

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 29 October 2020
via Zoom

Present: Councillor Locke (Chair)
Councillor Johnston

In attendance: I Humphries – Clerk
Mrs S Younghusband

87. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Ewens, Fairley and Garbett.

88. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2020 were confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chair when appropriate.

89. Co-Option

Members, seeking to fill an outstanding vacancy, having been advertised and no petition for an election, considered the expression of interest from Mrs Younghusband and it was

Resolved: To co-opt Mrs Sharon Younghusband to the Parish Council for the remainder of the term of office.

90. Issues raised by members of the public

Members noted concern of residents regarding the garages on Ferguson Crescent.

91. Police Matters

Members and residents were encouraged to report issues to the Police.

92. Havannah Nature Reserve

Work to upgrade the footpaths was still programmed. It was hoped that the squirrels could be encouraged to return to Havannah

93. Climate Emergency

The Chair suggested that the concern over the use of pesticides had been taken as far as it could, although a campaign would be run on the Facebook page.

Members reviewed the wildflower planting schemes undertaken this year with mixed results. It was noted that more trees were available if appropriate sites could be identified. High ridge was suggested.

It was noted that the Community Centre had applied for a grant for the proposed allotment garden.

Other issues raised included the suggestion of a Green roof on the new bus stop; bulb planting on the Link Road roundabout; litter bins and requesting the Developers to approach Mr Ireland regarding the coach Lane allotment site.

94. Environment, Highways and Planning Issues

The fences had been erected on North View to prevent parking on the grass verges.

It was agreed that the Facebook page raise awareness of the proposed work on the Great Park Cell B1, which would restrict the use of residents to walk on the otherwise open space.

The Clerk undertook to seek an update from the City Council on the proposed Hazlerigg / Brunswick boundary review.

95. Financial Matters

Members authorised payments for Clerk and HMRC. The payment of £40 for a Zoom licence was also approved. The Clerk reported on the need for a new website provider and the benefits of the Parish Council re-joining the Northumberland association of Local Councils. Annual membership fees would amount to £142.70 and £75 maintenance for the website. It was agreed to apply to join NALC and seek their website provision.

96. Issues raised by Members

- The Chair and councillor Younghusband agreed to visit the Ferguson Crescent garage site and wasteland area.

97. Date of next meeting

26 November 2020 at 7.00pm. via Zoom