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S	18.35	Cllr M Bowes Cllr M Ridley					
	10.33	Cllr D Rogan-Mackie Cllr A Cheverst					
	223/23	Apologies for absence , Cllr J Clark, Cllr I Hutchinson, Cllr T Christie, Cllr C Banks					
	224/23	Public Questions – No questions					
	225/23	Declarations of Interest					
	223/23						
		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.					
	226/23	Minutes of the meeting for approval held on 6th November 2023					
		Cllr A Cheverst had given apologies but, it was not recorded, Section 215 does not state					
		that the grant request was for Great North Air Ambulance so that needs to be included. The					
		Partnership are appointing 3 trustees not 5.					
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		With the above amendments the minutes were approved.					
	227/22	PROPOSED CIIr A Sharp SECONDED CIIr D Rogan-Mackie AGREED					
	227/23	Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current					
		agenda – No Matters					
	228/23	Grounds					
		228/23.01 Grounds meeting 27 th November, report and proposals.					
		1. The clerk has replied to Paul Jones about the lighting in the Memorial Park and the					
		toilets but no reply has been received as yet.					
		2. The area where water is pooling has been investigated by an independent drainage					
		contractor and the dip is 53mm lower than the edges. The clerk was asked to email					
		the contractors who laid the wetpour and ask if they can fix this.					
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		Proposals The second Condense The second is still as a size of the second second to the second seco					
		1. Orchard Gardens – The work is still ongoing. The clerk was asked to check that the a					
		for the seats is the correct size. The contractors have said they would fit the seats and					
		also the other two seats on order. Members agreed that they were happy for the					
		contractor to fit the other seats. The carnival committee will be donating towards the					
		cost of the fitting of their seat.					
		2. Coop – to discuss lighting – the manager was going to get in touch but has not done so.					
		Propose to monitor the situation.					
		3. Comb Hill Play Area.					
		Proposal – to edge round the swings in the under 6 area and place more bark to get the					
		correct heights. Purchase new swings with one of them, in the swing furthest from the road,					
		a disabled swing. Part of special projects for next year.					
		Proposal - Edging as required throughout the park. Part of special projects for next year.					
		Proposal - To ask NCC if weeding around equipment and the paths can be included in the					
		grounds contract. – No price has been received but NCC are able to undertake this and it					
		can be formally approved at the next meeting.					
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		Proposal to ask an electrical contractor to service the solar lights. The clerk will contact a					
		contractor and ask for a price. Members agreed to give delegated powers to proceed if the					
		price was reasonable.					
		The above proposals were approved.					
		PROPOSED CIIr M Ridley SECONDED CIIr M Bowes AGREED					
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		4. Play Inspections.					
		Proposal – to ask NCC for a price for undertaking the play inspections and advise on how often they would be required. Members to approve if the price is reasonable.					

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	No price has been received but NCC are able to undertake this and the clerk will instruct if the price is reasonable.
	PROPOSED CIIr D Rogan-Mackie SECONDED M Ridley AGREED 5. Northumberland Open Spaces – survey to complete – Form attached to consider other comments. Member agreed the comments.
	6. Trees up the Burn – more trees have come down and the others are to be addressed imminently.
	Proposal – to ask the contractor to remove the recent trees and make everything safe. A check on the work will be undertaken before payment made. PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Bowes AGREED 7. Bus Shelters (Town Foot and near speed camera)
	The bus shelter on Tyne Road is in need of a new roof and repairs to the back. Proposal –to include the repair as a special project for next year to be completed in the spring.
	PROPOSED Cllr D Rogan-Mackie SECONDED M Ridley 8. The next litter pick is to be Sunday 10 th December 2023.
	228/23.02 Public Seating and Bus Shelters – matters dealt with above. 228/23.03 Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities – concern was raised about the ongoing condition of the Working Men's Club and the windows out at the Church Hall. The clerk was instructed to contact the committee of the club and ask for a progress report.
	The clerk will also contact NCC – enforcement team about both the above.
229/23	Police in Haltwhistle A walkaround was undertaken including the police, town council, Karbon Homes, The chief of the Fire Service and Guy Opperman. Concern was expressed over the path between the health centre and the hospital and, the group thought that if the gate was locked when the health centre was closed it may help alleviate the anti-social behaviour. The clerk was instructed to write to the health centre to open discussions.
230/23	Neighbourhood Plan A meeting at Hadrian Enterprise Park has been arranged for 12 th December. A Teams meeting with the Housing Needs Assessment team is to be arranged as the council have received notification that the technical grant for the survey has been approved.
231/23	Climate Change and Sustainability Working Group It was agreed to set up a working group which will look at environmental issues. They will have no decision making powers but, will produce reports as and when appropriate to bring back to council. It was thought that the flood representatives could also be part of this group. The following members volunteered to set the group up: Clir A Cheverst, Clir D Rogan-Mackie and Clir M Bowes.
232/23	PROPOSED Clir A Cheverst SECONDED Clir A Sharp AGREED Planning Applications No Plans
	Other Planning Matters
232/23	Grant Requests Haltwhistle Boardwalkers are in urgent need of financial assistance for the upcoming pantomime in early January. Under the circumstances, the members agreed to grant them £250 with the proviso that the application is submitted in time for the 8th January meeting. PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir D Rogan-Mackie AGREED The Art Group have completed a grant application form but, it was too late for the meeting. Members will consider the grant at the 8th January meeting.
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	Financial Matters:					
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	234/23.01	Bank and cash balances as at 27th November 2023 Current Account	62,190.59			
		TOTAL	62,190.59			
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	234/23.02	JBC - Oct & Nov PAYE & Pension	1,810.34	Included above		
	234/23.03	Accounts for payment 4th December 2023	Incl VAT	Included in Balance Above		
		Clerks Direct		2 x scroll		
		Robson Joinery		Seat repair & repaint		
		Robson Joinery		Repairs on Bridges on Burn Footpath Orchard Garden & strimming round benches		
		D Benson NCC		Room lock up for meetings		
		Bonnies Café		Litter pick refreshments		
		Salary increase due to Back Pay		Paid in Nov Salary		
		Westgate Hardware	_	Trowels & forks		
		Total	6,246.98			
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		Postma Electrical	4,080.00	Xmas Lights - installation		
		T Howard		Burn Fence repairs an banks of footpath tidying		
		Abacus		Wetpour Comb Hill		
		T Evans S Saunders - extra hours		Burn field, Hadrians Rise and Westlands hedge trimming - Estima Clerking for JBC Oct & Nov-reimbursement 24.5 hours @ £22 ph		
		S Saunders Exp		Diary, Framing for scroll, home allowance & travel		
		J Sloan		trees on Burn Path to remove		
		Haltwhistle Boardwalkers		Emergency Donation		
		Monthly Amounts Total	4,130.98 31,602,44			
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236/23	Haltwhistle Leisure Centre — The accounts have not been received as yet.
237/23	The Burn Village Green The minutes were noted and, it was agreed not to restock the dog bag dispenser in the car park as requested.
238/23	Correspondence received since last Council meeting. Noted. A request has been made for a grit bin on Burn close. The clerk will contact NCC.
239/23	Dates and times of next meetings Town Council meeting Monday 8 th January 2024 at 6.30pm The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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