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Int ere	Present	Cllr A Sharp	Cllr M Hodgson	Clerk – Mrs Susan Saunders		
sts		Cllr M Ridley	Cllr I Stott	Cllr I Hutchinson – County		
365		Cllr G Ridley	Cllr J Hunt	1 member of the public		
	18.00	Cllr J Clark				
	126/21	Apologies for absence - Cllr T Christie, Cllr J Elliott, Cllr M Forrest, Cllr C Moore				
	127/21	Public Questions There were no questions.				
	128/21	Guest Speaker				
		Mr Michael Smith – Chair of Haydon Bridge High School.				
		Mr Smith began at the school in January 2020 with the first duties to close the school and				
		cancel the exams. He reported that the winter lockdown was much harder on the children				
		than the previous, summer, one.				
		The A level pupils were all successful in going to their first choice university.				
		For this new term, there is to be a big drive for literacy and reading and an intervention				
		programme will be organised to raise the level of the reading age. Mr Smith explained that				
		for the GCSE exam the reading level had to be age 17.				
		There has been a higher intake in Year 9 and a similar one for Year 7.				
	129/21	Declarations of Interest				
		The Chair reminded members of the Council of their duty to declare an interest at each				
		agenda item, and he	informed everyone that t	hat the initials of Councillors declaring an		
		interest will be listed in a column on the Minutes.				
	130/21	Minutes of the meeting for approval held on:				
		Monday 2 nd August 2				
		PROPOSED Clir M Ridley SECONDED Clir I Stott AGREED				
	131/21	Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current				
		agenda				
		The gate on the Burn footpath has been replaced by NCC at no charge to The				
		council.				
		NCC are organising a 'no through road' sign at Lees Hall.				
	132/21	Northumberland County Council				
		132/21.01 Report from County Councillor – Cllr Hutchinson reported that consideration is				
		being given to street closures for the Jubilee next year. He will update when there is more				
		information.				
				Savin with regard to the toilets. It appeared to	0	
				hen they may undertake a refurbishment.		
			•	n. The clerk was also informed that day that		
		-		at The Town Council's expense. Members		
	were not in agreement with that and the clerk will mention that when contacting Greg					
		Gavin.				
		PROPOSED Clir I Sto		D Cllr G Ridley AGREED		
ACTION Clerk to write to Greg Gavin. 133/21 Grounds Meeting						
	100, 11					
		133/21.01				
				aul from Kompan to discuss various issues with		
				for the parts (£507.84) and it was agreed the		
		•	d with the order under deleg	•		
				oblem with the rubber connection units, as the		
				hotos and reported back that they were out of		
				ere are 10 parts and the cost of replacement is		
		<u>£96 each. As there</u>	e is no risk involved, it was a	greed to monitor this and not replace at this		

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stage.

- 2. <u>Bin at Beano's</u> the bin has been re-positioned away from the seats but on the same side of the road. It seems to be an improvement so no further action is required.
- 3. Burn Field Village Green

The VGWG had a number of proposals and queries, some of which have been answered, or proposals accepted for the Town council in blue:

- A request to ask NCC if a footpath sign could be placed at Fairfield Park to show where the footpath is when approaching from Sainsbury entrance. *Duncan Lovatt to be contacted.*
- A dog bag dispenser for the south entrance. There is a dispenser in the car park and members felt that another one was not required.
- A request for brambles to be cut back and if they could plant trees in the north area past the cycle track. As the wild flower scheme did not come to fruition they thought trees may be easier to manage.

Proposal: HTC and HSLC need to take a more active role in the maintenance of this piece of land and will organise a more robust plan to accommodate the original wild flower scheme that the group put forward. The Council will consider this as part of the grounds contract that is up for renewal later this year.

- A request for a robust maintenance plan for the cycle track after refurbishment. *Tenders will be approved at the meeting and, they include on-going maintenance.*
- A request for the hedge alongside the cycle track to be substantially cut back and a maintenance plan agreed. This hedge has shot up so, HTC propose to organise someone to cut it back and grass cut (see below) where needed. This work will be factored into the grounds contract.
- A request for the long grassed area to be mowed twice a year as part of the grounds contract for HTC. *As above*.
- A request that the grass that is cut from the football field is not dumped in the area of willow trees.
- A request that when there are organised games, the toilets in the changing room are opened for use of the public.
- A request to meet with HTC and HSLC to discuss the impending grass cutting contract.
- A complaint about the length of time it is taking to cut the grass

HSLC have responded to the above 5 points to say that an agreement has been entered into with Haltwhistle Jubilee Football club for the maintenance and grass cutting of the pitch. This was agreed before they had the request from the VGWG to meet.

However, HJFC only have a small mower at present but hope to purchase a better one that will not need to collect grass. The club open the toilets and will try and encourage public to use them when there are organised events.

• A request for a wild flower corridor to the south of the football pitch.

Proposal: To write back to the VGWG and thank them for their minutes and the points they raised. They hope that with the encouragement of wild flowers in the north end, there will be no reason to leave a 'wild flower' corridor to the south of the football pitch.

- 4. Resident offering gardening services The clerk has received an offer of gardening services.
 - Proposal: To ask what the rates are and if they have the appropriate insurances in place. If so, the name can be added to the list of suppliers.
- 5. <u>Comb Hill gates at under 6 area</u> The spring on the gate broke when it was loosened to stop it swinging so fast. However, it is now open all the time. It was agreed that a new spring should be purchased and for the gate to have a soft close re-fitted. It was felt safer that the gate closed to stop children getting out and onto the road.
- 6. <u>Railway Sidings</u> New signs showing the permissive path have been placed at either end. Ian Millward has asked to attend a future meeting to update the council. October has been pencilled in.

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	ATTROVED MINOTES				
	7. <u>Toilet Transfer</u> – The electric source has still not been identified. A plan from Northern Powergrid has been sent to NCC to ask if they can tell where it is located.				
	The above proposals were all approved.				
	PROPOSED Cllr I Stott SECONDED Cllr Marie Hodgson AGREED				
	The church yard has been cut with paths around the graves and other sections left to go wild. Members were concerned that the wardens had not been consulted over this.				
	ACTION				
	Order parts for Comb Hill - clerk				
	Minutes to be sent to VGWG – clerk				
	Spring to be ordered for gate – clerk				
	Wardens at Church to be contacted – Cllr A Sharp/Cllr G Ridley				
	133/21.02 Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities				
	It was reported that the grass needs cutting along Bellister Bridge.				
	ACTION – to contact NCC and ask if it will be cut – Clerk.				
	133/21.03 Public Seating and Bus Shelters				
	The seat has been positioned on The Comb Hill and is just awaiting the plaque.				
	The clerk reported that the covid stone could be considered under permitted development. Members agreed and instructed the clerk to progress. Stephen Renwick has kindly offered to donate the stone.				
	ACTION to instruct S Renwick and I Robinson to progress with the covid stone – clerk.				
134/21	Representation on Town Board for Borderlands grant. Presentation date to be agreed 11 th October, 10.30am. It was agreed that the 4 representative members will be nominated after the meeting. PROPOSED CIIr M Ridley SECONDED CIIr G Ridley AGREED				
135/21	Policing in Haltwhistle				
	Cllr Sharp read out the report. A meeting has been agreed on 22 nd November at 2.00pm with the Police Commissioner, Kim McGuiness and Chief Constable Keenen. Members will produce a list of items for discussion to be sent in advance of the meeting				
136/21	Queen's Platinum Jubilee				
	It was agreed to advertise, with a poster, to encourage residents who would like to become involved to contact the clerk. A meeting will then be organised in October. ACTION Poster and newsletter - clerk				
137/21	Planning Applications				
	21/03037 3 Golden Square, single storey side extension – No Objection.				
	PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr I Stott AGREED				
	137/21.01 Determined and Other Planning Matters 20/02213 – Herding Hill – change of use bunkhouse to residential – GRANTED 21/00177 – 14 Comb Hill – 2 storey side extension – GRANTED 21/02589 – Land north of 6 Beech Grove – Tree felling – PERMITTED 21/02121 – 8 Holme Terrace – single storey extension - GRANTED				

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Financial Matters:					
			£		
138/21.01	Bank and cash balances as at 27th Aug 2021				
	Current Account		50,310.52		
	TOTAL		50,310.52		
	Receipts Received			Include d above	
138/21.02	JBC		298.04	Included in balance	
			298.04		
		Pay\method			
138/21.03	Accounts for payment 6th September 2021	, ,	£	Included in Balance Above	
	Cartmell Shepherd		600.00	Payment on Account	
			600.00		
				Not Included in Balance Above	
	AHS Ltd		514.80	Bark - 2 pallets 1 for Henshaw (£214.50 recharg	
	HDJBC		146.70	June Play Inspections	
	HDJBC			July Play Inspections (Westlands and H Rise now weekly)	
	HDJBC		8,861.87	2nd Tranche	
	Monthly Agreed Amounts		2,744.75	Approx	
			12,463.72		
	TOTAL FOR APPROVAL		13,063.72		

138/21.04 Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure as at 27th August 2021 – noted

Other Financial Matters

138/21.05 Grants

<u>Haltwhistle Partnership</u> (incl Older People's services) – the accounts were handed out for consideration at the next meeting

<u>Young & Sweet</u> – the accounts have not been reveived so, this will be deferred to the next meeting.

Chamber of Trade

A request has been made for help with the postage of local information leaflets for potential visitors which are sent out by the Library. It was agreed to donate £50.

PROPOSED Clir A Sharp

SECONDED Clir M Hodgson

AGREED

138/21.06 Council Office -

The council have been informed that they have to vacate the office on floor 1 as it is to be used as a community hub, and that they could have a larger one upstairs for $\pounds 6000$ pa. Members agreed that this was not a realistic cost. They agreed that they would like to speak to someone from NCC about the community hub and invite representation from The Partnership.

Cllr J Clark offered the ground floor front 2 rooms at the old Land Factor office and said that he would charge the same rent as is currently being paid plus utilities.

Members agreed to rent Land Factor rooms if there was no movement on the price from NCC.

PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley

SECONDED CIIr G Ridley

AGREED

AS JC Cllrs A Sharp and J Clark declared an interest and took no part in the vote.

ACTION – to request a meeting about the community hub and clarify room rental. If no change, to begin drawing up contract with Cllr J Clark. - clerk

138/21.07 Remembrance Soldier Statues – *to agree on purchasing 2 for each entrance to Haltwhistle*

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		AFFROVED MINUTES					
		It was agreed to purchase 2 'unknown Tommy' statutes from The British Legion for £350. PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Ridley AGREED ACTION — to order — clerk.					
		As HSBC are to begin charging £8 per month and the clerk is not happy that the internet banking with HSBC is entirely satisfactory, it was agreed to switch bank accounts to Unity Trust at £6 per month fees. PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Ridley AGREED					
	139/21	ACTION – to change bank – clerk.					
	133/21	Haltwhistle Partnership The AGM is on 8 th September so there was nothing to report at this point.					
AS MR	140/21	Report from Haltwhistle Swimming & Leisure Centre To approve agreement between the Leisure Centre and Jubilee Football club Clirs A Sharp and M Ridley declared an interest and tool no part in the vote. The S38 has been approved for the football filed and in order to obtain a grant a 10 year agreement is to be set up. Members approved the agreement subject to the original agreement already in place being adhered to.					
		PROPOSED Cllr G Ridley SECONDED Cllr I Stott AGREED Cllr Sharp reported that the pool had had a very busy summer and that the staff had worked extremely hard under the covid restrictions. Members asked that the staff were thanked. ACTION To contact Leisure Centre with approval and thanks for the hard work of the staff – clerk.					
	141/21						
	142/21	Correspondence received since last Council meeting Noted.					
	143/21						
	Resolution to Exclude Press and Public To consider a resolution to exclude the public and accredited representatives of newsp the following item relevant to a subject which affects the Council's area.						
		Resolution "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw."					
		This resolution is moved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.					
		PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr G Ridley AGREED					
		143/21.04 Burn Field Cycle Track Refurbishment Members agreed to instruct Steven Ferguson to undertake the contract					
		Members agreed to instruct Steven Ferguson to undertake the contract. PROPOSED Cllr I Stott SECONDED Cllr J Hunter AGREED 143/21.04 Comb Hill Wetpour Replacement and Path Refurbishment					
		It was agreed to leave the path refurbishment until later in the year and re-tender. Abacus was approved as the contractor to overlay two areas of wetpour (5 and 6) and take away and lay wetpour in the third (7) area which will need some remedial work to stop the water pooling. The wetpour will all be one colour – black.					
		PROPOSED Clir J Clark SECONDED Clir I Stott AGREED					

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	ACTION To inform the unsuccessful contractors and instruct the two contractors above – clerk.
144/21	Other Matters Members were reminded about the school open day on Friday 24 th September 2021
145/21	Dates and times of next meetings
	Town Council Meeting – Monday 4th October 2021 Monthly Council meeting from
	6.00pm in Room 3, Haltwhistle Library.
	Monday 20 th September – Grounds Contract Review.
	Friday 24 th September – School open morning.
	Monday 27 th September - Grounds Meeting.

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