

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th September 2023 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: 3 local residents, Cllr Laverick, Anne Burke-Hargraves (Town Planner), Kirsty Arnold – Galliford Try, Corine Reywold – Gosforth Academy Group & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

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| <p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from David Down, Cllrs Campion & Avaei.</p> | |
| <p>2. Great Park Academy Guests representing the parties involved in the development of the Great Park Academy School presented the proposals for the new school which includes teaching and sports facilities for 1200 pupils aged 9 to 16 years. The school development is planned to be completed and open in September 2025. <u>Discussion points:</u> Footpath improvements between Hazlerigg and the school site – these improvements are the subject of a separate strategic routes planning application and are vital to the success of the development because it must have good access connections. Impact on the green belt – the school's pitches are in the green belt; the use of this land was determined many years ago under the Great Park Master Plan. Cllr Locke confirmed that the Parish Council's main concerns were about infringement on green space and the character of the access path given that it was thought to be wider than the existing path and would be lit impacting on the nature reserve. Cllr Locke asked Cllr Laverick to establish how HPC would be consulted by the Planning Department once the Strategic Route Planning Application was submitted to NCC. Community access to the sports pitches – Community use agreements are part of the reserve matters planning process and will be in place before the new premises are occupied. The school will have a booking system to manage community use. Lighting of sports pitches – pitches will not be lit, any proposals to light them would require another planning application. Cllr Young noted that HPC are concerned that local people will lose amenity by changing the use of the green space. Cllr Locke believes the new pitches will not be a community asset and that lighting will follow. The representatives assured the meeting that there were no plans to light the pitches, they are grass and lights are usually associated with artificial surfaces. The pitches will be fenced, this is an operational requirement for school use. Tree planting – there is a landscape and maintenance plan which has been submitted, it sets out that the trees will be well spaced, native species (no berries because of bird strike concerns). Cllr Young said she hoped the trees would be substantial and not saplings. Feeder schools – All Gosforth's first and middle schools, in the case of over subscription, pupils closest to the site get priority.</p> <p>Cllr Locke thanked the guests for their contribution to the meeting.</p> | <p>Cllr Laverick</p> |

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| <p>3. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2023 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p> | |
| <p>4. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda Cllr Barbour fed back on the <u>Airport Consultative meeting</u> she had recently attended: the airport are introducing a new security system; they have opened a solar farm; and NOx levels have not been exceeded. Cllr Locke asked Cllr Barbour to raise the issue of air quality monitoring in local communities near the airport at the next meeting. Cllr Barbour said she would also be looking at the airport's new master plan for the Airport Village they are planning on their Callerton site. A resident asked about noise complaints from residents to the airport and noted that the noise sensor in Wideopen School had still not been repaired. It was noted that there are now 2 new night time flights landing at the airport.</p> <p><u>All Parishes meeting</u> with NCC – a meeting took place on 13th September which all parishes were invited to. Discussion points: Litter & litter bins – new bins purchased by parishes / wards are only charged maintenance fees for the first year. Enforcement of vape recycling requirements is a matter that can be raised with Public Health & Environmental Protection / Trading Standards. NCC's Behaviour Change Team and Keep Britain Tidy may be able to help with local campaigns on litter. Communication with Urban Green. Wildlife Corridors and funding – Section 106 funding is drying up now most of the planning processes have happened but there is hope for resources from the new Green Infrastructure Plan / Action Plan. Grass Cutting and collecting clippings /sweeping paths. 5G Mast and planning committee. Neighbourhood Plans - local planning frameworks. Graffiti – clarification of NCC's responsibilities. General communications – departmental email addresses, reporting issues to local services, All Parishes Meeting twice a year. Given the frequency of these meetings, it was agreed that there was no need to pursue joint meetings with the other Villages' Parish Councils at this time.</p> | <p>Cllr Barbour</p> |
| <p>5. Issues raised by residents Graffiti – seems to be out of control in the Village. Since NCC will only remove it from their assets, it has to be reported individually to the owners of the thing that has been graffitied. Cllr Barbour has reported graffiti on the gas installation, it was removed and then immediately re-tagged. Offensive graffiti on any property can be reported to the Police 101 number.</p> | |
| <p>6. Parish Council Vacancies – Co-option of new Parish Council member. An application has been received from David Down, his co-option was proposed by Cllr Locke and seconded by Cllr Barbour. David Down is therefore co-opted to a position on the Parish Council – Cllr Locke will send a welcome message. It was agreed that a new recruitment round be opened for remaining vacancies in the coming weeks.</p> | <p>Cllr Locke</p> |

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| <p>7. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors Cllr Laverick said that she was currently establishing new contacts within YHN. Cllr Fairley thanked her for sorting out the school bus issues that had arisen with the new term and also noted concerns about the safety of children alighting from buses on Coach Lane, opposite Havannah Park.</p> | |
| <p>8. Boundary Review Update Phase 1- Council Size consultation - (number of councillors) current and ending late this year / early 2024. Phase 2 – Warding Pattern Consultation – (ward boundaries) follows phase 1 in January 24 and ends April 24. Public consultation led by NCC’s Communities Team. Consultation on the draft warding pattern July to September 24. Parishes can be ‘warded’ if they are split by new ward boundaries. The new boundaries and any changes in the number of elected representatives will be agreed by Parliament and be in place ready for All Out elections in 2026. A Community Governance Review to change parish boundaries can only be embarked upon once the Boundary Commission Review has been completed, so changes couldn’t be expected until 2027.</p> | |
| <p>9. Hazlerigg Parish Council Complaints Procedure The new procedure was agreed and adopted and will be published on the Parish website.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>10. Police Matters Northumbria Police’s Crime Mapper website has the following crimes reported for our area in July 23: On or near Enid Street – 1 anti-social behaviour report. On or near Heddon Avenue – 1 anti-social behaviour report. On or near Ferguson Crescent – 2 anti-social behaviour reports and 2 violence or sexual offenses reports.</p> | |
| <p>11. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reply to HPC’s FOI has been received which Cllrs agree isn’t satisfactory. It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask for an internal review to be conducted and that a meeting request would be sent to the Assistant Director of Planning. • Enid Street Grassed area – following further correspondence from a resident, it was agreed that the area would be tidied up for the winter by cutting the grass and sowing some wild flower seeds. • Branch Out Grant application – an application has been made to this fund for funding to maintain the land at High Ridge. • Community Orchard – NUFC have confirmed a grant of £2,000 plus staff time from their Corporate Giving scheme towards the scheme. Further funding is also being explored through NE Community Forests and Branching Out. | <p>Cllr Barbour</p> |
| <p>12. Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current banking position – our balance is £10,231.90 with around £4,000 currently allocated. - Community Centre Grant – deferred to the October meeting. - Payment authorisations – - HM Land Registry fee for registration of land at High Ridge - £30 - NALC subscription & web site fee 2023 / 24 - £218.82 - Newsletter printing - £95.62 | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk - £150.16 (August) £149.96 (September) HMRC - £37.40 (August) £37.60 (September) <p>It was also agreed to switch insurance providers (public and employer liability insurances) from the current provider to a better value for money policy from Zurich Municipal.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>13. Environment, Planning & Highways</p> <p>5 G Mast – it was agreed that HPC would prepare a question to NCC Full Council October meeting.</p> <p>Litter – it as agreed that the litter picks would continue through the winter and noted that winter is good time to pick litter because it’s more visible at this time of year. HPC is a litter authority and setting a good example by continuing the litter picks. Litter picks will continue on Monday evenings and an additional one will be held on the morning of the 1st Sunday of each month.</p> <p>Speeding, road safety & traffic management – The new speed limit signs on Coach Lane have been installed and NCC have agreed to investigate the maintenance issues at the west bound bus stop opposite Havannah Park. Cllr Fairley noted that the issue was the safety of crossing Coach Lane from this location and a crossing (or children crossing signs at a minimum) should be provided. It was agreed to continue to chase up follow up actions from the walkabout and the bus stop issues with NCC Traffic Management. Cllr Laverick agreed to request speed monitoring on Coach Lane following the installation of the revised speed cushions – monitoring should take place before and after the speed cushions.</p> <p>High Ridge – negotiations continue with Barrett’s about access for utilities under the land at High Ridge to the land at Brunton Quarry. An initial easement settlement of £5,000 has been offered by the developers, Cllr Barbour will try to increase the offer and continue the work to engage a solicitor to represent the Parish Council.</p> <p>NB. Other issues on this part of the agenda will be rolled over to the October meeting because of lack of time.</p> | <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Laverick</p> <p>Cllr Barbour</p> |
| <p>14. Other issues raised by Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Locke noted that unfortunately Cllr Thorp had resigned from the Parish Council, his contribution during his time was gratefully acknowledged.</p> | |

Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 26th October 2023 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 7pm.