

Hazlerigg Parish Council

(Host Council)

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Brunswick and Hazlerigg Parish Councils held on 31 January 2008

Present: Councillor Garbett (in the Chair).
Councillors Chambers, Down, Ewens, Fairley, Hall, Laverick, Ramsey
and Smith.

In attendance: I Humphries Clerk
S Wannop NCC

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Dodd-Storey (HPC),
Councillors lower and Graham - Newcastle City Council and PC Jones.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

. RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the joint Parish
Councils held in November 2007 be confirmed as a
correct record.

Arising from the minutes the following was noted

- The Cherry Tree outside the Rest Centre, Brunswick had been lopped
- The traffic survey in Brunswick had been completed and the results were
awaited.
- Mud on the road from the Northumbria water works continued to be a
problem.
- Leaflets regarding the drop-in had been delivered prior to the last Ward
committee meeting held in Hazlerigg.

3. Crime Statistics

There were no crime statistics to report.

4. Precepts 2008/09

RESOLVED –. That the Precepts for the Parish Councils for 2008/09 be set
as follows

Brunswick - £5,200

Hazlerigg. - £8,400

5. Housing Matters

Members noted that most of the work had been completed on the Westfield side
of Brunswick with no reported problems

It was suggested that there had been a lot less problems than with the internal contract and members agreed that Straight-line should be congratulated.

Concern was expressed regarding the activities of the occupant of 8 North View, Hazlerigg – crossing the grassed area in front of the house to park in the front garden of the property. There was no pavement crossover and the grass verge was being damaged. Councillor Graham undertook to look into the problem.

6. Planning Matters

Members considered three planning applications, two relating to the Great Park development and the third, regarding the proposed erection of a conservatory to a property in Hazlerigg. There were no objections to the applications.

Members commented on an article in the press regarding airport development and the possible extension of the runway. It was agreed that this be raised at the next Airport Consultative Committee.

7. Highways Matters

Members commented on the poor state of the roads in Brunswick and Hazlerigg and the roads to Dinnington. Councillor Laverick undertook to raise members concerns with the City Council Highways Engineers.

It was noted that the traffic calming scheme introduced in Hazlerigg had been discussed at the ward Committee and it had been proposed to add speed humps subject to consultation. The scheme would also be reviewed after a year.

8. Future of Joint Meetings

A member questioned the success of the joint meetings suggesting that the agenda should be for joint items rather than incorporating two separate meetings in one.

An alternative point of view was expressed, proposing joint meetings be only held when specific items affecting both villages needed discussing.

Given the differing views being expressed, it was agreed that each Parish Council discuss the issue at its next meeting and the matter be considered again at the next joint meeting.

9. Items raised by Members

The following items were raised –

- 9.1 44 & 45 Bus Services – it was suggested that the long routes undertaken by these services resulted in poor time-keeping and there were very few low-liners provided. It was suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting of all three village Parish Councils.
- 9.2 A Member commented on the proposed Children's Centre in Dinnington and it was confirmed that this was proposed as part of the refurbishment of the Village hall in Dinnington. It was also noted that some investment in the Community Centre in Hazlerigg might also be possible. With reference to

the Pavilion in Brunswick, it was noted that progress was being made. S Wannop undertook to obtain further information for Members

9.3 Local Elections – Hazlerigg Members confirmed that the fee for the use of the Community Centre this year would be £125

10. Charter

Members discussed the proposed Charter between the City Council and Parish Councils. Concern was expressed over a potential “big brother” approach by the City Council. It was reported that a meeting had been held between Parish Council Clerks, David Francis (NALC) and Ian Poll Head of Democratic Services (NCC) to discuss the Charter and the potential benefits and problems it may create.

A Member commented on the inconvenient time of the Standards Committee – Fridays at 3.00pm, and the difficulty of getting a parish Council representative during the day time. Councillor Down undertook to represent both Parish Councils if Members felt that would be beneficial.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The dates of the next meetings of the Parish Councils were noted as follows –

Brunswick	13 February
Hazlerigg	28 February
Joint Meeting	12 March (Brunswick to host)

Signed:
Chair

Date: