

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT HAZLERIGG MEMORIAL HALL

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

In attendance: Councillor Laverick (Castle Ward Councillor), Ali Lamb (Parish Clerk), & 3 local residents.

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Ali Lamb who is the new Parish Clerk. She thanked Cllr Barbour for her work as the temporary Clerk and welcomed her back to her role as a Parish Councillor. Apologies were received from Councillors Avaei & Champion (Castle Ward Councillors)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2022 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising from the previous meeting None that aren't already on the agenda.</p>	
<p>4. Issues raised by residents Residents asked for an update following the public meeting (7/11/22) to discuss bus service cancellations on the bus routes to and from Newcastle City Centre. Cllr Laverick explained that a working group had been formed after the public meeting with the operator (Arriva) and that the group were seeking a meeting with Nexus because they believe the key issue to be with the contract that the operator has with Nexus to deliver the affected bus services. Cllr Campion is leading the work to convene another public meeting attended by Nexus. It was noted that a similar group in North Tyneside have a meeting coming up with Arriva too, on the 7th December. A local resident said that he had been trying to get interest from the local press in the cancellation issue and that a North Tyneside MP had raised the issue in parliament. Our own online petition about service cancellations was discussed and although over 300 signatures had been obtained this was insufficient to trigger a debate at either NCC or NTC Given the number of residents in the villages, reaching the required 2000 signatories would be difficult. Cllr Locke asked how the Parish Council could support the working group – Cllr Laverick suggested encouraging residents to write to their MP. Cllr Thorp raised the potential for the working group to join forces with other bus action groups in the region.</p>	

<p>A local resident suggested that it would be helpful if the schools in the area could be contacted and asked if they could provide statistics about the numbers of pupils who had missed lessons or school days as a result of service cancellations.</p> <p>Another resident (and working group member) offered to discuss this with his fellow students and School Councillors at Kenton School.</p> <p>Cllr Fairley raised the issue of people being late for work or unable to get to work because of bus service cancellations and the potential for people losing their jobs.</p> <p>Cllr Young suggested asking schools to share the link to the petition on their newsletters.</p> <p>Cllr Locke volunteered to email all local schools with the link and a request for them to share it.</p> <p>Cllr Fairley volunteered to collect signatures outside the local shop.</p> <p>Cllr Young noted that signature sheets would need to be printed and circulated to Doctors' Surgeries, the Club and Dinnington Library.</p> <p>Cllr Laverick also said she would be able to print and circulate signature sheets.</p> <p>On the question of press interest, Cllr Locke noted that capturing the human interest and impact of the bus service disruption would be important.</p> <p>Local residents / councillors agreed to collect quotes and examples of impact on jobs and work to compile a set of case studies.</p> <p>Cllr Thorp said he would also collect signatures and ask signatories to write to their MP's as well.</p> <p>It was noted that the bus service issue was also impacting on the residents of Seaton Burn & Wideopen.</p>	<p>Cllr Locke Cllr Fairley</p> <p>Cllr Laverick</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllr Thorp</p>
<p>5. Newsletter Feedback</p> <p>Cllr Barbour enquired if there had been any feedback from the recently delivered newsletter. No one knew of any specific feedback although there had been some feedback on social media on the section of the newsletter relating to the 5G mast. Overall, Cllrs agreed that it had been a good experience delivering the newsletters. A resident asked if the North Tyneside residents of the village would be included in the delivery of the newsletter in future. There is a funding issue to overcome, and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Weetslade Ward Councillors to ask for a contribution towards the cost of the newsletter.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>6. Correspondence</p> <p>i) Received from a resident who supports the installation of the 5G mast because of the improved internet service and speeds he anticipates.</p> <p>ii) Received from Woolsington Parish Council who have agreed to attend the next meeting to talk about their work on biodiversity and wildlife corridors.</p> <p>iii) Received in relation to the newsletter – a number of requests to receive digital copies in future.</p> <p>iv) Received in relation to the Planning Notice 2022/1698/01/DET – to be discussed later in the agenda.</p> <p>v) Received on the subject of City Council Arts Development Programme – an opportunity to tap into the Artists in Residence scheme operated by the City Council providing art projects free to residents in community settings. A number of questions were posed about meeting the cost of hiring the Memorial Hall for such sessions and it was resolved to invite the Arts Development Officer Ale Flanagan-Wood to the next meeting to discuss the programme.</p> <p>vi) Various promotions and advertisements had also been received.</p>	<p>Cllr Thorp</p>
<p>7. Conducting Council Business</p>	

<p>Cllr Barbour wished to recap on progress so far regarding various matters. In particular there had been a successful consultation on grass cutting and the subsequent adoption of a new grass cutting regime in the village. The first newsletter had been delivered and the public transport petition was quickly instigated. Confirmation had also been received that a portion of the tree planting would take place this season, it was also noted that a meeting for all 6 Parish Councils with the City Council's Chief Executive – Pam Smith – is planned for the 19th of December.</p> <p>Ongoing issues include the 5G mast, public transport, speeding through the village and speed signage, which has still not been installed, development of pathways through Havannah, littering, proposed planting of trees at the rear of Newham Avenue, garages, elections, and ownership of the land at High Ridge. Continuing to improve communications is also important – managing the email account, improving / modernising the web site, and making the most of social media.</p> <p>Cllr Locke said she would circulate the list of previously agreed objectives which include the boundary review.</p> <p>Tree planting in the Great Park and the hedgerow survey are also ongoing and the need to invite the Consortium to a Parish Council meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Cllr Locke Clerk</p>
<p>8. Financial Matters</p> <p>There was progress towards getting the new bank mandate in place, although we have now received a Customer Review form which requires completion. Cllr Barbour has this in hand.</p> <p>Cheques were approved and signed for printing costs for the newsletter - £96; paper - £5.50; Memorial Hall - £3900.</p>	<p>Cllr Barbour</p>
<p>9. Environment, Planning & Highways</p> <p>5G mast – Cllr Locke did some door knocking and has collected 8 email addresses from residents who want to be kept in the loop.</p> <p>Next steps – Cllr Locke suggested that the focus for continued challenge / legal action should be based on the flawed consultation process.</p> <p>Cllr Young suggested, and it was agreed, that the Parish Council shouldn't do anything more to specifically highlight the health issues associated with the mast as there were also other factors being lack of consultation with residents/council regarding the appeal, and visual amenity</p> <p>Cllr Fairley said she would be happy to hold another consultation event at the Memorial Hall to collect residents' views. The event will run from 2-3pm and 5-7pm on Monday 5th December with Cllrs to attend each session</p> <p>The mast campaigner from Ponteland will be invited to attend as well.</p> <p>The event will be publicised on the village and HPC Facebook sites.</p> <p>Speeding – Cllr Young noted that it was unlikely that enough signatures would be collected to meet the threshold to present a petition to a full council meeting of Newcastle City Council and wondered if a question could be submitted instead. She also questioned the accuracy of the speed survey data collected by North Tyneside Council which is at odds with the experience of residents.</p> <p>Cllr Young has written to Cllr Jane Byrne – Cabinet Member NCC – but has not received a reply to date. A reply will be chased up with a request to progress repairs to the speed bumps on Coach Lane to improve their effectiveness.</p> <p>Planning Notices - 2022/1698/01/DET. relating to the proposed development of 3 properties in the rear gardens of houses at 9,11 and 13 Ferguson Crescent. No</p>	<p>Cllr Fairley</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p>

