**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**TUESDAY 3rd May 2022**

**Approved Minutes**

**7.05pm**

Attending: Cllr’s A Sharp, M Ridley, J Hunter, M Hodgson, J Clark, T Christie

The clerk Susan Saunders

2 members of the public.

1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 18th May 2021

The minutes were approved.

**PROPOSED Cllr J Hunter SECONDED Cllr J Clark APPROVED**

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING –18th May 2021

Cllr Sharp reported that the asset transfer of the land at Orchard Gardens has now been completed. The pieces of land total 4 areas. The two flower beds at the front, the fenced off area on the left and the grass area on the right.

Heathers were planted in the planters outside the hospital but do not appear to be surviving. There is an issue with the roots of the trees which does make it hard for plants to grow.

1. TOWN GREEN CHARITY REPORT

Haltwhistle Town Council is the trustee for the Town Green Charity which is Comb Hill play area. The annual report will be produced at the Annual Parish meeting in future.

The report was noted.

1. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS

The 2 members of the public wanted to discuss the planning for houses on the land at the end of Park Road. They reported that the residents in the locality had not been consulted properly and were angry that the plans had been passed. Cllr Sharp explained that although a town council is a statutory consultee, they have no real powers. As Highways had approved the plans, and the main objections the town council had were highway related, the plans were then passed.

Members were sympathetic to the residents but, unfortunately are unable to change the decision.

Cllr John Clark mentioned that on the BBC local weather map, Haltwistle is never shown, though smaller towns appear to be. It was agreed to write to Look North and ask why.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.