

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 July 2026 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: 7 residents, Cabinet Member Peter Lovatt, Ward Councillors Jamie Robinson & David Down, 2 staff from the Elections Team NCC, 2 members of the EPIC Team NCC, 1 representative of the Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
1. 1. Welcome and apologies. Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ward Cllr Mohammed.	
2. 2. Community Governance Review (CGR) 3. Staff from the Elections Team gave a brief introduction to the process of implementing the Community Governance Review which looks at the boundaries and names of all 6 parish councils in the city to assess their current relevance. The review will consider requests to redraw those boundaries to include new communities or move existing communities from one parish to another. It was noted that Hazlerigg and Brunswick Parish Councils had made a joint request for the review to consider moving the Havannah Park estate from its current location within Brunswick Parish into Hazlerigg Parish boundary. 4. The timetable outlined for the review was: 5. 31/07/26 – Terms of reference for the review published on NCC website which is the formal start of the CGR. 6. 14/08/26 – 6 weeks of consultation opens and contributions are welcomed either on Let's Talk Newcastle, by email or letter. 7. 28/09/26 – consultation closes. 8. Draft recommendations about new boundaries, names or electoral arrangements are drawn up by the Elections Team and consultation on those opens on 02/11/26 until 30/11/26. 9. Final recommendations are taken to Constitutional Committee in December 26. Full Council will vote on any changes in January 27, and changes will be implemented for the Parish elections in May 27. Officers appealed for help with raising awareness and encouraging residents to participate in the consultation, they said they would produce posters and publicise the consultation on the council's social media. In response to a question, it was noted that the CGR can only look at parish	

boundaries within the city boundary and can not look at the boundaries between Newcastle and North Tyneside.	
3. Special agenda item – fires in Havannah Nature Reserve It was noted that Cllr Locke had contacted Cllr Peter Lovatt (Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods) following a series of anti-social behaviour fires in Havannah. Cllr Lovatt had brought members of the EPiC Team and TWFRS along to the meeting to discuss the problems because of their experience with similar issues in other open spaces. TWFRS confirmed that the latest incident was more serious than 2 previous call outs and this one had involved 2 fire appliances to get it under control – previous incidents had been dealt with by buckets and beaters. TWFRS said that they had written to all schools in the city last year to raise awareness about wildfires. The public are urged to report fires to the fire service and advised not to tackle fires themselves. It was stressed that reporting fires is crucial to help TWFRS gather data and evidence about incidents so they can build up appropriate resources. For example, as a result of the most recent incident, TWFRS have requested a new water supply be installed in the Strawberry Terrace area to help protect those properties. A resident expressed concern about procedures for alerting residents to danger from fires and evacuation protocols. TWFRS said that they worked closely with the police and had strong protocols in place. Councillors noted that there weren't enough signs about the danger of fires in place and the TWFRS rep agreed that it would be helpful to have more signs as climate change indicates that the risk of wildfires will increase. The importance of managing fly tipping and other debris was acknowledged as these items are often used as fuel for fires. A resident expressed concern about the fire risk that the Springvale factory could pose but was assured by TWFRS that the factory would have robust fire safety procedures in place. Officers from EPiC introduced their service – they said that they had a presence in communities to identify and address ASB. They do this by consulting residents and patrolling. They appealed for residents to report incidents and be the eyes and ears of the service. It was noted that the EPiC Team have been patrolling Elliot Walk and are working with the Dog Warden. The officers also made the point that as a society, we are becoming more accustomed to ASB, and these behaviours are being normalised which leads to under reporting. Whilst crime appears to be falling, the team suspect that in fact, it is reporting rates that are falling. The team strongly encourage residents to report fires to both the police and TWFRS and also suggest logging incidents over time, saving up a number of incidents for one report.	

The team also noted that they are working with partners such as the Youth Justice team to affect interventions in youth ASB. The team appealed for information to help identify perpetrators so that their interventions can be better targeted. TWFRS rep suggested sharing the Fire Stoppers number and leaflets in the area and noted that the FRS Prevention & Education Team had visited all the local schools last year and would be attending the Family Fun Day on 17/08/26. EPiC will also be supporting the Fun Day with work and education to discourage fly tipping and support youth provision. Cllr Lovatt said that it was important to act now on the issues to avoid further escalation. TWFRS rep said that there was 'safe & well' activity planned on Strawberry Terrace to reassure residents and provide information and fire safety information including smoke alarms. He also offered to attend any multi-agency walkabouts in the area. The issue of professional dog walkers in the nature reserve was raised with Cllr Lovatt – the concerns were noted but he said that licences were only needed if boarding services were being provided, not for dog walking alone.	
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 02 July 2026 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.	
4. Matters Arising not otherwise on the agenda: - Newsletter – being finalised. - Action log – reminder to keep using it.	
5. Issues raised by residents: Repainting seating – the council have confirmed that they have no resource to repaint street furniture so the task will have to be done by volunteers. Grass cutting – concerns should be addressed at the walkabout. Weed control – the village has the standard spraying regime. Walkabout dates – dates have been circulated. A resident said that they had asked operatives to cut certain strips that were being left with little success. They also said that they thought that the uncut 1m buffer around tree stems should be scrapped. Residents complained about pavement parking on High Ridge which is obstructing the footpath and damaging the surface – Cllr Down noted that parking enforcement have powers to challenge this coming into force in September. Concerns were also raised about the gym business and its inappropriate location with parking and noise inconveniencing residents. Cllr Down said he was pursuing noise monitoring equipment for residents in Dolphin Villas.	
6. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors - Cllr Down reported that his efforts to protect dropped kerbs with white lines on Coach Lane had been unsuccessful because North Tyneside Council don't do that scheme	

anymore. - He has had success with his request for their mobile speed camera to be deployed on Coach Lane and was in the process of agreeing dates. - The work in affect pavement repairs on Coach Lane is ongoing. - A school bus service is starting in September and will stop in Hazlerigg. - Requests for Community payback have been deemed unviable but officers have offered to include the village in the social value scheme they operate with local employers. - Cllr Robinson noted that a lot of actions he had noted were dependent on the walkabout. - He has met with NGP officers again and was exploring issues with the land behind Newham Avenue with them. NGP have been doing a lot of work to get the PH of the soil there right for heathland plants to be planted in the next planting season – November 26 to March 27. - Strawberry Terrace bollards work is ongoing.	
7. Police Matters Reported Crime Statistics – May 2026 – 7 crimes reported from on or near: Coach Lane – 1 x violence or sexual offence. Charles Street – 3 x violence or sexual offence. Windt Street – 1 x shoplifting. Castle Street – 1 x violence or sexual offence. High Ridge – 1 x violence or sexual offence.	
8. Correspondence To and from NCC – Arrangements for the walkabout; tree removal on Castle Street; fires in Havannah; removal of bird’s mouth fencing near Arkle Street; grass cutting; Community Governance Review update; bollards on Strawberry Terrace. From residents – safety of wildlife in NGP and signage. Other – Angling Trust and illegal fishing; One Stop shop management – recycling bin agreed; workplace pensions; Mulching Day arrangements 11/08/26; chestnut tree management at high Ridge, Airport Consultative Committee papers.	
9. Financial Matters The precept has been received from NCC. The memorial bench has been purchased, and we await a decision about installing it. Cheques approved for: Clerk’s July Salary - £194.06 HMRC - £48.40	
10. Environment, Planning & Highways • Memorial Bench – enquiries about installation and permissions are ongoing. • Orchard – CCTV camera and the rubbing posts are now installed – thanks to be	AL

passed on to Nathan for doing this. • Bees Needs – HPC didn't win an award this year but the wildlife gardening competition and supporting activities are ongoing. • Litter – litter is being thrown from parked cars near the gym and there is lots of broken glass around the Parcel lockers. Large amounts of recyclable materials are being thrown around the village, is there a need for more recycling bins? It was noted that getting more bins isn't the issue, it's the cost of getting them emptied. Cllr Down noted that he could not ask for council bins to be located on private land. Cllr Robinson suggested passing the names of known litterers to the EPiC team and put forward the idea of holding a litter event. The next litter pick is on 03/08/26 and will be supported by the Marie Cadet group from the Centre. • Speeding and road safety – as previously mentioned, North Tyneside officers have acknowledged the speeding issues on Coach Lane and are deploying the mobile speed camera. Parking in the bus stop opposite High Ridge is a persistent problem – photos have been sent into NT Council. It was suggested that CCTV onboard buses may have recorded it too. Cllr Down agreed to send the photos to Arriva. • Planning notices / updates – a resident asked what was happening with the Brunton Quarry development, they are concerned that the promises made at a previous meeting in terms of protecting wildlife will slip overtime – it was agreed that the Parish Council would request an update. Cllr Locke asked Cllr Robinson to ask NGP officers if the 30m buffer zone between the development and Hazlerigg was being respected. • High Ridge – the words for the signs need to be recirculated. • Elliot Walk – land ownership to be explored with Planning • Havannah – Puri Puri Burr has been found in the reserve and signage requested. Work with the Angling Trust about illegal fishing is ongoing. It was agreed that officers from NCC Parks and Open Spaces should be invited to a future meeting. A resident asked who they should report incidents of fly tipping and motorbikes in the reserve to – to the Parks Department at NCC.	DD HPC JR AL DD
11. Other issues raised by Councillors: Cllr Garbett reported an incident when a young person had been observed fly tipping in Havannah – enquiries with the parent revealed that it was likely to be an instruction from the parent to the young person. Cllr Locke noted that the abandoned bins in back lanes had finally been removed.	

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 24 September 2026 at Hazlerigg Community Centre at 6pm.