

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24th JULY 2025 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: 2 residents, Ward Councillor Avaei & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Garbett.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising not otherwise on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Change of the Parish's web and email addresses - NALC have not replied so far, to the enquiry about a reduction in their fees resulting from the new arrangements. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Woolsington Parish Clerk to ask about their web arrangements. <p>The issue will be on the agenda for the September meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EPIC Team and Housing Officer surgeries - both have been invited to attend Coffee Mornings and provide dates so that residents can be advised.- Beef n Leaf burger van - the Clerk contacted the gym to discuss the incident. The permission for the van to be on site came from the owner of the Premier Shop who owns the building. Toilet facilities are available in both the gym and the shop. It was suggested that in the first week of the van's operation, the opening hours of the van exceeded those of the shop and gym so that could explain the problem. There are handwashing facilities in the van.	Clerk
<p>4. Issues raised by residents</p> <p>Parish boundaries - residents asked about the timescale for a review of parish boundaries. Currently, Havannah Park is in Brunswick Parish, but the estate has all its connections with Hazlerigg, so they feel it is more appropriate that they are part of the Hazlerigg Parish Council area. It was noted that following the elections in May 26, the City Council can embark on a Community Governance Review which will consider changes to Parish Boundaries. Community Governance Reviews are on the agenda for the 'All Parishes' meeting on 24th September so we will find out more about the process there and report back.</p>	
<p>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pop-up recycling facility - A skip will be sited on Coach Lane in the lay-by closest to North View on Wednesday 10th September, 7am to 1pm. Publicity will be sent out to households in Hazlerigg (Newcastle residents only).- Shipping container - Cllr Avaei is still working on a resolution.- Illegal fishing in Havannah - Cllr Avaei was asked to raise the issue in the City Council.	Cllr Avaei
<p>6. Police Matters</p> <p>Reported crime statistics May 2025 – taken from the Northumbria Police Crime Map:</p>	

<p>8 reported crimes – reports made from or nearby to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lieven Street – 3 x Violent or sexual offenses. - Heddon Avenue - 1 x Anti-social behaviour - North View - 2 x Violent or sexual offenses; 1 x shoplifting - High Ridge - 1 x Criminal damage or arson. 	
<p>7. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates and newsletters - NGN, NALC (National & Northumberland), CAN. - Promotions and advertisements including DeFib Supplies, VJ Day, Playgrounds and web designers. - Notice of the next All Parishes Meeting – 24.09.25 at 4pm. - Meeting NGP and NCC planning officer – arranged 1st September, 1pm at the Civic Centre. - S106 funding - the Head of Planning has informed us that an Officer has been tasked with compiling the information in relation to contributions earmarked for Havannah. - Notice of a planning application for a porch on Ferguson Crescent. - Progress on settling the agreement between to Parish Council and the developers in relation to the Brunton Quarry development. - Reports made about illegal fishing in Havannah. 	
<p>8. Financial matters</p> <p>The balance on the accounts is approx. £11,600 (current); £8,424.69 (reserves).</p> <p>Payments authorised for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk - £179.30 - HMRC - £44.80 - Grass cutting - £120. 	
<p>9. Environment Planning & Highways</p> <p>Grass Cutting – It has been confirmed been by NCC that they cut a minimum of 8 times per year in the village and that no grass will be cut by them on High Ridge, including the 5 aside pitch. NCC have also offered to provide yellow rattle seed to replace the plants destroyed by their unsolicited grass cutting activity on High Ridge.</p> <p>High Ridge – Cllr Locke would like to arrange a Meadow Day as part of the High Ridge project on a Sunday in late September or early October.</p> <p>Signs – enquiries made with National Grid about overhead power lines signage, have produced a template sign that could be incorporated into a Parish Council sign. The draft High Ridge sign will be redrafted and circulated - it was agreed that contact information was not required.</p> <p>Contact details for Ridge Court Residents Association have not been found to date but enquiries continue.</p> <p>Weed killing & glyphosate – Only 4 surveys have been completed on Facebook so far.</p> <p>Bee's Needs –</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

