# Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

# APPROVED MINUTES

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Int	Present	Cllr A Sharp Cllr M Hodgson Clerk – Susan Saunders					
ere	10.55	Cllr M Ridley Cllr J Elliott					
sts	18.55	Cllr J Hunter Cllr C Banks					
	43/23	<b>Apologies for absence</b> , Cllr G Ridley, Cllr T Christie, Cllr I Stott, Cllr M Forrest, Cllr J Clark					
	_,	Cllr I Hutchinson.					
		Dispensation Request from Cllr Forrest and Cllr G Ridley					
		It was noted that both members have been absent over the 6 months due to illness. It was					
		agreed to grant the dispensation under these circumstances.					
		PROPOSED CIIr A Sharp SECONDED CIIr M Ridley AGREED					
		Recording and distribution of minutes – review of decisions made in July 2022					
		It as agreed that meetings no longer needed to be recorded and that all members receive a					
		copy of the draft minutes before they are formally published.					
	44/22						
	44/23	Public Questions – there were no questions.					
	45/23	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 that the initials of Councillors declaring an					
		interest will be listed in a column on the Minutes.					
	46/22						
	46/23	Minutes of the meeting for approval held on:					
		Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 - The minutes were approved.					
		PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Hodgson AGREED					
	47/23	Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current					
		agenda					
	48/23	Grounds Meeting					
		<b>48/23.01</b> Report and proposals from meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023					
		The area behind the information boards is quite an untidy and scrubby area. The council is					
		asked if there are any plans or ideas to address this. Perhaps bulbs planted in the autumn or					
		just a general tidy.					
		Proposal – to tidy this area up with the community service workers					
		Along the north footpath there is quite a lot of ivy overgrowth. Members ask if the cou					
		could look at this with an aim to reduce or remove the ivy. The ivy is growing up around the					
		trees and some of them look dead.					
		Proposal —to ask Thomas Howard if he could remove dead trees and cut around the ivy					
		the base of the remaining trees to kill off what is there. The ivy on the ground is to be					
		monitored.					
		Proposal —to ask Thomas Howard if he could remove dead tree branch and other branches or					
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		dead saplings amongst the beech trees.					
		Dog bin bags – to discuss frequency of filling. The bags are being used up very quickly after					
		being filled which costs the council.					
		Proposal – to order some signs to be stuck on the dispensers asking people to only take					
		what they need. If this continues the council will have to consider withdrawing this service.					
		The above proposals were all approved.					
		PROPOSED Clir M Hodgson SECONDED Clir J Hunter AGREED					
		48/23.02 Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities – It was agreed to ask NCC if solar lights					
		could be placed in the Memorial Park and ask Cllr Hutchinson if he would pay for them.					
		<b>48/23.03</b> Public Seating and Bus Shelters – The bus shelters have still not been cleaned. Cllr					
		M Ridley will speak to Clearview Cleaning.					
		The clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the seat repairs that are required.					
	49/23	Northumberland County Council (NCC) – no matters					
	50/23	Police in Haltwhistle					
	]	Local residents had attended a meeting to discuss recent issues in the town.					
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	Cllr Alan Sharp read out a report from Cllr M Forrest in which she stated the	at she has been in				
	contact with the Chief Superintendent about the lack of policing and arrest	s in the town.				
	Members agreed to organise a public meeting and invite representatives from	om the police,				
	NCC, Karbon Homes and Guy Opperman.	•				
	PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley	AGREED				
51/23	Neighbourhood Plan					
	The application to both NCC and The National Park have been submitted.					
52/23						
	Stagecoach has confirmed they will not change the bus route. Members ag	reed to defer this				
	item.					
53/23	The King's Coronation					
	<ul> <li>Members agreed to purchase personalised mugs for the school child</li> </ul>	dren.				
	<ul> <li>An amount if £2000 has been allocated in the budget.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Events are being organised over the Coronation weekend. The cour</li> </ul>	ncil has put in a				
	grant request to cover costs for a Picnic in the Park on the Sunday	(7 <sup>th</sup> May). Bouncy				
	castles, entertainment and the icecream van have been booked.					
	Leaflets are to be produced again but professionally printed. Quotes have to	een received.				
	PROPOSED Cllr M Hodgson SECONDED Cllr M Ridley	AGREED				
	The next meeting is on Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at The Jubilee Inn					
54/23	Risk Assessments					
	The risk assessments, which include financial, management and business of	ontinuity, were				
	reviewed and approved.					
	PROPOSED CIIr J Elliott SECONDED CIIr M Ridley	AGREED				
55/23	Planning Applications.					
	23/00391/LBC – Addition of new platform ramps Haltwhistle Railway Station					
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	It was agreed to support the application.	ACREER				
	PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson	AGREED				
	23/00530/FUL Single storey extension – 21 Fair Hill					
	It was agreed to support the application.					
	PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr J Hunter	AGREED				
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	NNPA 23NP0024 – Change of use of existing filed shelter to artist's studio -	- Bridge House.				
	Shield Hill.	211490110450,				
	No objection was agreed to the application.					
	PROPOSED CIIr M Ridley SECONDED CIIr M Hodgson	AGREED				
	Other Planning Matters					
	22/0338 The Band Room Change of use to holiday dwellings - <b>GRANTED</b>					
56/23						
	A request was received from the Chamber of Trade for support with tourisr	n leaflets for				
	Haltwhistle. Members agreed to donation £500 and to include on the list of					
	PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir J Hunter	AGREED				
57/23	Reports on Financial Matters					
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		57/23.01	Bank and cash balances as at 28th February		-	
			Current Account		42,247.93	
			TOTAL		42,247.93	
			TOTAL		12,217133	
		57/23.02	Receipts Since last Meeting			Induded above
			HDJBC			Jan & Feb PAYE & Pension
			HDJBC			Recharge for SLCC webinar
			H Partnership		877.11	Refund allocated against Volunteer grant
				Pay \method	Incl VAT	
		57/23.03	Accounts for payment as at 13 March 2023	, ,	£	Not Included Above
			Jethros	Direct	120.00	Estimate for litter picker volunteer refreshments
			G Reichart	Direct	475.00	Tree removal - invoice to follow
			S Ferguson	Direct		Orchard Garden - invoice to follow
			NCC	Direct	2,000.00	Winter Toilet opening
			NCC HDJBC	Direct Direct	400.00	Estimate for HR agreement - invoice to follow Feb & March Inpsections and dog bags estimated
			HDJBC	Direct		Jan inspections & dog bags
			Chanber of Trade	Direct		Donation for Leaflets
			PPH	Direct		Estimate for bark, paint & sand
			M Rogan	Direct	15.00	Office Windows
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Ì			Monthly Amounts	direct/DDR	3,195.80	
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## Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 APPROVED MINUTES

#### **Resolution to Exclude Press and Public**

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.

#### 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 Hodgson

### SECONDED Clir A sharp

**AGREED** 

**41/23.02** Staffing Committee Report and Meeting minutes. – the meeting did not take place but the date of 20<sup>th</sup> March was agreed.

NALC have said they would undertake a training session. Members agreed to invite other council clerks and councillors to attend. The clerk will invite and then organsie some dates for after Easter.

**41/23.02** Anti-social behaviour – no matters to discuss as they were covered under police matters.

#### 62/23

### **Dates and times of next meetings**

Town Council Meeting Monday 3rd April 2023, 6.00pm in the library, first floor.

Grounds Meeting – Monday 27th March 2023 10.00am in the office.

The meeting closed at 20.50.

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