| Inte rest s | Present 18.35 | Cllr J Hunter Cllr M Bowes Cllr D Rogan-Mackie | Cllr A Sharp Cllr M Ridley | Clerk – Susan Saunders | | | | |
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| | 202/23 | | | | | | | |
| | 203/23 | | | | | | | |
| | 204/23 | Public Questions – No questions 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. | | | | | | |
| | 205/23 | Minutes of the meeting for approval held on 2 nd October 2023 The minutes were approved. PROPOSED Clir M Bowes SECONDED Clir J Hunter AGREED | | | | | | |
| | 206/23 | Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current | | | | | | |
| | | _ | ommy' is in place at the | west end. The broken one may be repaira | able | | | |
| | 207/23 | The following report | • | report and proposals they are to start as soon as weather impro | oves. | | | |
| | | Seats: Coop – to discuss lighting. Propose to speak with manager to ask if a light could be linked to and the council will purchase one. PROPOSED CIIr M Ridley SECONDED CIIr J Hunter | | | | | | |
| | | Alan Rober required. Alan has A mention A mention There are two eresuggested that be | son to look at the three A seat on The Fairhill w been asked to repaint the for Alan will be include to suggest areas in the twn and draw up list of an another in front of alackcurrant/red goosebe | been repaired/repainted. The clerk has as wooden bus shelters and undertake any was not on the list of seats and so was miss at one and it will be added to the list. In the Newsletter for the Haltwhistle Herown to add to the weeding contract. Membreas needing weeded. The hospital, by the telephone box. It has been arry bushes be planted there. Ritemix will alants and the community service workers were workers were served. | rald. bers | | | |
| | | 5. The clerk has as | ked NCC if they have person stop it being slippy. | formed the test on the sample of decking | on | | | |
| | | 6. NCC will ask for a upon as yet. | Zebra crossing at Coop t | o be re-painted. The LTP has not been dea | cided | | | |
| | | 7. Edens Lawn foot | path is being monitored | by NCC. | | | | |
| | | 8. Tree at hospital | car park is being monito | red but is ok at the moment. | | | | |
| | | 9. Burn footpath ha are down to the | | CC have no concerns. Any issues with the | bank | | | |
| | | 10. Boat Lane - the o | gulley under the bridge i | s in need of cleaning as the water is begin | ining | | | |
| | | 11. Tom Evans has o | cut the hedges and grass | at the Burn Field, the hedges at Hadrian's | s Rise | | | |

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and the hedge around Westlands play area.

- 12. The bins outside the hospital have been ordered. NCC said they would remove the old ones and fit the new ones but have not provided a price as yet. The clerk will chase that.
- 13. Litter Pick Sunday 19th November.

207/23.02 Wetpour contractor appointment-*Proposal to suspend standing orders for this item.*The original quote requests for the wetpour prices for 3 individual sections was sent out to 3 companies and only 2 responded and gave a price. Members agreed to accept the quote from Abacus and, after consideration of the budget, it was agreed to have all 3 areas replaced at the same time. This took the quote over the £15k threshold.

Standing Orders are to be suspended so members can approve the contract for £17,700 with Abacus for the replacement of wetpour.

PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley

SECONDED Clir J Hunter

AGREED

It is proposed to consider raising the threshold to £25k which is the amount where national advertising is statutory in another meeting.

207/23.03 Northumbria in Bloom 2024 – it was agreed not to enter.

PROPOSED Cllr M Bowes

SECONDED Cllr M Ridley

AGREED

207/23.04 Public Seating and Bus Shelters

4 new seats are on order – 2 smaller ones for Orchard Gardens, one for opposite the carnival field, which the carnival will make a donation towards and one opposite the old first school. The plaque has been placed on the seat at Elim Hall for Margaret Forrest. Cllr's M Bowes and D Rogan-Mackie will undertake a check of the plaques on the seats and draw up a list of any repairs required.

207/23.05 <u>Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities</u> - The clerk as asked to contact Paul Jones to ask about the lighting in the Memorial Park, when the toilet refurbishment is to begin and when the toilets will have their deep clean and copy in Cllr Glen Sanderson and Cllr I Hutchinson. Also, to find out what is happening with the tree at the front of the hospital that had a branch fall off in the recent winds.

208/23

Reports from Members

208/23.01 Meeting with David Hunt from NCC

Some members met with David and asked for action on the following issues:

- Grass cutting and weeding at Coronation Park This has now been completed.
- The cobble path at the Pig Market the cobbles have been cleaned and the gully down the side has been weeded.
- The horse tail weeds on Capell Ave David was to look at this and report back.

209/23

Northumberland County Council (NCC)

Fix My Street -the new reporting portal on the NCC website. The clerk will advertise this on Facebook and the website.

210/23

Police in Haltwhistle

The police held a drop-in at Sainsbury Car Park on 12th October. Cllr's A Sharp and M Bowes attended.

Cllr Sharp read out the report form September and October.

211/23

Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting was held on 2nd November and the following was reported:

A grant application has been submitted for a housing needs assessment. Once that has been undertaken members will have a better idea of what is required in the plan in terms of housing.

The History Group has been asked to draw up a list of heritage sites that may need protecting.

Cllr Sharp offered to look at green spaces and draw up a list of the areas to consider.

Cllr Bowes will organise a meeting with the owners of Hadrian's Enterprise Park.

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| | | 23/02583 Water Tower –Change of Use - GRANTED | | | | | | |
| | | 3/LBC Water Tower – Chan | | | | | | |
| | , | 65 Revocation of TPO St W | | | | | | |
| 213/23 | 23/02450 – Barclays Bank, removal of all signage - GRANTED Co-option of Councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs there are a number of vacancies on the councillors PolicyAs the councillors Polic | | | | | | | |
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| | PROPOSED CIIr M Ridley SECONDED CIIr D Rogan-Mackie AGREED | | | | | | |
| | 216/23.04 Bank Reconciliation/Inc & Expenditure as at 30 th October 2023 – Noted | | | | | | |
| | 216/23.05 Other Financial Matters | | | | | | |
| | Members to consider special projects for next year before the December meeting. | | | | | | |
| 217/23 | Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee | | | | | | |
| | 217/23.01 Budget Levy for 24-25 – there will be no increase this year apart from the slight | | | | | | |
| | adjustment due to Band D figures being updated. | | | | | | |
| | 217/23.02 Melkridge – Report is still to go to cabinet. | | | | | | |
| | 217/23.03 Land Registration – Cllr Sharp suggested writing to Peter Stafford at Cartmell | | | | | | |
| | Shepherd as the clerk has had no response to her requests for advice on transferring the | | | | | | |
| | land register trusteeship. | | | | | | |
| 218/23 | The state of the s | | | | | | |
| | the December meeting. | | | | | | |
| 219/23 | Haltwhistle Partnership | | | | | | |
| | The Partnership is considering changing the format so there are 3 trustees only and then a | | | | | | |
| | management committee which will be made up with the representatives from the various | | | | | | |
| | bodies. This will enable an easier election to the Partnership for council members in the | | | | | | |
| | future as they will not have to become trustees. | | | | | | |
| 220/23 | Correspondence received since last Council meeting. Noted. | | | | | | |
| | Members are invited to the Church Service on Remembrance Sunday. | | | | | | |
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| 221/23 | Nomination Requests for Granting Honorary Freedom of Haltwhistle | | | | | | |
| | Section 249 (5) of Local Government Act 1972, as amended by Section 29 of the Local | | | | | | |
| | Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009, allows the Council of a | | | | | | |
| | relevant authority (including a Town Council) to admit to be an honorary freemen or | | | | | | |
| | honorary freewomen of the place or area for which it is the authority: | | | | | | |
| | 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." | | | | | | |
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| | 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 CIIr M Ridley SECONDED CIIr J Hunter AGREED | | | | | | |
| | Cllr A Sharp nominated Cllr J Clark and Dr G Ridley for the Honorary Freedom of the town. | | | | | | |
| | He presented a case for both and, members approved the nominations. | | | | | | |
| 222/23 | PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir J Hunter AGREED | | | | | | |
| 222/23 | Dates and times of next meetings | | | | | | |
| | Town Council meeting Monday 4 th December 2023 at 6.30pm | | | | | | |
| | Grounds Meeting Monday 27 th November 2023 – 10.00am in the library. The meeting closed | | | | | | |
| | at 8.45pm. | | | | | | |

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