

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 27 May 2021

Present: Councillors Ewens, Fairley, Johnston, Locke and Young.

In attendance: 1 Humphries – Clerk
City Councillor Laverick
2 residents

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Garbett

2. Appointment of Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Locke be appointed Chair of
the Parish Council for the ensuing municipal year

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Locke be appointed Vice Chair
for the ensuing municipal year

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair, subject to amendment to minute 151 with “refuted the allegations” to “concerns against him”.

5. Matters Arising

The Chair suggested that Samantha Dyke, City Council, be asked to give a timescale to the implementation of the speed reduction scheme in the village.

6. Newcastle International Airport Consultation Committee

Resolved: That Councillor Locke be appointed as the
Parish Council representative on the Newcastle
International Airport Consultation Committee

7. Financial Matters

The Clerk submitted the summary of statement of accounts and copies of the trial balance for the year ended 31 March 2021 were available at the meeting. He verbally reported the total expenditure and income for the year and confirmed the year-end balance at 31 March 2021.

Resolved:

- (a) the annual governance statement submitted to this meeting for the year ending 31 March 2021 be approved.

(b) That the statement of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 as reported be approved;

(c) the following accounts for payment be authorised

- Clerk salary April & May £376.00
- Ci Accountancy (payroll) £246.00
- NALC £220.15

8. Correspondence

The Clerk provided a list of the emails sent by the Chair and responses received on a number of issues discussed in this meeting.

9. Planning Matters

The following planning application was received

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| 2021/0703/01/DET | Cell C Newcastle Great Park, Plot 34 Oakwood Drive | Erection of 4 bedroom detached dwelling with integrated garage and 1.8m high boundary fence and gates | No objection |
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Members were concerned that they might not be consulted on all appropriate planning applications within the Parish boundaries and therefore CIL funds may not be allocated to the Parish Council. The Clerk undertook to write to the Planning Officer accordingly.

10. Environment and Highways Matters

- An issue of planes jettisoning fuel was raised and concern was expressed regarding this affecting Havannah Nature Reserve and also the village. The Chair undertook to raise this matter at the Consultative Committee.
- It was noted that the removed hedgerow was to be replaced in November and front shields were to be provided for the street lighting columns. Further information was expected regarding mitigation on bio-diversity issues.
- Bellway/Miller were continuing to spray in the hedgerow.
- Members considered the zebra crossing still dangerous and were waiting for a report back from Councillor Lower.
- The untaxed car parked on North View had been removed.
- There were incidents of cars double parking outside the Garage business located in the North Tyneside part of the village. It was agreed that this was a matter for the Police.

- A meeting had been held with the MP with a number of Highways and Environmental issues were raised.
- Japanese Not Weed had been identified at the end of the play field near to the allotments. Members discussed who would be the landowner and therefore responsible to dealing with it's removal. Councillor Laverick agreed to look into the ownership issue.
- The Chair had provided information of the trees planted in the village for Councillor Lower but had no response. Councillor Laverick undertook to seek a response.
- There was no update on Ferguson Crescent garages and waste land.

11. Havannah Nature Reserve.

The Chair was to ask for water testing in the Reserve to be done by the Airport. A meeting with the MP was to be set up to discuss the management of the reserve. The Chair again expressed interest in the Parish Council being able to create By Laws covering the Reserve.

12. Community Allotment Garden

Good progress had been made with the roofing for the Polytunnel to be in place once better weather arrived. The appropriate location for the Wormery was discussed and it was agreed to discuss further in the next couple of weeks.

Members noted that there was a lot of interest from the local community in getting involved and having a "plot".

13. Climate Emergency

It was likely that the Highways England tree planting scheme would be undertaken next season.

Members noted little progress in YHN providing nesting boxes following roofing works in the village.

The Chair had written to the City Council regarding the use of weed killer in the village, given the original decision for it not to be used.

The recycling scheme, collecting crisp packets, rubber gloves, bottle tops and ring pulls etc. was very successful.

14. Police Matters

The recent crime data for the village was received.

15. Other issues raised

- Members requested an update on the longstanding question of the review of the Parish boundary between Hazlerigg and Brunswick Parish Councils. The Clerk confirmed he had written to the Head of Service, Democratic Services but had not received a timescale for the City Council to undertake this review.

- The website was up and running with councillor names uploaded and information about the Annual meetings also uploaded. The Clerk undertook to upload past years agendas and minutes but asked for Members to provide content for other sections of the website such as History etc.
- The Airport had a planting scheme which might be useful to this area. The Chair undertook to raise this at the Consultative Committee and also ask Woosington Parish Council.
- Members discussed whether or not the Parish Council should have a bio-diversity plan, similar to Woosington Parish Council. The Clerk gave a brief outline of that Parish Council's plan which was run by a Parish Councillor and funded by the Parish Council and grants from external local businesses.

Date of Next Meeting

24 June 2021 at 7.00pm