



# Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## APPROVED MINUTES

Free Tree Giveaway – About 30 trees have been received and 10 of them can also be used in the play park. These trees need planting imminently so, Cllr Elliott offered to speak with Libby and the community gardeners to choose and plant 10 in Comb Hill. The clerk will ask the village green working group to send a map of where they would like trees planting for the council to approve. It is proposed that any remaining trees go to the land by the Railway sidings.

*Proposal:*

- i. To ask The Railway volunteer group and community gardeners if they are able to help plant the trees at Bellister and Comb Hill in the new year once NCC have organised a timetable.*
- ii. To ask Libby Scott's advice about planting approx. 10 trees already received at Comb Hill play park and organise volunteers.*
- iii. To agree that remaining trees are split between Burn Field Village Green and the land at the Railway sidings, as appropriate.*

**PROPOSED Cllr T Christie**

**SECONDED Cllr M Ridley**

**AGREED**

8 for and 1 against.

2. Village Green working group report and requests.

The group have the following requests:

Will the refurbished cycle track be reported online and in a newsletter? If so, will thanks be given to all those involved?

In view of the amount of waste being left, would the Council please reconsider a bag dispenser for the bin near the SE corner.

They track will have a write up and members agreed to consider a bag dispenser. It was reported that a wheelie bin will be placed near the bike track.

*Proposal: To purchase a dog bag dispenser for the SE corner footpath.*

**PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp**

**SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson**

**AGREED**

3. Outstanding jobs updates:

- a. Wall and fence at Westlands – The fence has been sorted.
- b. Planters in front of Memorial Hospital – to be completed this week weather dependent.
- c. Toilet cleaning. Two lots of cleaning have been undertaken with a cleaning solution from AGMA. This has made a huge improvement. Photos of the toilets will be sent to NCC to show what they are like and to monitor their cleaning of them. It was found that the disabled toilets are not being locked and were full of leaves and old rubbish. This will be reported to NCC.

*Proposal: To ask NCC if they would pay for the Council to organise a monthly deep clean if their staff are not keeping them up to standard.*

**PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp**

**SECONDED Cllr T Christie**

**AGREED**

4. Parking on Tyne View Road – There is parking on the grass and corner. Cllr Elliott will take photos and the clerk will respond to NCC and also ask the grassed area could be removed to allow for parking.

5. Tree and fence on Comb Hill Play park – The tree from the neighbouring garden fell over the fence into the play park. The fence has been flattened and needs to be replaced. The clerk will write to the landowner and suggest that the council organise the replacement of the fence and be reimbursed for the costs.

6. Other Matters

- i. Cllr Christie reported that a fridge/freezer, left over from the first school, has had

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- Commemoration gifts/prizes to be investigated and priced (HTC)

Pat Birley (Deputy Lieutenant) informed the meeting that there are grants available from The Arts Council fund for communities to create a piece of artwork in commemoration. An idea suggested was a book made up by the children with poems, pictures, stories, articles, photos of artwork/projects.

Another idea was to commission a local artist to design something for Coronation Park. Both ideas would be appropriate to apply for funding.

It was agreed to apply to local businesses for contributions towards the weekend and begin the process straight away. The Council will approve funding in January and can hold/ringfence any funds contributed by businesses.

Another meeting is suggested for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Members agreed to consider commemoration gifts and funding on the January agenda.

**200/21**

#### **Planning Applications**

21/03827 Land West of Dunholme, Comb Hill – Conversion of agricultural buildings into 5 residential properties.

21/04532 Vallum House, Westgate – Change of use from retail to residential

No objection to both applications was approved.

**PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley**

**SECONDED Cllr J Hunter**

**AGREED**

**ACTION** – Clerk to submit comments

#### **200/21.01 Determined and Other Planning Matters**

21/02050 – Houghill, Tyne View Road – parking for 2 vehicles **GRANTED**

**201/21**

#### **Reports on Financial Matters**

Financial Matters:			£	
201/21.01	<b>Bank and cash balances as at 29th November 2021</b>			
	Current Account		81,360.65	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>81,360.65</b>	
	<b>Receipts Received</b>			<b>Include d above</b>
201/21.02	VAT Claim	Pay\method	Incl VAT	2,201.28
201/21.03	<b>Accounts for payment 6th December 2021</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>Included in Balance Above</b>
	MKM		17.71	Chippings for covid stone
			17.71	
				<b>Not Included in Balance Above</b>
	PPH		74.76	Wood, Sand, cement for Westlands/ sand for covid stone
	HDJBC		391.20	Nov/Dec Inspections- invoice to follow
	HDJBC		162.25	Dog bags, flags for covid stone, bin at VG, fence Westlands
	Mrs S M Saunders - Exp		160.43	Consumables for Police/Jubilee meeting, Plus Net set up, Chair and back support for office
	Monthly Agreed Amounts		2,751.91	approx
	<b>TOTAL FOR APPROVAL</b>		<b>3,540.55</b>	

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207/21	<p><b>Other Matters</b> Residents have complained about the uncut grass at the church. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.</p>
197/21	<p><b>Resolution to Exclude Press and Public</b> To consider a resolution to exclude the public and accredited representatives of newspapers from the following item relevant to a subject which affects the Council's area.</p> <p><b>Resolution</b> "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."</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED Cllr M Hodgson</b>                      <b>SECONDED Cllr G Ridley</b>                      <b>AGREED</b> The member of the press and public both left the meeting.</p> <p>A discussion was held and, it was agreed that the decision for contractor will be taken at the beginning of the precept meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp</b>                      <b>SECONDED Cllr J Elliott</b>                      <b>AGREED</b></p>
208/21	<p><b>Dates and times of next meetings</b> Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Precept meeting from 6.30pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – monthly council meeting. The community room on the first floor of the hospital has been booked. However, if Room 3 becomes available, the meetings may take place there as normal.</p>