

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th November 2025 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: 4 residents, Cllr Colin Ferguson, 2 Northumbria Police Officers & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Avaei.</p>	
<p>6. Police Matters The Parish Council were pleased to welcome Beat Managers Adam & Jordan from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. The Officers introduced themselves and invited questions and comments from the meeting. A Parish Councillor mentioned the congregation of young people in the bus stop and in the park who were engaging in anti-social behaviours. The Officers said that they were aware of the issue and agreed to increase patrols. They noted that the Team were on duty till midnight every night and encouraged residents to continue to report concerns. A resident raised concerns about offensive graffiti in the A1 underpass. The Officers said they were aware of this issue also and were investigating. A parish Councillor said that they had reported the graffiti to Highways England, both Local Authorities and to NCC's EPIC Team who deal with Community Safety issues. A resident also raised concerns for a rough sleeper in the village who had been seen sleeping in the bus stop and other locations around the village. The Officers encouraged such matters too be reported either through the police's website or by ringing 101. It was also acknowledged that the spate of door trying in the village had been tackled and arrests made, thanks to the vigilance of residents reporting and submitting doorbell footage. Cllr Locke thanked the Officers for their attendance.</p> <p>Reported Crime Statistics – September 2025 6 crimes were reported according to the Northumbria Police Crime map website from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coach Lane – 1 x other crime- Lieven Street – 1 x violence or sexual offense.- Charles Street – 1 x anti-social behaviour.- Ryall Avenue - 1 x public order offense.- Matfen Avenue – 1 x burglary.- North View – 1 x violence or sexual offense.	

<p>insurance, and membership of representative bodies. The relatively low number of properties in the parish was also discussed as a factor and the pending adoption of Havannah Park into Hazlerigg Parish Council's boundary following a Community Governance Review in 2026.</p> <p>It was noted that other parishes, as well as a larger council tax base, had income sources from land and property they might own and from developer contributions if they had a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>A resident raised the easement agreement which the Parish Council had reached with Barrett Homes about High Ridge noting the potential income of £10k relating to the Brunton Quarry development. Cllr Barbour explained that the Parish will only receive this money if the development goes ahead and it will be earmarked for the maintenance of High Ridge.</p> <p>The Clerk's salary review and back pay were agreed.</p> <p>Payments authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hazlerigg Community Centre - £3,900 - Clerk - £179.30 - HMRC - £44.80 	
<p>9. Environment, Planning & Highways</p> <p>Parish Council draft policies on Planning Applications, Environmental; Bio-diversity Duty & Action Plan – parish councillors agreed that the drafts were well written and informative and that should all be adopted. The policy papers are to be posted on the website.</p> <p>Memorial Bench – Councillor Fairley noted that there was someone locally who would install the bench but recommended that there should be some consultation first – on the village FB page, by notices in the shops and on the website. A resident asked who would maintain the bench and if it would be used. It was noted that the bench would be a low maintenance recycled plastic one and that a seat previously in that location (opposite the One Stop shop) had been well used.</p> <p>Location of a new connecting footpath – it was agreed that a drop-in public engagement session would be arranged to garner public feedback about the path's route – potentially in the first week of February.</p> <p>Grass cutting agreement – the draft agreement will be emailed to the contractor for comment.</p> <p>Litter - Draft Litter picking risk assessment – agreed and to be published on the website.</p> <p>It was noted that the Love Where You Live initiative has contacted the Community Centre and had been referred to the Inspire Youth Group. A contact for Amanda Turnbull was shared with the Clerk.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>The issue of the Salvation Army clothes recycling bin fire was raised, and that One Stop have requested additional collections to minimise the amount of clothes left on the street next to the bin. It was noted that the Salvation Army had also asked about siting a charity collection bin near the Centre but there were concerns about littering issues arising from such bins.</p> <p>A parish councillor asked if HPC had been informed about how much waste had been collected from the electricals skip collection in September. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to find out.</p> <p>Traffic Management – A resident reported that they had seen the Community Centre’s van speeding through the village. The Centre volunteers agreed to investigate. The Community Centre continue to have issues with unloading and are unhappy with NCC’s response to their request for loading facilities within the bus stop. Action – HPC will write to the MP. It was also noted that there are delays to the actions outlined at the meeting with our Traffic Management Engineer earlier in the year due to the delays in the map-based traffic orders system being installed.</p> <p>Planning – covered under correspondence.</p> <p>Playground improvements – we are waiting for replacement of the swings removed from the park – Cllr Fairley has a contact and correspondence from NCC.</p> <p>Newcastle Great Park – covered under correspondence.</p> <p>Elliot Walk – progress with the proposed double yellow lines is caught up in the map-based system delays. The planting plan for Elliot Walk has not been received, the Clerk was asked to enquire with the Tree Officer about this.</p> <p>High Ridge – the planting plan for High Ridge has not been received – the Clerk was asked to enquire about this. Cllr Barbour agreed to ask Banks about funding for the High Ridge sign.</p> <p>Orchard – Ward Grant funding has been received to pay for the new orchard sign (on show at the meeting) which will be mounted on the Community Centre wall. 3 new trees have been planted in the orchard - 2 to replace the failed ones and 1 new one – there are 11 trees in total now.</p> <p>Brunton Quarry – the Clerk was asked to find out when the application will be heard at Planning Committee.</p> <p>Havannah – it was confirmed that the Estates Manager for Parks has accepted the invitation to the January HPC meeting on 22/01/26.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Fairley</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Barbour</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>10. Other issues raised by Councillors. None</p>	

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 22 January 2025 at Hazlerigg Community Centre at 6pm.