

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30th March 2023 AT HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Councillors Barbour (Chair), Fairley, Thorp & Younghusband.

In attendance: Councillors Campion, Avaei (Castle Ward Councillors) & 11 local residents, Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Barbour welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from - Parish Councillors Garbett, Locke & Young and Cllr Michelle Fox.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2023 were agreed and signed by Cllr Barbour.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising Cllr Barbour confirmed that the Parish Council had followed up residents' complaints about noise from late night works on the A1 by writing to both Highways England and Costain their contractor. Both have denied that they have been doing any noisy work on the A1. Cllr Barbour suggested that residents note the dates and times of any noise and possibly take recordings so that more specific complaints can be made in future. Residents confirmed that there hadn't been any noisy late-night works since the last Parish Council meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Issues raised by residents 5G Mast – a resident noted that the mast was now switched on and that their measurements indicated that the levels of radiation are very high. Their concerns about the health implications of such radiation were outlined and they asked for an explanation of what the Parish Council was doing to protect the health of Parishioners. Cllr Barbour described the planning processes that the Parish Council had contributed to including a recent meeting with the City Council's Planning Department about the failings in the planning process. She said that Parish Council had done everything they could do and urged residents to engage with the planning process individually if they wanted to – the Parish Council will provide the details to residents on request. She also noted that super-fast fibre connections are coming to the Village which may negate the need for the mast. The mast is now the subject of a revised planning application because the original application had the wrong postcode on it – the application is going to Planning Committee on 28.4.23. A resident said that masts had been successfully challenged in other places on health grounds. Residents were informed that the decision to site the mast in the Village was made by the Government's Planning Inspectorate who ruled in favour of the phone company following NCC's refusal of their planning application. It was also confirmed that NCC get no income from the mast being in the Village because agreements are in place between infrastructure providers and Local Authorities to use their land for public infrastructure purposes.</p>	

<p>Havannah – a resident asked who was accountable for the £250k funding that had been given to the nature reserve – Cllr Barbour suggested that the resident contact Urban Green who manage Havannah to ask for the information.</p> <p>Planting behind Castle Street – a resident complained about the tree planting that was going on. Cllr Barbour explained that the land was designated as a nature reserve in 1999 and the planting was part of that.</p> <p>Parish boundaries – a resident asked for an update on the harmonisation of parish boundaries. Cllr Barbour reported that the parish boundary review starts later this year. A resident said that they were looking forward to the Havannah Estate being redesignated as part of the Hazlerigg Parish.</p> <p>Graffiti – the increase of graffiti and tagging was noted, particularly in the underpass and Cllr Barbour agreed to raise the issue of ownership and responsibility for cleaning / painting over it, at an upcoming meeting with NCC’s Director of Operations. Cllr Campion said that Castle Ward Councillors were also looking into getting graffiti removal kits.</p>	
<p>5. Parish Litter Strategy The Clerk gave an overview of the draft litter strategy which was agreed and formally adopted by the Parish Council. It will be posted on the Parish web site and progress on its aims and objectives reported in the annual report. Cllr Barbour confirmed that Parish Litter picks were recommencing in April on the first Monday of the month at 6pm – meet at the Community Centre. Litter hotspots include the hedgerow at the allotments where it was noted that the litter there is a kin to fly tipping with the size and nature of the waste beyond the scope of residents litter picks. Cllr Barbour enquired about the possibility of Ward funding to meet the cost of more litter bins in the Village. Cllr Campion noted that Ward funds were very small and that a decision had been taken to use them to support Community Groups rather than to pay for infrastructure.</p>	
<p>6. Ogle Avenue Roundabout Cllr Fairley confirmed that a planting plan was in place.</p>	<p>Cllrs Locke, Fairley & Garbett.</p>
<p>7. Police Matters Crime Statistics are the same as last month because they are updated annually. The Clerk will write to PCSO Linda Smith to find out if there is a more up to date source of information.</p> <p>Castle Ward Councillors have had a meeting with PC Paul Cook about the new Neighbourhood Policing Plan – he has confirmed that it will include more resources and attention for Parish Councils.</p> <p>Cllr Michelle Fox (Weetslade Ward) has informed the Parish Council of a meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner in June – details to be shared closer to the time.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p>	

<p>Kings Coronation Event – Cllr Fairley announced that there would be a celebration event at the Community Centre on Sunday 7th May.</p> <p>FOI Request – had been received in relation to the 5G Mast.</p> <p>Tree Planting – an enquiry had been received in relation to the planting behind Castle Street. It was confirmed that it was part of the creation of a nature reserve agreed in 1999 as a mitigation for the Great Park development. A resident remarked that the area was used by professional dog walkers and that was at odds with the wildlife in the area. It was noted that it was an important wildlife corridor and that there was joint work with Woosington Parish Council in hand to enhance such corridors.</p>	
<p>9. Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new bank mandate is now complete. • Due to an error in payroll, a revised cheque for £24.96 was authorised for the Clerk and last month's cheque withdrawn. • Cheques for £150.08 (Clerk) and £37.40 (HMRC) were authorised. 	
<p>10. Environment, Planning & Highways.</p> <p>5G Mast – previously covered on the agenda</p> <p>Speeding – the remedial speed cushion works have been completed.</p> <p>Residents are still concerned about safety on the zebra crossing on Coach Lane – Cllr Campion will ask again for it to be reviewed.</p> <p>Cost estimates have been received for flashing driver feedback signs on Coach Lane and they are around £5k each plus running costs – if residents were interested a crowd funding option could be looked at, but installation and ongoing costs are out with the parish budget</p> <p>There are still concerns about speeds on Coach Lane, especially east bound – the Parish Council will write to NCC to request some more speed surveys.</p> <p>Cllr Thorp gave an update on Community Speed Watch.</p> <p>Pavement Parking – residents raised the problems caused for pedestrians, wheelchairs, and pushchairs. Cllr Barbour noted that it is a Police matter, and the offense is mounting the pavement and or obstruction if the pavement is completely blocked. There is little or nothing that can be done under the law.</p> <p>Parking on grassed areas – such as High Ridge, Elliot Walk & Ryall Avenue. An abandoned vehicle on Elliott Walk has been reported but because it is not on the highway, no action has been taken. Cllr Barbour suggested extending the low-level fencing to around the grassed area at Ryall Ave. Some discussions have also taken place with NCC with regard to Elliot Walk and trying to tidy up this area which is part of the Wagon Way'.</p> <p>Public Transport – it was reported that the new bus timetable is running to time. Cllr Campion said that he had met with Tobyng Hughes, Director of Nexus, and that a new bus route connecting the Villages to the Great Park and Kingston Park was being planned if funding could be secured from the Enhanced Partnership programme.</p>	<p>Cllr Campion</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>It was also noted that there is pedestrian access from Hazlerigg to the new Morrisons on the Great Park via the footpath through Havannah.</p> <p>Planning – Brunton Quarry -the Parish Council is seeking clarification on the number of houses in the application and looking at the implications for biodiversity and wildlife corridors.</p> <p>Hedgerow Planting – a hawthorn hedge has been planted along the front of the Havannah Estate.</p> <p>Havannah Nature Reserve – flooding in Havannah has been raised by the Parish Council and will be raised in the meeting with NCC’s Director of Operations.</p> <p>Airport Consultative Meeting – the Airport Management have been asked for funding for litter signs in the layby and or buying / emptying a litter bin there. It was reported that the Airport have proposals to build office accommodation at the end of Coach Lane now that the runway extension is no longer needed. Cllr Barbour will check the minutes of the Airport Consultative Meeting for anything relevant.</p> <p>Land at High Ridge – Cllr Barbour reported that a quote for grass cutting had been received - £781 for 8 cuts of the pitch and 3 cuts of the grass edges. The cutting regime needs to be agreed in line with the edges becoming a wild meadow area. Residents suggested, and the Parish Council agreed, to look for alternative quotes from local businesses. Residents also suggested that NUFC Foundation could be approached to provide football activities on the pitch. A resident volunteered to cut the grass on Chelton Close if needed. Residents also confirmed they were happy to leave the area at the bottom to grow wild to encourage wildlife.</p>	<p>Cllr Barbour</p> <p>Cllr Barbour / Clerk</p>
<p>13. Issues raised by Parish Councillors</p> <p>The second newsletter - was delivered this month, the next issue will be in July.</p> <p>Local elections - are on Thursday 4th May, the Community Centre will be a polling station. Residents were reminded that photo id or a voter authority certificate is now a requirement to vote.</p> <p>Ferguson Crescent – the dropped kerbs issue is still being explored. Resurfacing is scheduled for next month.</p> <p>Former recycling boxes – Cllr Fairley was advised to email Cllr Campion about getting hold of some boxes.</p>	<p>Cllr Fairley</p>

Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 at Hazlerigg Memorial Hall at 7pm.