

Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
APPROVED MINUTES

Int ere sts	Present  18.05	Cllr A Sharp Cllr M Ridley Cllr J Clark Cllr I Stott	Cllr M Hodgson Cllr M Forrest Cllr J Elliott Cllr C Banks Cllr J Hunter	Clerk – Susan Saunders  Canon S Wright
	<b>173/22</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b>, Cllr G Ridley, Cllr T Christie, Cllr C Moore, Cllr I Hutchinson. Cllr Sharp reported the sad passing of the cemetery keeper, Michael Glenwright. He has been in role for 34 years and was a very dedicated employee. He kept the cemetery running smoothly and looking good and, was always available to speak to members of the public. He was involved with many different events in the town and was on the carnival committee for many years, recently, as chair. As a mark of respect, the council held a minute's silence.</p> <p>Cllr Sharp also reported he had been to visit Cllr G Ridley who is making steady progress.</p>		
	<b>174/22</b>	<p><b>Canon Stephen Wright</b> Canon Wright introduced himself and spoke about how the church would like to be more involved in the town. He has some ideas about events in the autumn including Remembrance Day and the late night shopping. He is keen to have a community carol service at Christmas. The churches of Henshaw and Beltingham are now included with Greenhead and Haltwhistle and, Canon Wright is aiming to organise the newsletters to incorporate all churches and parishes.</p>		
	<b>175/22</b>	<p><b>Public Questions</b> – there were no questions.</p>		
	<b>166/22</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> The Chair reminded members of the Council of their duty to declare an interest at each agenda item, and he informed everyone that that the initials of Councillors declaring an interest will be listed in a column on the Minutes.</p>		
	<b>177/22</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting for approval held on:</b> Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 The minutes had some amendments: Both Cllr's C Banks and J Hunter were not included in the apologies. In the finance section it was agreed to clarify the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for the jubilee accounts. With the above amendments, the minutes were approved <b>PROPOSED Cllr J Elliott                      SECONDED Cllr I Stott                      AGREED</b></p>		
	<b>178/22</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hospital was contacted about a donation for its 100 year celebration but, as it had received a donation already, it did not require more funding. The council were thanked for their offer. Cllr Sharp reported that the event was well attended and successful.</li> <li>• The paths at Park Road have been completed.</li> <li>• The request for a memorial seat has been withdrawn.</li> </ul>		
	<b>179/22</b>	<p><b>Grounds Meeting</b> <b>179/22.01</b> Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities Cllr M Ridley reported that the paths that have been resurfaced around the town (Comb Hill, Castle Hill and Park Road) were a disgrace. He said, though they look good when driving past, they are very uneven and, especially the Comb Hill, covered in loose chippings which are now filling up the drains. Other members agreed about the paths and the clerk was instructed to contact NCC to complain and suggest a site visit. Members also complained that some drains are smelling along Capel Ave and the drains at</p>		

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	<p>Dale Street/East View and Tyne View/Tyne View Road, are in urgent need of emptying. The clerk was asked to report this too.</p> <p><b>179/22.02</b> Public Seating and Bus Shelters.  The seat from Berry has now been positioned in The Comb Hill and the hard standing has been put down at Newholme.  The memorial seat for the Queens’s Platinum Jubilee, with plaque, has been sited at Coronation Park.</p> <p>Other Matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCC have responded about the children playing sign requested at Hadrian’s Rise and Westlands Estate. The signs are only allowed where there is a school or play area. Hadrian’s Rise needs to be checked to see if there is one there but, Westlands cannot have one. Members asked again, that NCC are contacted about 20mph on Comb Hill and, the rest of the town.</li> <li>• The cobbled path to Sainsbury’s has still not been addressed. There have also been complaints about traffic going through the arch in an attempt to reach the car park. The grounds group will assess this issue and report back. In the meantime, the clerk will contact NCC about the path.</li> <li>• The Burn footpath has an area that is eroding into the burn. It is now quite dangerous but is on the NCC part of the path. The clerk was asked to contact NCC and report it and ask if it could be fenced off as a precaution.</li> <li>• The repairs on the bridge and new gate are to be undertaken this week.</li> <li>• The picnic table in Coronation Park has been vandalised. The damaged part has been removed, to make safe, but needs replacing.</li> </ul> <p><b>179/22.03</b> Tree giveaway – anyone can apply for trees and the clerk will find out when the deadline is so it can be discussed at the grounds meeting.  <b>179/22.04</b> Comb Hill hole. – A hole has been carved out of the grass in the play park, this will be discussed at the grounds meeting</p>
<b>180/22</b>	<b>Northumberland County Council (NCC) – No Matters</b>
<b>181/22</b>	<b>Police in Haltwhistle</b> The clerk has been asked for a meeting date by Inspector Neill. Members asked that they suggest a date that is convenient for them.
<b>182/22</b>	<b>Land by The Tyne</b> - no updates to report
<b>183/22</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> – The clerk has had interest expressed from Young & Sweet, The Partnership and Haltwhistle Academy. There is a meeting of the Chamber of Trade this month so, members will wait to hear from them before arranging a meeting.
<b>184/22</b>	<b>Walking Accreditation Steering Group</b> The group would like to try and get walking accreditation for Haltwhistle as it has had this in previous years. They have invited a councillor to be part of the group and Cllr J Clark volunteered.
<b>185/22</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications.</b>  21/04595 Brew Bar Listed Building consent for external painting – referred to Local area planning on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Members agreed that Cllr M Ridley would attend to support the plan as previously agreed by council.</p> <p><b>Other Planning Matters</b>  22/01739 Hill House- TPO – <b>Permission Granted</b>  22/00066 Land east of Woodhead Park – <b>GRANTED</b>  22/00081 Westbourne House – <b>GRANTED</b>  22/03827 – Land West of Dunholme – 5 residential - <b>GRANTED</b></p>
<b>186/22</b>	<b>Grant Requests</b> <b>186/22.01</b> Sport Tynedale – It was agreed to donate £250.



