

# HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THURSDAY 28 March 2019

Present: Councillor Locke (Chair)  
Councillors Ewens, Fairley Johnston and Garbett.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk  
Cllr A Lower – Newcastle City Council

## **54. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from cllrs P Lower and King, Newcastle City Council.

## **55. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **56. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

- Members noted that there had been no response regarding North View.
- A litter pick had been undertaken on the grass verge and another was being organised. The situation was to be monitored weekly.
- Regarding the use of weed-killer, Cllr Lower indicated that she had raised this at Standards Committee and a report on the issue was to be produced.

## **57. Police Matters**

Members noted the Police had not attended now for a number of meetings.

- It was noted that cars were being parked in the back lanes, blocking them. It was suggested that this was a police matter and should be reported to them when it happened again.
- Members commented on the continuing practice of building site operatives parking their cars in the Nature Reserve car park. The matter had been reported to the site manager. Cllr Lower asked to be given the vehicle registration numbers and she would take up the matter with the Developer.

## **58. Environment and Highways matters**

- Members commented on the poor service from envirocall, most recently when reporting a street light.
- Regarding the Air Quality Survey, Members suggested that improvements to the bus service would reduce the number of car journeys.

- The cost of the Bulky Refuse Service was too much and indirectly responsible for the increase in fly-tipping.
- It was noted that the Brunswick Gym, Brunswick industrial estate had closed because it did not have an appropriate license to operate on the industrial estate.
- A hedgerow had been planted along the side of the field adjacent to the community centre.
- The ponies in the Nature Reserve had now gone.
- The Red Squirrel signs had not yet been replaced.
- The Developer had not yet responded to the biodiversity issues.

**59. Planning Matters**

There were no planning issues.

**60. Financial Matters**

Payment of Clerks salary and tax were authorised. The Clerk explained the reasons for the slight increase in precept figures, being an error in the previous year when a lesser amount had been claimed.

Members also approved the annual Governance Statement 2018/19

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**Issues Raised by Members**

- Community Centre – Cllr Lower advised Members that Banks had approved a grant of £8,500 towards windows and doors.
- More trees could be planted if suitable sites could be identified. High Ridge was suggested as a site for trees or hedgerow. It was agreed to seek the support of the residents.

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**Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Thursday 25 April 2019 at the later time of 7.30pm

Signed .....

Date .....