

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish 29th May 2025

In attendance:

Parish Councillors Locke (Chair), Barbour (Vice Chair), Down & Fairley, 2 residents and Ali Lamb (Clerk).

AGENDA

1.	Cllr Locke welcomed and everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Parish Councillor Garbett, 1 resident, Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, Ward Councillor Avaei.
2.	Annual Report The Chair presented the Parish Council's Annual Report which will be published on the website with these minutes. The Chair was thanked for her report.
3.	Annual Financial Report The clerk presented the Annual Financial Report and the Annual Governance and Accountability Report (AGAR) which were approved by the Parish Councillors and signed by the Chair. The AGAR will also be published on the website with these minutes.
4.	Resident Participation The issue of the recently approved planning application for the path through Havannah Nature Reserve was raised and the ideas circulating locally about how to challenge the decision. It was confirmed that the Parish Council are not in a position to pursue an appeal but remain disappointed about the decision. However, individual residents could take up a challenge but must do so within 6 weeks of the decision being made. A resident said that they had witnessed a pond life survey being undertaken in Havannah – it was suggested that this was likely to be the Great Park's Ecologist. General concerns about the impact of the Great Park development on Havannah were expressed.
5.	The Annual meeting of the Parish closed at 6.30pm.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council 29th May 2025

In attendance:

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AGENDA

1.	Welcome and apologies as above except that Ward Cllr Avaei joined the meeting.	
2.	Appointment of Chairperson Councillor Locke was nominated by Councillor Barbour and seconded by Councillor Fairley.	
3.	Appointment of Vice Chairperson Councillor Barbour was nominated by Councillor Fairley and seconded by Councillor Locke.	
4.	The draft minutes of the meeting held on 24 th April 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair.	
5.	Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda – none.	
6.	Issues raised by Residents – none.	
7.	Actions / updates from Ward Councillors Cllr Avaei reported that the Housing Officer for the area is Sarah Hawley and he offered to share her contact details. He also noted that he had contacted Environmental Health about enforcement action on fly tipping – particularly in relation to the garages. Cllr Down said that it was important to establish the occupancy levels of the garage. Cllr Fairley noted that there was fly tipping outside the garages, but NCC had been unable to remove it because it was “on private property” and “too heavy”. These issues will be explored with the Housing Officer once contact has been established.	Cllr Avaei
8.	Police Matters 2 reported crimes in March 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On or near Enid Street - 1 x criminal damage / arson. - On or near Castle Street - 1 x Anti-social behaviour. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to the Acting Neighbourhood Police Sergeant to inform him about the next litter pick and the meeting pattern of the Parish Council.	Clerk

9.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates and newsletters from Northern Powergrid; NALC; WRAP; CAN; Parks Forum & Ouseburn Way. - Environmental Records Information Centre - grant offer / recall. - Cell A construction waste complaint & reply. - Fishing / Dogs in Havannah ponds. - Invitation to the Planning Peer Challenge meeting. - Enquiry from a resident of North View about parking - refer to NCC Planning. - Complaint to NCC about unsolicited grass cutting on High Ridge. - Port of Tyne subsea cable consultation. - Bees Needs grant application. - Hedgerow planting. - Youth Club activities for Bees Needs week. 	Clerk
10.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current banking position - £12,255 less tonight's cheques leaving £11,796 in the current account and £8,397 in the reserves. - Payment authorisations agreed for: £179.30 - Clerk; £44.80 - HMRC; £80.46 - hire of flail mower; Grass cutting at High Ridge - £120. <p>A cheque for £21.05 was received from Northern Powergrid for the wayleave payment for their equipment at High Ridge. Future payments of £12.68 would be sent annually in May.</p> <p>There was also a discussion about the options for future grass cutting and wildflower area management on High Ridge. Cllr Fairley agreed to arrange the cutting regime with the farmer for the field. The clerk suggested that hiring the flail mower for twice yearly cuts would be a better option than purchasing the equipment and that was agreed.</p>	
11.	<p>Environment, Planning & Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grass cutting - previously discussed. - Weed killing - Cllr Locke is working on a survey for Facebook and the website to gauge resident support for stooping the use of glyphosate. The findings could lead to a request for Hazlerigg to be a pilot area to trial not using the chemical. - Litter - the next litter pick will be on 02/06/25 - Clerk to inform the Neighbourhood Police about it. - Orchard watering - new water butt is connected and collecting. - Bees Needs - waiting for the outcome of the funding application. Discussion about appropriate Youth Club activities - Cllr Locke suggested Bee identification / a talk about pollinators. - Elliot Walk - work to determine the ownership is ongoing. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Locke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Locke Cllr Barbour</p>

