

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: 2 residents; Noel Hanlon (NCC Leisure Specialist Advisor) and & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Barbour & Young, Ward Cllrs Avaei & Campion & PCSO Mood.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th February 2024 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda</p> <p>All Parishes Meeting with NCC – it was reported back that the discussion at the meeting had covered some local issues in North Gosforth Parish (pot holes and the poor condition of roads; the bus gate between Melbury and Brunton Park Estates and the adoption of Melbury Estate) as well as more strategic issues (Governance; Local Plan Engagement; Parish Councils and Planning Consultations; Planning Enforcement; Litter Authorities – roles and responsibilities; Local Nature Recovery Strategy; Urban Green; No Mow May; NCC budget reductions and impacts on the management of green spaces. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Christine Herriot who chairs the group, in advance of the next meeting, to suggest that it would be helpful if there could be more input from NCC in terms of the agenda, a standing agenda could be developed that included NCC updates for Parish Council's rather than just Parish Council's submitting agenda items.</p> <p>Trees – Cllr Locke is still waiting for a reply to her request for a site meeting.</p> <p>World Wars Commemorations – Cllr Down has joined the Genealogy Group at the Tyneside Irish Centre and has continued his research. He has discovered 28 men who were killed in the wars so far. Their names were inscribed on the plaque sited on the United Methodist Church in the village which was demolished in 1971. He suggested that the Parish Council could ask residents if they had any old photographs of the church. Cllr Fairley agreed to put the request on the village Facebook page.</p> <p>It was reported that it had been agreed in principle that the Parish Council could temporarily attach commemorative poppies to lamp posts on Coach Lane – the responsible officer in NCC is happy to advise on the choice of poppies when options are identified.</p> <p>Cllr Down noted that NCC volunteers had knitted a large number of poppies for the 100-year commemoration of WW1 and wondered if they might be in storage somewhere and could be used in the village. The Clerk agreed to ask about this.</p> <p>No Mow May / grass cutting – it has been confirmed that NCC aren't observing No Mow May on their land because of the impact on service delivery but Urban Green are observing it.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Fairley</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Barbour</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>

<p>Status of the Great Park Academy Pitches Community Use Agreement? Noel agreed to chase this up with Planning.</p> <p>Does the project require a letter of support from HPC? That would be helpful, but HPC want to see the plans for the facility first.</p> <p>Status of Hazlerigg's Pavilion? The pitches will be ready for use this season, but the building is still just a shell, so the changing rooms are unlikely to be ready this season. The SUDs around the site aren't being maintained – Noel is working with the developers and Planning to address this.</p>	<p>N. Hanlon</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p>
<p>4. Issues raised by residents</p> <p>The very poor condition of the road surface on Ferguson Crescent and the lack of dropped kerbs – the issue had been raised by HPC in recent months and we were told that resurfacing is on a rolling programme, but Cllr Locke will ask our Communities Officer if there has been any news.</p> <p>Pot holes can be reported to NCC via their website.</p> <p>Parking on corners and pavement parking continue to be an issue. It was reported that our Area Traffic Engineer had visited following Cllr Locke's letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner. She concluded that pavement parking is occasionally tolerated when it is necessary because of narrow roads and does not impede pedestrians, cause damage or obstruction. Obstruction is an offence under the Highways Act and should be reported to the Police. NCC would not consider the situation in Hazlerigg to warrant the introduction of waiting restrictions because of the impact on residents and their visitors. Untaxed vehicles can be identified and reported on the DVLA website. Her email will be circulated to Parish Councillors.</p> <p>It was also agreed to ask our PCSO if it would be possible to do a letter drop to advise residents against parking on corners and ask them to park more responsibly.</p> <p>Speeding on Coach Lane – it was confirmed that the speed bumps on Coach Lane were scheduled to be installed in May and that speed surveys would follow. Parish Councillors asked if the survey equipment could be installed from the farm and that the surveys were done in term time. Clerk to contact the Area Traffic Engineer.</p> <p>Parking issues at the Premier Shop – Cllr Down continues to explore the issues with North Tyneside Council – they are pedestrian safety and separation of the parking area from the footpath, the lack of dropped kerbs and some management of entry and exit from the forecourt by vehicles.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Down</p>
<p>5. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Avaei has emailed to say that NCC will not be observing No Mow May.</p>	
<p>7. Response to Boundary Commission ward boundaries and naming consultation</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was agreed that Hazlerigg Parish Council would respond to the consultation proposing that the 3 villages stay together and form a ward and that the ward should be called Castle Ward.</p> <p>It was also reported that the Head of Democratic Services had confirmed that a Community Governance Review looking at parish boundaries would be held in 2025 after the Boundary Commission's review had been concluded. She has also confirmed that the city boundaries cannot be changed, and that part of Hazlerigg will remain in North Tyneside.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>8. Bee's Needs Event Planning</p> <p>It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for future meetings, but early thoughts included planting bee friendly species and nature walks.</p>	

<p>9. Police Matters</p> <p>Reported crimes in January 2024 in Hazlerigg were as follows:</p> <p>On or near Coach Lane – 1 x burglary On or near Heddon Avenue – 1 x violence or sexual offense On or near North View – 1 x shop lifting and 1 x criminal damage or arson.</p> <p>It was noted that the reported crime hadn't necessarily been committed in these locations, it could be the location that the report had been made from.</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence</p> <p>A response to Cllr Locke's email about anti dog fouling campaigns was received. NCC haven't run specific campaigns since the one they did when the legislation was introduced in 1996. The main route for communication on the issue is now City Life magazine. The Environmental Protection Manager would happily support any campaigns organised by HPC.</p>	
<p>11. Financial Matters</p> <p>Cheques were approved and signed for £150.16 – Clerk and £37.40 – HMRC.</p> <p>The balance at the bank after this month's cheques is £4,273.80.</p>	
<p>12. Environment, Planning & Highways</p> <p>Orchard Panting Day – Saturday 23rd March at 11am. Register with NE Community Forest.</p> <p>Litter – NCC have confirmed that they are not prepared to move the litter bin near the Premier Shop back to its original location because it was moved there at the request of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to find out if it was possible to request that the bin next to the bus stop be moved because of the awful smell of dog waste placed in the bin or that a bin be provided closer to the exit from Havannah for dog waste.</p> <p>HPC will litter pick the weekend of 23rd / 24th March to meet the Great British Spring Clean pledge.</p> <p>It was agreed that HPC should look into buying some Hi Viz waist coats with Hazlerigg Parish Council written on them to raise awareness of the Parish Council's actions on litter.</p> <p>Cllr Locke has visited the site office at Oakwood Grange and raised concerns about litter created by tree tubes and canes.</p> <p>Hedgehogs – deferred.</p> <p>Speeding, road safety and traffic management – Hazlewood School have replied to Cllr Locke's email and are interested in designing a new speed sign for Coach Lane.</p> <p>Planning notices / updates – Cllr Locke will chase up the phone mast planning actions that were agreed.</p> <p>Newcastle Great Park Developments – NCC's Flood Risk Manager has reported that the culvert connection into the Northern Buffer swale for Cell A NGP has not been put in yet. They're saying there are conditions that need to be discharged before the work can be started. He has agreed to chase that up.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p>

