

Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting

6th September 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

		<p>stage.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. <u>Burn Field Village Green</u></p> <p>The VGWG had a number of proposals and queries, some of which have been answered, or proposals accepted for the Town council in blue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <i>Duncan Lovatt to be contacted.</i> • A dog bag dispenser for the south entrance. <i>There is a dispenser in the car park and members felt that another one was not required.</i> • 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. <p><i>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.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for a robust maintenance plan for the cycle track after refurbishment. <i>Tenders will be approved at the meeting and, they include on-going maintenance.</i> • A request for the hedge alongside the cycle track to be substantially cut back and a maintenance plan agreed. <i>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.</i> • A request for the long grassed area to be mowed twice a year as part of the grounds contract for HTC. <i>As above.</i> • 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 <p><i>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.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for a wild flower corridor to the south of the football pitch. <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>4. <u>Resident offering gardening services</u> –The clerk has received an offer of gardening services.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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 27th September - Grounds Meeting.