 1 x public order  Charles Street - 1 x burglary  Arkle Street – 1 x criminal damage &amp; arson  Ferguson Crescent – 10 x shoplifting; 1 x criminal damage &amp; arson.  1 x public order  Windt Street – 1 x shoplifting</p>	

<p><b>11. Correspondence</b></p> <p>- Newcastle Food Festival advertising for proprietors of food stalls for the Early May Bank Holiday in Exhibition Park.</p> <p>- Free Tennis lessons in clubs and parks – Cllr Barbour will circulate, and the ad will be posted on Facebook and the website.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Bohemians tennis Club at Brunton Park offer free tennis lessons.</p>	<p><b>Cllrs Barbour / Fairley / Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>12. Financial Matters</b></p> <p>The balance at the bank after this month's cheques is £3,574.08.</p> <p>Cheques were approved and signed for £150.16 – Clerk; £37.40 – HMRC. CI Accountancy Limited - £288.00; and NALC subscription - £224.16</p> <p>It was also noted and agreed that a new legal minimum wage had been introduced in the recent budget and that the Clerk's hourly rate should be increased to reflect this.</p>	
<p><b>13. Environment, Planning &amp; Highways</b></p> <p><b>Litter</b> – it was agreed that litter picks would continue on the first Sunday of the month at 10am and that they should be advertised in the newsletter. Parish Councillors will continue their own litter picking sessions as and when.</p> <p>It was agreed that logo hi viz vests weren't necessary.</p> <p>The request for a new litter bin at the exit of Havannah has been sent in.</p> <p><b>Speeding, road safety and traffic management</b> – the speed signs designs from Hazlewood School were reviewed. The shortlisted designs will be photographed and circulated on What's App.</p> <p>The times of the road closures for the speed hump replacement work need to be confirmed and will be posted on the village Facebook page.</p> <p><b>Planning notices / updates</b> – no notifications have been received but that is likely to be because there have been no new applications. The only relevant notices are reserve matters for Cell A.</p> <p><b>Newcastle Great Park Developments</b> – there was a discussion about the path to the new school.</p> <p><b>Allotments</b> – Urban Green have appointed a new Allotments Officer and sent out new Handbooks and Tenancy Agreements to Allotment holders.</p> <p><b>Ogle Avenue Roundabout</b> – it was reported that the grass cutter had mown over the new box plants. It was agreed that the idea of an HPC strimmer was not viable and that the best solution was to get a tub with a statement plant for the centre as originally discussed. HPC will wait for Cllr Campion to come back with an answer about getting hold of an old NCC planter.</p> <p><b>High Ridge</b> – There has been no progress on the Brunton Quarry application so no news on the water pipes or easement issue. HPC are waiting for Northumberland Wild Life Trust to produce a management plan.</p>	<p><b>Clerk Cllr Fairley          Cllr Campion</b></p>

<p><b>Elliot Walk</b> – unfortunately the Reece Foundation aren't able to support an application for a fence to stop parking. The views of NCC that the hedge is the responsibility of Brunswick PC have been forwarded to them but there has been no response as yet. It was suggested that BPC &amp; HPC write back to NCC with a joint letter to press them to take more responsibility for the issues.</p> <p><b>Havannah Nature Reserve</b> – there is to be a Bio – Blitz / nature survey this coming weekend. The ditch /flooding issues are unresolved.</p>	
<p><b>14. Other issues raised by Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Down reported fly tipping in the garages on Ferguson Crescent.</p> <p>Cllr Garbett reported severe flooding across Dinnington Road.</p>	

**Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 7pm.**