

Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting
1st November 2021
APPROVED MINUTES

175/21

Grounds Meeting

175/21.01 Grounds Report 25th October 2021

1. STRPS - Ian Millward began by thanking the council for their support over this venture. They have used £484 of the £1000 funds ring-fenced.
2. Hadrians Rise Play area
There has been an overwhelming response from the residents with the consensus that they do not want the hedge removed.
Proposal – to instruct the cemetery staff to cut the hedge back, tidy it up and to maintain it on a regular basis taking note of bird nesting times.
3. Toilet Complaints – David Hunt suggested they redecorate. Members thought this was unnecessary if the toilets are to be refurbished. NCC have said they will be maintaining them through the winter again.
Proposal – to suggest to NCC that they need a deep clean and if NCC would pay, the cemetery staff could be asked to undertake this as they have done so quite satisfactorily in the past.
4. Orchard Gardens – Linden Homes have agreed to pay half the extra costs (£250) to Cartmell Shepherd (Council solicitor.) The contract is nearly ready. A letter has been dropped off at the house adjacent to the land on the left of the estate and a copy of it has been requested for record. Should the request of removing items from the land and blocking the gate not be complied with, the Council will have to undertake that once the asset transfer has been approved.
5. Hanging Baskets – Discuss purchase of 3 more to replace missing ones.
Proposal – to purchase 3 baskets.
6. Northumbria In bloom – The entry has to be in by 31st December. The clerk was asked to contact the community gardeners to see how they feel about entering. Members not sure if this year is the correct time to enter again. – This will be discussed at the December meeting.

The above proposals were approved.

PROPOSED Cllr T Christie

SECONDED Cllr C Moore

AGREED

ACTION Clerk to instruct cemetery staff for Hadrian's Rise and the toilets and to order 3 more baskets.

175/21.02 Westlands Climbing Frame

There are 2 pieces of equipment to be installed with grass matting. The biggest cost is the grass matting and Kompan have quoted £2008.73 to install them.

Members considered the two quotes (Kompan and Sovereign) that the clerk had received for a piece of play equipment to replace the current climbing frame. The Rospa inspection highlighted this as time for renewal. Members agreed to choose the Kompan piece as the better value. Kompan will co-ordinate the installation of the other 2 pieces at the same time and save on some of the costs. Their quote was £9786.83.

The cemetery staff will be asked to remove the old climbing frame and bark in preparation for the installation.

It was proposed to instruct Kompan to undertake the work.

PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley

SECONDED Cllr T Christie

AGREED

ACTION Clerk to instruct Kompan and inform the cemetery staff when they can remove equipment.

175/21.03 Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities

- The footpath behind Kilfrost is in need of some attention. The clerk will report to Duncan Lovatt, NCC.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rhododendrons in front of the hospital need reducing. The clerk will ask David Hunt, NCC, if they could arrange to do this. The clerk will enquire if the trees in the hospital car park have been inspected. <p>175/21.04 Public Seating and Bus Shelters – nothing to report.</p>
176/21	<p>Borderlands Town Board Presentation 13th October 2021 The event was arranged by Peter Mawer along with colleagues Tony Kirsop, Anne Lawson and Chris Walker as members of the NCC economic development and regeneration team.</p> <p>Attending were Cllr M Ridley, Cllr G Ridley, Cllr M Hodgson, Cllr J Clark, Cllr I Hutchinson and the town clerk. Julie Gibbon and Alan Gerno, from The Partnership, were invited by the Council.</p> <p>The Borderlands Place Programme and Investment Plan were described as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An opportunity to create a town strategy or Place Plan to define various needs and issues in 7 towns across Northumberland An opportunity to address specific economic development needs through the linked Investment Plan The investment 'pot' is available over 10 years and contains about £12 million. The use of this fund will depend on identified needs and priorities. There will be opportunities to supplement the Investment Plan resources with other funds over time Borderlands Programme investment is for capital (not revenue) projects <p>The next stages are to establish and ratify a Town Board with 2 reps from the council. This will be followed by a consultation through the town which the board will review.</p> <p>PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr T Christie AGREED The Council nominated Cllr Sharp and Cllr Hodgson as their representatives.</p>	
177/21	<p>Policing in Haltwhistle Cllr Sharp read out the report. Members agreed that they would like drug issues, boy racers and lack of uniformed presence to be discussed at the upcoming meeting with the Crime Commissioner.</p>	
178/21	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee It was agreed to meet on 29th November at 7pm in The Manor and to form a steering group of interested parties.</p>	
179/21	<p>Planning Applications 21/03827 Land West of Dunholme, Comb Hill – Conversion of agricultural buildings into 5 residential properties. PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr M Forrest AGREED ACTION – Clerk to submit comments</p>	
	<p>79/21.01 Determined and Other Planning Matters 21/03037 – Golden Square single storey side extension -GRANTED 21/03602 – 1 Stoney Rigg Close single storey extension - GRANTED</p>	

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180/21	Reports on Financial Matters		
	Financial Matters:		
			£
180/21.01	Bank and cash balances as at 25th October 2021		
	Current Account		81,543.89
	TOTAL		81,543.89
	Receipts Received		Included above
180/21.02			
180/21.03	Accounts for payment 1st November 2021	Pay \method	Incl VAT
			£
			Included in Balance Above
			0.00
			Not Included in Balance Above
	PPH		12.00
	HDJBC		195.60
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	Top Signs		45.00
	Mrs S M Saunders - Exp		151.63
	British Legion		60.00
	Centre of Britain		12.48
	Ian Robinson		600.00
	Stephen Ferguson		
	NCC - light fittings		1,800.00
	Blachere Lights		4,645.09
	Monthly Agreed Amounts		2737.87
	TOTAL FOR APPROVAL		10,259.67
	The payments of £10,259.67 were approved.		
	PROPOSED Cllr T Christie	SECONDED Cllr G Ridley	AGREED
	180/21.04 Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure as at 27th Oct 2021. <i>Noted</i>		
	180/21.05 War memorial Insurance – it was agreed to add this to the insurance. There will not be a cost for the rest of this year and then the amount is £96.		
	PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp	SECONDED Cllr M Forrest	AGREED
181/21	Haltwhistle Partnership		
	There will be a report from The Partnership at the beginning of the meeting on 6 th Dec.		
182/21	Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee		
	The cemetery are undertaking a review of the headstones at Haydon Bridge cemetery.		
184/21	Correspondence received since last Council meeting		
	Members requested a response to the Medical Centre to complain that they are still hearing of residents not able to get appointments unless they state it is an emergency. Members wondered how someone ascertains this themselves.		
185/21	Saturday Surgery		
	This is to be held on Saturday 4 th December, thought the venue is yet to be confirmed. Cllr's Sharp and Christie will attend the first one and then Cllr's M ridley and Hodgeson will attend the one next March.		
186/21	Other Matters – no matters		
187/21	Dates and times of next meetings		
	Town Council Meeting – Monday 6th December 2021 Monthly Council meeting from 6.00pm in Room 3, Haltwhistle Library.		
	Sunday 14 th November – Remembrance Day		
	Monday 22 nd November – Meeting with police 2pm -Room 3		
	Monday 29 th November – Grounds Meeting 10.00am - tbc		
	Saturday 4 th December – Saturday Surgery 10 – 12 noon – tbc		
	The meeting closed at 8.55pm.		

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