

HAZELRIGG PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2024 AT HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

In attendance:

Rachel Locke, Chair

Sheila Barbour, Vice Chair (also acting Clerk for the evening)

Louise Fairley, Councillor

Heather Garbett, Councillor

David Down, Councillor

Thom Campion (Ward Councillor)

Ali Avaei (Ward Councillor)

2 Residents

1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies were received from Ali Lamb, Clerk and Andrew Herridge, Ward Cllr.	
2.	Minutes of Meeting 27th June 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were accepted as read and approved by the Chair.	
3.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">There were no matters arising	
4.	Issues raised by residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none">No issues were raised at this point, however a resident advised he would bring up his concern under point 10 'Environment, Planning & Highways later in the meeting.	
5.	Actions/updates from Ward Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none">Urban Green Newcastle 'UGN' – Cllr Avaei was unable to raise his question at the recent meeting as to why no City Cllrs were on the Board of UGN, however Head of Council Nick Kemp confirmed no City Cllrs would sit on the board.The Boundary Commission will give their first statement after the general election.Cllr Campion will speak with Louise Sloan regarding the changes which were to be made to the 5G Mast as to date there has been no progress.	TC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Campion will follow up again regarding a planter for the Ogle Ave roundabout 	TC
6.	<p>World War 1 Commemorations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 28 names has been gathered by Cllr Down. It was agreed to try and establish the ranks of the soldiers, which could be done through the War Memorial Commission. The Genealogy tool is now back on line and can also hopefully assist in the research. Cllrs Down, Barbour and Locke will agree a date in early July to meet to progress matters. 	DD / SB/ RL
7.	<p>Police Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Local PC was unable to attend the meeting this evening and there was no new statistics available for reported incidents. 	
8.	<p>Correspondence has been received from;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various NALC communications • Confirmation that Barratt will attend the next meeting re Brunton Quarry dev/High Ridge • Confirmation that speed sign is progressing. • Summer on the Square flyer for summer activities in Newcastle. 	
9.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheques were approved for the payment of HMRC £41.20, Clerk Salary £164.72, and £170.62 for the purchase of compost and plants to refill the village planters. • The up-to-date position of the bank accounts was presented. • After receipt of the Precept of £9000.00 the balance of the account stands at £12,288.18 before encashment of the cheques approved this evening. 	
10.	<p>Environment, Planning and Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter – The monthly litter pick will take place on Monday 4th July at 6.00pm. The Clerk is to follow up with Mick Murphy regarding the size and placement of a new bin. Cllr Down noted that the fly tipping has not been removed from Ferguson Crescent garages despite him reporting it. Having checked on progress there appeared to be no record of his request. Cllr Down has put in a further request and Cllr Campion is to investigate what can be done to get this problem sorted. It was noted that if the garages were occupied the incidence of fly tipping could be reduced. It was also mentioned that the sweeper truck which comes after bin emptying is cleaning streets which are already clean. • Planning – Cllr Fairley is to attend the Planning Committee Meeting re the Cell B 1 application is to be heard. Herras fencing erected behind the reserve to stop up the bridle/pathways is in disarray and panels are on the ground overwhelmed with foliage. It was distressing to hear of two ducks which died as a result of being caught in Herras Fencing in the Havannah Park estate after the heavy rains recently. 	Clerk TC LF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bee's Needs – It is proposed to run an event in the Community Centre on Tuesday 9th July between 5-7pm to support this initiative. Cllr Locke to liaise with NWL for a poster to advertise the event. • Speeding/Traffic – It was noted by a resident that the placement of the speed cushions because cars are parked, that cars travelling East along Coach Lane are in some cases forcing West bound travellers to move further over. It was agreed nothing could be done to tackle this problem and that it was down to 'driver courtesy' to give way. We were not advised speed sensors were being put in the village, however the Clerk will be asked to request the recorded data to see if the new humps are having the desired effect. • Allotments – It is noted that there is a new Allotments Officer, Mark Todd now in situ. • Ogle Roundabout – Clerk to advise the grass cutting dept that the whole of the roundabout should be cut as leaving a large uncut circle in the middle is no longer relevant after they cut down the plants last month. • High Ridge – The Survey is to take place the first week of July. Cllrs were reminded that the wildlife area is the top end of the field, close to the flats and with a 3-metre border running down the length of the border with the A1. Cllr Locke is to liaise with NWL and advise the area for the survey. Once completed we should look to bring forward the grass cut. • Elliot Walk – The meeting with Brunswick PC had not had a positive outcome as the hedgerow belongs to a private concern and therefore not within their area of responsibility. It was suggested that 'No Parking' signs could be erected on the Wagon Way, which if violated would require Enforcement to act. It was noted that one of the untaxed vehicles had now been moved to Strawberry Terrace which is privately owned land. • Grass Cutting – Concern was raised over the lack of grass cutting on the sports field next to the Community Centre as the grass is now so high there is nowhere for children to play games. Cllr Campion advised the Grass Cutting Policy was being looked at as the current policy does not appear to be working. Weather has also been an issue with grass cutting. • Havannah Nature Reserve – Nothing to report. 	<p>RL</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>RL</p>
11.	<p>Other issues raised by Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport Consultative Committee - Cllr Down advised the suggested air quality monitor sites have been submitted. These will monitor the levels of N02. The airport is increasing its recycling efforts, and a new Masterplan for the Airport is in progress up to 2040. Bus transport to the airport is also under discussion. • Orchard Watering – it was noted there is no watering maintenance plan for the trees in the orchard and after a short period of dry hot weather the trees were suffering. It was agreed to use the hose from the Community Centre for watering, but to look into the purchase of some water butts to be housed at the community centre, that could be 	

	<p>used for watering going forward. Cllrs Locke and Barbour will water weekly Wed or Thursday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Campion is to look into the possibility of having a ‘pop up’ recycling facility in the village.• Dog walkers coming out of Havannah had been seen walking on the road, which due to the speed limit on that section is very dangerous. This again raised the issue of having no path on the left-hand side of the road exiting the village West. Particularly given the overgrown bus stops utilised by schoolchildren having to cross the road and walk along a grass bank before eventually getting to a proper path.• Cllr Fairley suggested the area to the rear of Heddon Ave would be a good place for a Willow Tunnel if this was still an option – to help prevent flooding in that area.• Glyphosate is still being used on verges to prevent growth of grass on to pathways, which NCC had committed to removing.	SB/ RL
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The meeting closed with the next meeting being advised as Thursday 25th July 2024.