

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd October 2024 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: 4 residents & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Down & Ward Councillors Herridge and Avaei.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2024 were agreed with an amendment to the width of the proposed trench for services across High Ridge (1.5m not 15m) and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda A resident asked where the proposed trench would be located on High Ridge – Cllr Locke suggested it might be useful to post the drawing provided by Barratt on the Facebook page.</p>	Cllr Locke
<p>4. Issues raise by residents ? Responsibility for the maintenance of the footpath between Hazlerigg and Brunswick because the streetlights are obscured by foliage. It was noted that NCC are responsible. ? What progress has been made on completing the new Football Pavilion and when will the old pavilion be demolished. It was noted that the Club have been told that they are likely to get access to the new facilities in the New Year. It was also noted that the new MP Emma Foody has had a meeting with the Club. Residents and Parish Councillors are concerned about the building waste which remains on the site and the lack of information about progress. ? Recent shooting incident on NGP land and the field near the Brunton Quarry development. Cllr Locke is trying to find out more and has written to NGP Consortium, Newcastle City Council and phoned the Police to establish why this is being allowed to take place so close to housing and a wildlife corridor. NCC's Ecologist advised that it could be a wildlife crime, so this was also reported to the police. Still waiting for a response from NGP. She will report back to a future meeting. Residents and the Parish Councillors are extremely concerned about the incident given the proximity to houses and the A1. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to find out who owns the land where the incident took place.</p>	Cllr Locke Clerk
<p>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors No Ward Councillors were present at the meeting.</p>	
<p>6. World Wars Commemorations The research into local war veterans is complete and the names of the 13 people being commemorated has been established. There was a discussion about the form the commemoration could take – a plaque inside the Community Centre perhaps fixed next to the existing plaque or a bench beside the memorial tree planted in 2018. The bench idea was popular, and Cllr Barbour agreed to research costs and report back.</p>	Cllr Barbour

<p>30 Large decorative poppies have been purchased by Cllr Barbour which will be put on streetlights through the village in the third week of October. The Community Centre have been collecting knitted poppies which will be strung onto a net to decorate the Centre. Cllr Locke thanked Cllrs Barbour and Down for their work on the project and thanks were extended to the people who have knitted poppies.</p>	Clerk
<p>7. Police Matters <u>Reported Crime Stats June 2024 – 6 crimes.</u></p> <p>On or near Windt Street – 1 x ASB On or near Lola Street – 1x ASB On or near Heddon Avenue – 1 x criminal damage and arson On or near Ryall Avenue – 1 x burglary On or near Arkle Street – 1 x violence and sexual offenses. On or near Castle Street – 1 x criminal damage and arson.</p> <p><u>Reported Crime Stats July 2024 – 10 crimes.</u></p> <p>On or near Leven Street - 1 x burglary On or near Charles Street – 1 x ASB On or near Ogle Avenue - 1 x public order. On or near Windt Street – 1 x ASB On or near North View – 5 x shoplifting. On or near Castle Street - 1 x violence and sexual offenses</p> <p><u>Reported Crime Stats August 2024 – 25 crimes.</u></p> <p>On or near North View – 13 x shoplifting; 1 x violence and sexual offenses. On or near Windt Street – 5 x ASB On or near Charles Street – 2 x ASB; 1 x criminal damage and arson, 1 x drugs; 1 x other crime. On or near Lola Street – 1x ASB</p>	
<p>8. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotions and updates - Reserved matters planning application phase 3 of Cell A relating to layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping for the erection of 22 dwellings (Class C3) and associated landscaping, car parking and infrastructure pursuant to planning permission 2017/0666/01/OUT dated 4/10/2019. - Invitation to NCC’s Movement Strategy Consultation Stakeholder Briefing. - Gosforth’s Wild Web Newsletter – Cllr Locke has contacted Natural History Society of Northumbria to ask about the possibility of talks, walks and workshops. - Reply from Tesco re ASB at One Stop – confirming that security guarding has been put in place and that staff are working with the Police to identify offenders. - Lithium Battery Safety Campaign update. - Resident emails about the shooting incident. 	

9. Financial matters

Current banking position after tonight’s cheques - tbc

Cheques authorised for:

- Scythe £148 (cheque already issued)
- Northumberland Wildlife Trust High Ridge Survey - £420
- Parish Council Annual Insurance Policy - £241
- Seeds & Bulbs - £530
- Decorative poppies for streetlights - £150
- Clerk £164.72; HMRC £41.20

10. Environment, Planning & Highways

Litter – The next litter pick will be Monday 7th October.

There is no progress on the Airport funded bin – NCC have rejected the location suggested by the seat at the end of Coach Lane and have said that they are not accepting requests for bin purchases at this time. The next litter bin review is in spring 2025 and new requests can be put forward then to LitterBins@newcastle.gov.uk Paul Cooper has also stated that the servicing cost is every year, not the first year only as previously advised. The annual cost is currently £742.51.

Cllr Locke reported that there had been no response from the shops she contacted about litter around their premises.

A resident asked where the hotspots for littering were – they are bus stops, around the shops and Elliot Walk. It was suggested that it would be useful to record the volumes and types of litter collected on the litter picks.

There was also a discussion about abandoned domestic bins and if they could be removed by NCC.

Orchard / new trees / watering – 3 of the new trees have failed and it is unclear if they will be replaced. The trees will be pruned in November as part of a NWT led training session. NCC have agreed to water the trees but there are fears that it won’t be frequently enough so the idea of getting water butts at the Community Centre has come back. 4 butts would be needed, and it was agreed to put this on January’s agenda.

Speeding, road safety and traffic management – the child designed speed sign has been installed and further speed records provided. The figures will be shared with Parish Councillors and a resident.

Planning notices and updates – one reserved matters application (listed in correspondence). No date has been set for the Havannah application to be heard. The Brunton Quarry application expires this month, it is unclear if it will be extended. A resident asked if the Parish would be compensated if the developers use High Ridge to run services through to their development. Cllr Barbour explained that they would give a goodwill donation to the Parish, but they are under no obligation to do so. Unfortunately, there appears to no direct benefit from the Brunton Quarry development for Hazlerigg – perhaps if the Parish had a Neighbourhood Plan that might be different? It was agreed to write to Planning about this.

The phone mast is supposed to be reduced in size by the 23 October, the ownership of the mast has changed a number of times since it was installed making it very difficult to keep track of what’s happening.

Cllr Locke reported that an informal, un-minuted, meeting had finally taken place with M. Jamieson of Taylor Wimpey and Parish Councillors where the Great Park was discussed. It had been revealed that it was planned to connect the new footpath to the

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<p>village through the field next to the Community Centre and that the mounds in the field behind, would be relocated to behind Newham Avenue as outlined in the master plan. At the same meeting, a representative of the Reece Foundation gave a presentation about the Ouse Burn Way Project which is concerned with the regeneration of the Ouse Burn from its source around Weetslade to where it joins the Tyne. The Parish Council are keen to look at ways they can support the project and look forward to finding out more as it develops.</p> <p>Allotments – there is a new consultation from NCC on the future of Parks & Open Spaces – the Parish Council need to complete the survey before 8th November.</p> <p>Ogle Avenue Roundabout – the planter has been filled and looks good. Some of the recently purchased bulbs will be planted there too.</p> <p>High Ridge – the implementation of the Management Plan has begun. Scything planned this coming weekend; wild flower seeds being sown in November. Plug plants will be put in next spring in collaboration with Hazlewood School. It was also agreed to liaise with the school about bulb planting and to promote on Facebook. The Grillo cut is scheduled 7.10.24 weather permitting. The Clerk confirmed that our current insurance policy does provide public liability cover for High Ridge, however, the Parish is required to undertake a risk assessment. A pro forma has been shared by NCC but arrangements will need to be made for a site visit to complete it.</p> <p>Bat Walk – the Parish Council are grateful to Northumberland Wildlife Trust for arranging a bat walk in the village a few weeks ago.</p> <p>Elliot Walk – NCC will cut the hedge later this year to support wildlife. An opportunity has arisen from the Everyday Heritage Fund which might provide funding to improve Elliot Walk, however, the situation with parked vehicles and the business being run from the allotments persists which jeopardises any improvements being possible. It was agreed that the parish council could put in an application for the funding and if successful, the project could be an impetus for tackling the parking and other issues. It was agreed that this could be something to discuss with the new MP Emma Foody. In person appointments for surgeries can be arranged by emailing emma.foody.mp@parliament.uk</p> <p>Enid Street / Lola Street grassed areas – the land is owned by Housing (formerly YHN). The Estates Team have been emailed to raise management / ownership of the land. Lola Street has been scythed and a very helpful resident assisted with scything Enid Street. Both plots will be scythed twice a year.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>11. Other issues raised by Councillors</p> <p>Vacancies – no applications have been received. It was agreed to keep advertising and have no closing dates going forward.</p> <p>Garages – issues with allocations continue. Cllr Locke agreed to email again to seek a meeting / resolution.</p> <p>Newsletter – the next edition is due at the end of the month. Cllr Locke has started a draft; the Clerk will format and share.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 31 October 2024 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 6pm.