

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2023 AT HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: Councillor Campion (Castle Ward Councillor) & 6 local residents, Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from - Parish Councillors Young, Younghusband & Thorp, Alison Flanagan-Wood (NCC), Rachel Kadansky, Sue Wannop, Ward Councillors Avaei & Laverick.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2023 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke with amendments to the date of the meeting and noting that Cllr Robin Ashby represents Parklands Ward.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising Cllr Campion agreed to ask Cllr Avaei to email Cllr Locke about the outcome of his meeting with Cllr Ashby.</p>	Cllr Campion
<p>4. Issues raised by residents Residents asked when the grass at High Ridge open space would be cut. It was noted that NCC had stopped cutting the grass apart from a perimeter path and the football pitch, when it revealed that they weren't the owners. The Parish Council's ownership of the land has recently been confirmed with the discovery of conveyancing documents showing the land was gifted to the Parish Council by the National Coal Board in 1967. The document was on display at the meeting. Cllr Barbour & the Clerk are working through the process of registering the ownership of the land. Residents are concerned that the field is overgrown, unsightly, potentially a fire risk and would like to see it properly managed – the grass cut and or a wild flower meadow created. Cllr Locke noted that the Parish Council has legal obligations to manage it's land to promote biodiversity and has limited funds. The potential for seeking funds from the National Grid Community Fund was discussed. It was agreed that Parish Councillors would work on a proposal to manage the land and bring it back to the next meeting for discussion. The proposal will include the cost of different grass cutting regimes and planting a wild flower meadow and will need to involve Northumberland Wildlife Trust and NCC. Residents also raised concerns about the increased levels of graffiti / tagging in the village which they have reported to NCC. Cllr Locke agreed to raise the issue with Cllr Fox (Weetslade Ward) to ask for it to be removed in the North Tyneside part of the village. Residents also raised concerns about the amount of litter around the village and the need for more litter bins. Cllr Locke said that litter was on the agenda for this meeting and confirmed that she had contacted the convenience stores in the village</p>	Cllr Barbour / Clerk Cllrs / Clerk Cllr Locke

<p>to discuss litter that had clearly originated from their premises but there had been little response.</p> <p>Residents noted that dog poo bags were being dropped where a litter bin had previously been. Cllr Locke urged residents to report the issues to the city council.</p> <p>A resident raised concerns about a cannabis smell around Ferguson Crescent – the difficulties of proving / reporting were discussed.</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about overnight noise and disruption experienced during roadworks on the A1. There is also a huge lorry tyre on the embankment that needs to be removed. The Parish Council will write to National Highways about the complaint and suggest that the hedge that has been planted to reduce noise is thickened.</p> <p>Responsibilities in relation to the management of the A1 embankment would also be raised as an issue with NCC’s Director of Operations.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke / Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p>
<p>5. Great Park Management Company</p> <p>Apologies were received from the guest speaker and the difficulties in arranging a meeting with the Consortium. Cllr Locke agreed to compile a list of discussion points for the Clerk to forward to the Consortium & the Great Park Management Company.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke / Clerk</p>
<p>6. Arts Development / Artist in Residency Programme</p> <p>Apologies were received from the guest speaker. The Clerk said that NCC were offering community organisations the opportunity to apply for a residency for 2023 / 24. Successful organisations would get an artist to work with them for a year, the artist would be paid by NCC, but the host organisation would be expected to provide in kind support in terms of room hire and organising groups for the artist to work with.</p> <p>Parish Councillors said that although it was nice idea, it wasn’t a priority currently and wouldn’t be progressed unless Cllr Thorp had a project in mind.</p>	<p>Cllr Thorp</p>
<p>7. Litter</p> <p>The draft litter strategy paper was circulated for discussion.</p> <p>Cllr Campion said that NCC would be evaluating their provision of litter bins soon so it would be a good time to ask for additional bins. He said that in order to achieve savings, the strategy was to provide fewer, larger bins and their location was chosen on the basis of distance between them.</p> <p>Additional bins will be requested for Chelton Close, the entrance to Havannah at Strawberry Terrace, and at the bus stop at High Ridge.</p> <p>Cllr Fairley noted that the Sainsbury’s store at High Heaton were trialling a can and bottle deposit scheme to encourage recycling.</p> <p>It was also noted that a recycling scheme at the Community Centre had been withdrawn because too little material was being collected and there were problems with contamination.</p> <p>Litter in laybys in the village was also an issue. People witing to collect passengers from the Airport and / or plane spotters are the culprits. Cllr Barbour agreed to raise this at the next Airport Consultative meeting and ask for funding for bins and notices.</p> <p>The Litter Lotto phone app was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Fairley would promote the initiative on the village Facebook site and that it would be included in the next newsletter.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Cllr Barbour</p> <p>Cllr Fairley /Newsletter</p>

<p>It was agreed that the organised litter picks would resume again in April – first Monday of the month at 6pm.</p> <p>Environmental Information Regulations 2004 – give Parish Councils powers to issue fixed penalty notices for littering & fly tipping and to provide litter bins. It was noted that the Parish Council would have to pay NCC to empty such bins and that Parish Councillors did not want to be involved in enforcement action. It was agreed that the Parish Council’s role was to support civic pride and behaviour change.</p> <p>Cllr Fairley suggested asking the Play & Youth workers if the young people would get involved in litter picking.</p> <p>It was also suggested that local “litter hero’s” could be featured in the newsletter</p> <p>It was agreed that the Litter Strategy should be expanded to include the discussion points from the meeting and then formally adopted.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllr Fairley</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Locke / All</p>
<p>8. Ogle Avenue Roundabout planting</p> <p>Cllr’s Locke & Fairley will work together to develop a planting scheme for the roundabout which is basically an inner ring of evergreen shrubs such as box with and outer ring of bulbs. Cllr’s Garbett & Fairley will approach local supermarkets for donations of bulbs.</p> <p>The budget was agreed – up to £300 from Parish Council funds.</p> <p>Residents also raised the issue of the planters around the village and the possibility of adding more plants to them. The difficulties of watering in the summer were noted.</p>	<p>Cllrs Locke, Fairley & Garbett.</p>
<p>9. Police Matters</p> <p>Crime Statistics are the same as last month because they are updated annually. The Clerk will write to PCSO Linda Smith to find out if there is a more up to date source of information.</p> <p>It was noted that there have been lots of incidents on the Great Park recently including mopeds.</p> <p>The Parish Council will write to the Police & Crime Commissioner to ask for more visible policing in the area.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p>
<p>10. Correspondence</p> <p>It was noted that HPC is not eligible to apply to the National Grid Community Grants Programme, but the Community Centre is. It was agreed to look into the potential for funding.</p>	
<p>11. Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new bank mandate is almost complete. • There is a surplus in the current account this year of £2,000 which can be used for project work. • The increase in the Precept has been accepted and will be collected from April 2023. • It is estimated that next year, there will be a budget of £1,000 for project work. • Cheques for £187.56 (Clerk) and £37.60 (HMRC) were authorised. 	
<p>12. Environment, Planning & Highways.</p>	

<p>Ferguson Crescent Garages & road resurfacing – Cllr Locke wrote to Catherine McKinnell MP. There are no current plans to resurface Ferguson Crescent. A resident asked why the driveways on Ferguson Crescent didn't have dropped kerbs when the rest of the estate did. It was noted that dropped kerbs were provided when the Council resurfaced the estate roads over 10 years ago – Cllr Campion agreed to try to find out why Ferguson Crescent didn't get the same treatment.</p> <p>5G Mast – A meeting with Planning & Environmental Health Officers has taken place. NCC are not taking any further action in relation to the mast. Legal action seems to be the only way forward now. NCC have agreed to provide further information.</p> <p>Speeding – the remedial speed cushion works are programmed for w/c 27th February. It was noted that there weren't enough repeater signs to reinforce the speed limit on the North Tyneside stretch of Coach Lane. Flashing driver feedback signs are needed on Coach Lane – would it be possible to start a Go Fund Me Page / other Crowd Funding initiative to fund them? The costs of buying / running the signs needs to be established.</p> <p>Public Transport – it was noted that the bus service is getting better and that the timetable is going back to the original frequency. The flat rate single fare of £2 is going to continue until the end of June. Cllr Campion will ask for HPC to be added to Nexus' Stakeholder list.</p> <p>Planning – the Kingston Village application has been agreed. A further objection to the application at Brunton Quarry needs to be submitted.</p> <p>Tree Planting – posters advertising the Community Forest Planting Event on 12th March were circulated for display.</p> <p>Hedgerow Planting & Pavilion – ground works should now be complete in advance of planting works next week. Issues around the pavilion including rubbish and a break in will be passed onto Brunswick Parish Council. Cllrs Locke and Barbour met with NCC Open Spaces Manager Mark Todd regarding the possibility of putting a low-level fence along Elliot Walk to prevent vehicles parking on same and deter fly tippers. The project is at the early stage as permissions may need to be sought and funding sourced.</p> <p>Havannah Nature Reserve – Cllrs Locke, Barbour & Fairley reported that they had had a good meeting with Urban Green and that Management Plans for both the Nature Reserve and the Park were coming soon.</p> <p>Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan – it was noted that the plan was now under public consultation.</p>	<p>Cllr Campion</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Campion</p> <p>Cllr Barbour</p> <p>Cllr Campion</p>
<p>13. Issues raised by Parish Councillors Cllr Fairley asked for an update on Newham Avenue issues which Cllr Avaei was chasing. Cllr Campion will remind him.</p>	<p>Cllr Campion</p>

Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 30th March 2023 at Hazlerigg Memorial Hall at 7pm.