

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30th October 2025 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: Adam Ewart & Jack Ravenscroft (Newcastle International Airport); 5 residents & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Garbett and Ward Councillor Cllr Avaei.</p>	
<p>2. Newcastle International Airport Masterplan 2040 AE explained that the masterplan had been drawn up to set out the long-term aspirations for the airport's growth and the land it would need to achieve them. They are required to produce one every 5 years. The masterplan is an important document that is referenced in their planning applications. The airport has some major ambitions including reaching Net Zero by 2035 and increasing passenger and employee numbers. The masterplan covers ideas such as a 700m runway extension to accommodate larger planes to reach more long-haul destinations - it was noted that a longer runway will mean that aircraft are quieter because they will need less thrust to get airborne. And new road layouts around the site to manage increased traffic - additional car park capacity is envisaged and new entrances to existing car parks. The masterplan also details the development of more business and office accommodation on site. JR said that there were no Net Zero targets for airlines using the airport, the targets were for direct airport services such as their vehicles, business concessions, and travel plans for staff and passengers. Emissions have been reduced by 1/3 in the last 5 years - mainly because of the on-site solar farm which generates 1/5 of all the energy requirements of the terminal. Other contributing factors include converting the runway lights from halogen to LED and using biofuel in their diesel vehicles - ultimately, the fleet is being electrified and will use electricity generated by the solar farm. The airport is looking to technological innovations to decrease emissions such as increasing battery storage capacity for the electricity generated by the solar farm. Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The new parking facility at Callerton Parkway.- Runway extension and the impact on emissions and noise if aircraft are bigger, more frequent and coming in at a lower angle.- The consultation process and ways of participating.- The use of solar panels on the rooves of buildings such as the new multi-storey car park and vehicles.- The expansion of the solar farm.- The potential for other green energy sources such as wind turbines.- The impact of the solar farm on wildlife.- An offer of a tour of the solar farm was made by AE / JR.- A request for a copy of the Airports AQ data was made.	

<p>- Public transport services to and from the airport and the withdrawal of the bus service from Dinnington - being discussed with Nexus.</p> <p>Cllr Locke thanked the officers for their presentation and urged residents to visit the airport's website and participate in the consultation.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising not otherwise on the agenda - None</p>	
<p>5. Issues raised by residents</p> <p>Grounds Maintenance - Residents raised their concerns about grounds maintenance in the Newcastle part of the village which they felt compared less favourably to the North Tyneside maintained area and to other parts of Newcastle such as Dinnington and Gosforth - photographs were shared to illustrate the points being made about weeds, pavement moss, overgrown shrubbery, the neatness of grass cutting and grass around tree stems. It was noted that the City Council had recently allocated £1.7m from reserves to provide additional resources to tackle such issues in a Neighbourhood Pride initiative. Residents confirmed that a crew had been seen working in the village and their work was making a difference. It was suggested that the best presented areas in the city probably benefitted from higher levels of community involvement in their maintenance. Cllr Locke said that the Parish Council welcomed the additional investment in the village. A resident said that many of the trees in the village were overgrown and needed to be cut back. Cllr Locke said that the City Council's tree portal details the inspection regime for every tree in the city which residents can access. A resident said that trees must be maintained in order to remain healthy and questioned the approach of leaving a 1m buffer around tree stems in the village which had been requested by the Parish Council following damage to tree stems by the grasscutter. Action - It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the Tree Officer and ask for a position statement about the trees in the village.</p> <p>Litter Bins - A resident asked why the village didn't have more bins given the number of litter hotspots. Cllr Barbour said that the Parish Council had offered to fund the purchase of additional bins in the village however the City Council would not agree to empty and maintain these bins. Unfortunately, the ongoing costs could not be met by the Parish Council. Cllr Locke said that it was important to report littering, dog fouling and fly tipping to the Council because they used that data to deploy resources. She also noted the Parish Council's Litter Strategy and the voluntary litter picks undertaken by Parish Councillors and local volunteers. Cllr Down said that reporting was important and that enforcement activity by the council did follow reports.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>6. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors - On behalf of Ward Councillor Avaei, Cllr Down said that issues raised by residents about the InPost lockers at the Premier Shop had been followed up. The Planning Department had confirmed that the facility needed planning permission but doesn't have it. Similarly, the hot food van is subject to various planning conditions but the</p>	

<p>exact requirements depend on where and how the van operates. Whether permissions are required or not, is not clear at the moment.</p> <p>A resident said that loud music from the gym had also caused concern for residents and Environmental Health were involved. During the summer, the windows were often open, and the sessions could go until 9pm.</p> <p>It was noted that the building is old and doesn't benefit from modern noise attenuation.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Parish Council could collect comments / views from residents about the InPost lockers in preparation for a retrospective planning application being made - it was noted that many residents appreciated the service they provided.</p> <p>Action - a Facebook post to be made asking for views about the InPost lockers.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke</p>
<p>7. Police Matters</p> <p>Reported crimes from Northumbria Police Crime Map - August 2025</p> <p>5 crimes reported from on or nearby: Charles Street - 1 x criminal damage or arson, 1 x violence or sexual offense. Matfen Avenue - 1 x theft North View - 1 x shop lifting Chelton Close - 1 x violence or sexual offense.</p> <p>It was noted that following a recent spate of trying doors in the area, 5 teenagers had been arrested. This is a success for community action with residents submitting doorbell footage and reporting issues to the Police.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Council's EPIC Team (a community safety initiative) had attended a coffee morning at the Community Centre to support and advise residents and they would be attending monthly going forward.</p> <p>Action - it was agreed that the Police would be invited again, to attend a Parish Council meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p> <p>Updates and newsletters from: WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme), Lithium Battery Safety Campaign, NALC (local and national Association of Local Councils), NGN (Northern Gas Networks), CAN (Community Action Northumberland), Communities Team, Parks Forum.</p> <p>Follow ups from Parish Council meetings: construction vehicles and Strawberry Terrace, confirmation of the grass cutting regime in the village, tree work and tree planting on High Ridge, yellow rattle - seeds to replace plants, orchard sign progress.</p> <p>Issues raised: Public Rights of Way, litter bins and barbed wire in Havannah - raised with Planning & NGP, fly tipping on Lola and Lieven Street.</p> <p>Other: meeting notes - All Parishes Meeting, Ad Gefrin Community Awards, Hedgehog signs, Airport AQ data, pond survey in Havannah, Flags on lamp posts.</p>	
<p>9. Financial matters</p> <p>Current banking position - £10,286 (current account), £8,482 (election reserves and project grants).</p> <p>Payments authorised for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk - £179.30 - HMRC - £44.80 - Cable ties for poppies - £15.99. 	

<p>It was also that invoices were expected for additional poppies (£60), the last grass cut of the year (£120) and the orchard sign (£1,000).</p>	
<p>10. Environment Planning & Highways</p> <p>Playground swings - Cllr Fairley reported that the baby swings had been condemned and removed by the Council. They have however, agreed to replace them - Cllr Fairley will forward the correspondence to HPC.</p> <p>It was also noted that recently, anti-social behaviour had been taking place in the park. The matter has been reported to the EPIC Team who are in contact with the wardens and a security light has been installed on the side of the centre, pointing into the park. There is also increasing amounts of littering in the park, and it was agreed that more signs would be helpful.</p> <p>Action: contact NCC to ask for more litter signs.</p> <p>Grounds maintenance & grass cutting - largely covered under item 5 but there was also a discussion about the information for the farmer in relation to cutting High Ridge which should be on the next agenda.</p> <p>Litter and litter picking - a draft risk assessment for litter picking activities has been prepared by Cllr Locke and will be brought to the next meeting for discussion. Cllr Locke has also written to MP Emma Foody about litter and will chase-up her reply.</p> <p>Speeding, road safety & traffic management - an enquiry has been made to Traffic Management about the Strawberry Terrace residents request for a 'residents only parking sign' - Traffic Management have confirmed that they can't fund signs for private roads but could arrange for the work if a budget was available - est. £750 including instalment.</p> <p>Similarly, the pothole on the street reported at a previous meeting is the responsibility of the landowner, not the Council.</p> <p>Planning updates - a current application from the Brunton Quarry developers concerns some refinements to the scheme. Cllr Locke urged Parish Councillors to revisit HPC's original submission to the planning application and consider whether additional comments were necessary.</p> <p>A resident expressed some suspicions about the development and it's potential to increase in size in the future and questioned why the route of the estate's sewer was to be through High Ridge rather than towards the Great Park. A Parish Councillor said that the Parish understood that the route of the sewer had been chosen because it was the most direct route to the main sewer which runs under Coach Lane.</p> <p>NGP developments - Cllr Locke confirmed that there were no litter bins planned under the planning permission for the new path and that it had been suggested that HPC contact the school to find out if they were planning to install any around their site. It was reported that young people are walking through the construction area even though fences are in place.</p> <p>High Ridge - Cllr Fairley will continue communications with the farmer re grass cutting.</p> <p>Orchard sign - approved and agreed.</p> <p>Elliot Walk - it was noted that there had been no further communication about the proposal to install double yellow lines on Elliot Walk and it was agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>There has also been reports of fly tipping on there too.</p>	<p>Cllr Fairley</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Cllr Fairley</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p>

<p>Havannah - Cllr Locke confirmed that she had raised fencing and the ponds at the Parks Forum.</p>	
<p>11. Other issues raised by Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Locke said that the next All Parishes meeting was in March 26 and suggested that HPC make a list of agenda items to put forward.</p> <p>Cllr Fairley confirmed that the EPIC Team would be attending a Coffee Morning in November.</p> <p>The unreliability of bus services in the village was raised with various reports of cancelled and delayed services causing chaos for residents. Cllr Locke urged residents to report the issues to Arriva to help build up a picture of the failing services.</p> <p>Memorial bench plans - it was agreed that the project should be picked up again and plans made for a new bench to be sited near the bus stop in the middle of the village.</p> <p>Local bus services - Cllr Locke raised the issue of bus services in the village and asked for further discussion at the next meeting.</p>	

Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 27th November 2025 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 6pm.

Please note the January meeting will be one week earlier than usual on Thursday 22nd January 2026.