

## HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**I HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE** that a meeting of the Council will be held at Hexham House, Gilesgate, Hexham NE46 3NH on Monday 9 March 2020 at 6.45pm, when the following items will be discussed:

### **A G E N D A**

1. Council to hear questions from Hexham residents regarding matters on the agenda or relating to Hexham.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. To agree minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 February 2020, enclosed.
4. Matters arising not on the agenda – for report only, if any.
5. Mayor's announcements.
6. Declarations of interest (see enclosed).
7. To agree accounts for payment (list enclosed).
8. To consider a proposed cycle path from Haydon Bridge to Hexham (see enclosed).
9. To note the draft minutes (attached) of Committee meetings held in February.
10. To consider any correspondence received.
11. To consider nominations for the Steward and Bailiff Award 2019.
12. Any urgent matters at the Chairman of the meeting's discretion.  
*(Matters to be raised under this item should be written out (if possible) and handed to the Chairman of the meeting or the Town Clerk before the meeting begins.)*



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## HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2020

7406.	<p><b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>EXTINCTION REBELLION:</b> A local resident asked if the Town Council was aware of continued interest from this organisation. Councillor Cessford said that while he understood Extinction Rebellion's aims he does not agree with putting posters up all over the town advertising one of their meetings then not taking them down again. It is making the town look a mess.</p> <p><b>HEXHAM PARK:</b> A local resident asked if the path could be improved and also referred to a lack of ventilation in the Gents public toilets. He was advised this would be referred to the County Council.</p>
7407.	<p><b>FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING:</b> Councillor R Hull, the Town Mayor, then opened the Council meeting. Present were Councillors J M Graham, J V R Hare, T Pearson, T Dodds, D Kennedy, C R Homer, T Cessford, C Hanley, E Green, J Ord and D Bell.</p>
7408.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> were given on behalf of Councillors Gillanders and Ball.</p>
7409.	<p><b>MINUTES:</b> The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 January 2020, having been circulated, were <b>AGREED</b>.</p>
7410.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> There were no matters arising.</p>
7411.	<p><b>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.</b> For information Councillor Hull advised the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>HEXHAM HUB:</b> On 21 January he had attended a meeting with Councillors Cessford and Homer.</li><li>b. <b>HUB SHOWCASE:</b> He welcomed the success of this event at the Abbey on 25 January.</li><li>c. <b>FOAMSTREAM WEEDKILLER:</b> With Councillors Ord and Hare, he attended a demonstration of this and the related equipment at the Cemetery on 28 January.</li><li>d. <b>HEXPRESS:</b> He went to an editorial meeting on 6 February, also attended by Councillors Ord and Pearson.</li><li>e. <b>MAYOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD:</b> He noted the launch of this award and invited nominations. The inaugural award will be given at the Mayor's spring reception on 25 March.</li><li>f. <b>VE DAY 75 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:</b> The Council is arranging a "Picnic in the Park" on Sunday 10 May, with a 1940s themed band playing at the bandstand, fancy dress, and hopefully some vintage vehicles, etc. A commemorative concert at the Abbey on 8 May was also noted.</li><li>g. <b>BANDSTAND:</b> He has written to the Courant to encourage better use of this asset.</li><li>h. <b>ARMED FORCES DAY:</b> The Council is arranging an event on Saturday 27 June with a military parade, music and stalls, etc.</li><li>i. <b>ST GEORGES DAY PARADE:</b> He noted the Fifth Fusiliers will be</li></ul>

	<p>marching through the town on Saturday 18 April, and there will be a service in the Abbey.</p> <p>j. NEW RECTOR: He noted a new Rector, Rev David Glover, will be at the Abbey from May.</p> <p>k. HEXHAM HIGH STREETS HERITAGE ACTION ZONE: He noted Historic England's announcement is still awaited.</p> <p>l. HEXHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: He noted confirmation of the final agreement and referendum is pending, but expected.</p>
7412.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.
7413.	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: It was AGREED to authorise payments in accordance with the list that had been circulated and attached to the agenda.
7414.	SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN: The summary of progress attached to the agenda was considered and noted.
7415.	2019/20 ACTION PLAN: The summary of progress attached to the agenda was considered. It was further noted that the Council will work with the Abbey to combine this year's Christmas lights switch-on and Festival of Flame event which will be part of the cultural network and link to the HSHAZ; that a useful meeting had been held the previous week with representatives from both Councils and Hexham in Bloom; that there will be 250 new parking spaces when the development at the old bunker site is completed; and that the Council has had some success with Local Transport Plan requests. Councillor Cessford further noted that the County Council has recently agreed that the road through Tyne Green Country Park will be a 20mph zone.
7416.	HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY: It was AGREED to adopt the policy as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee attached to the agenda.
7417.	DRAFT COMMITTEE MINUTES: The draft minutes for meetings of the Planning & Infrastructure, Finance & General Purposes and Community Engagement Committees held in January 2020 were NOTED. Councillor Ord noted his concern regarding draft minute 640b of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and the potential use of an ANPR camera and whether one should be funded by the Town Council. He also noted concern about the Council not subsidising Bus Service 74 after this year (minute 644).
7418.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. <i>(Note: wherever possible, all communications addressed to the Council are circulated to Councillors for information as and when received.)</i> It was noted that Councillors had been circulated information on:</p> <p>a. VE DAY CONCERT: information about this event at the Abbey on 8 May.</p> <p>b. HEXHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: update following the independent examination.</p> <p>c. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS: this came into effect on 30 January.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. ADAPT: January newsletter.</li> <li>e. MARKET PLACE: requested improvements from the Directors of Hexham Farmers' Market Ltd.</li> <li>f. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS: it was noted that the Planning &amp; Infrastructure Committee would consider alcohol consumption in designated public spaces in Hexham.</li> </ul>
7419.	THEFTS FROM VEHICLES: It was noted that there had been some parked cars broken into and some contents stolen. It was further noted that an arrest has been made but that you should hide or remove any valuables and let the Police know of any theft, even if minor.
7420.	NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Council will be held on 9 March 2020 at 6.45pm at Hexham House, Hexham.

Chairman .....

Signed as a correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2020.

## **HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 3 September 2012 Councillors must declare if they have a disclosable interest in any matters under consideration.

To do so Councillors must use one of the following statements:

- “I have a disclosable pecuniary interest  
in..... (for example) Agenda item  
3, Planning application number 14/1234”.  
(NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraphs 11&15 apply).
- “I have a disclosable personal interest  
in..... (for example) Agenda item  
4, Grant aid application by Hexham Youth Initiative  
(NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraph 13 applies).

Councillors should familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct regarding the definitions of (A) pecuniary interest and (B) other personal interest and their obligations when declaring any such interests.

To ensure Councillors’ interests are correctly minuted please use one of the above statements when declaring an interest.

NB. Should a Councillor wish to take part in the consideration and voting on a matter or matters in which he/she has a disclosable interest then they may request a dispensation be granted to enable them to take part in the discussion and voting on it but at least 10 days’ notice must be given for any dispensation request.

**HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT 9 MARCH 2020**

Payments are authorised by LGA 1972 s14, 144, 145, 214 or 215 or PCA 1957

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Cheque number</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
Safe and Secure 24	Alarm systems 24 hour monitoring	15.60	2.60	13.00	DD	7380
HSBC	Bank charges (January)	28.93	0	28.93	DD	5060
Malthurst Ltd	Diesel (February)	123.99	20.67	103.32	Visa	7310
EE & T Mobile	Accounts (February)	34.66	5.78	28.88	DD	5010
Ford Lease	Monthly payment for Transit Tipper	366.00	61.00	305.00	DD	7315
BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions	Mini Excavator monthly rental	322.31	53.72	268.59	DD	7315
NCC (wages and PAYE)	February	12135.36	0	12135.36	BACS	6020
NCC (pension fund)	February	2172.40	0	2172.40	BACS	6030
NCC (payroll admin fee)	6 payslips @ £4.167 (January)	25.00	0	25.00	BACS	6020
ITC Service Limited	Monthly PC/laptops maintenance and cloud fees (Jan/Feb)	31.56	5.26	26.30	DD	7830
Opus Energy	Abbey floodlights	141.30	6.73	134.57	DD	7450
Onecom Limited	Phone and broadband provision	59.04	9.84	49.20	BACS	5010
Hexham Community Partnership	Tourism support funding for mobile app giving info on of Hexham	5000.00	0	5000.00	BACS	6096
WH Smith	File dividers	11.96	1.99	9.97	Visa	5030
Peter Rodger	HTC website and IT support	630.00	0	630.00	BACS	7830
Peter Rodger	HNP website and work	160.12	0	160.12	BACS	5600
Team Sport & Play Ltd	Replacement items/repairs at Dene Park, Sele and Tyne Green play areas	3298.80	549.80	2749.00	BACS	£1500 from 7190 – balance from 5094
Adapt (North East)	Renewal of annual membership	15.00	0	15.00	109314	7850

Bolton Gate Services Ltd	Annual workshop roller shutter maintenance	144.00	24.00	120.00	BACS	7320
BW Electrical Solutions	Abbey floodlights work	1111.98	185.33	926.65	BACS	7450
Robson Print	Spring reception invitations	88.80	14.80	74.00	BACS	7070
Millennium Quest Limited	4 Transformers (winter lights)	288.00	48.00	240.00	BACS	7040
Millennium Quest Limited	Repairs inc callout after vandalism	1056.00	176.00	880.00	BACS	7040
Broxap Limited	Seat	458.40	76.40	382.00	BACS	7130
Ecoffins UK LLP	10 bamboo coffins	2256.00	376.00	1880.00	BACS	7340
Homebase	Plants	144.00	0	144.00	Visa	7120
Matthew Charlton	Rawlplugs, washers	25.64	4.27	21.37	BACS	7130
TOTALS		30144.85	1622.19	28522.66		

**HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT 9 MARCH 2020**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Cheque number</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
Balance b/f				1231.52		
Balance fwd				1231.52		

**HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL – INCOME – FEBRUARY 2020**

<b>Credit from</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Invoice reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
Various	Cemetery charges	980.00	HDW2020/08	030220	4010
Public Sector Deposit Fund	Dividend	34.49		050220	4030
Various	Cemetery charges	160.00	HD2020/12	060220	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	3850.00	HD2020/10	070220	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	3655.00	HD2020/11	100220	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	1435.00	HD2020/13	140220	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	625.00	HD2020/14	190220	4010
NCC	Payment towards HNP Heritage Impact Assessment work	361.50	HIASites210120	280220	5600
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11100.99</b>			



## Hexham Neighbourhood Plan 2019/20

(As at 29 February 2020)

Budget	Expense (net)	Detail	Date	Cheque No.	Balance
£5000.00					£5000.00
	£1200.00	Planning consultant fee	Balance owed from 2018/2019 (paid 2/5/2019)	BACS	£3800.00
	£800.00	Planning consultant fee	Work done in July and August 2019	BACS	£3000.00
	£1125.00	Heritage assessments	October 2019	BACS	£1875.00
	£240.00	Planning consultant fee	November 2019	BACS	£1635.00
	£160.12	Website	2019/20	BACS	£1474.88
	Credit of 361.50	NCC contribution towards heritage assessments	Paid 28/2/2020	Income	£1836.38

**HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD IN FEBRUARY 2020**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2020**

1309.	PRESENT: Councillor R Hull in the chair and Councillors J Ord, J V R Hare, C Hanley and D Bell.
1310.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Gillanders.
1311.	MINUTES of the Committee meeting held 28 January 2020, having been circulated, were AGREED.
1312.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) CEMETERY GATEPOST FINIAL (minute 1306 refers). It was noted that this had been repaired and reinstalled by Heritage Consolidation Ltd.</li><li>b) SEAT ON HALLSTILE BANK (minute 1301a and action refers). It was noted that an email sent on 29 January has to date not been responded to. It was AGREED not to pursue this matter unless a response is received.</li><li>c) NEW BINS (minute 1301e and action log refers). It was noted that these had been ordered.</li><li>d) CARBON FOOTPRINT (minute 1305 and action log refers). It was noted that this may be completed by a Newcastle University student.</li><li>e) SLEEKBURN RECYCLING PLANT (minute 1305 and action log refers). It was noted that an offer for a visit on 10 March had been made and forwarded to all Councillors.</li><li>f) NORTHUMBRIAN WATER GRANT (minute 1305 and action log refers). It was noted that the water fountains have lead pipes so may not be used and that the Community Partnership has not applied for a grant.</li><li>g) ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (minute 1305 and action log refers). It was noted that Councillor Hull has contacted the Courant and that nominations for an inaugural award have been promoted on the Council's website and by the Partnership.</li><li>h) ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS (minute 1305 and action log refers). It was noted that a response from Westalls has been requested.</li><li>i) HEXHAM IN BLOOM (minute 1305 and action log refers). It was noted that a useful meeting attended by representatives from both Councils and Hexham in Bloom had been held.</li><li>j) BAT BOXES SUPPLIER (minute 1305 and action log refers). It was noted that this information has been requested.</li><li>k) SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (minute 1305 and</li></ul>

	action log refers). It was noted this had been considered by the Full Council on 10 February.
1313.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest..
1314.	PLANNING APPLICATIONS: It was AGREED there was no objections to, or comments on, the applications received in accordance with the list circulated and attached to the agenda, except in respect of 20/00020/LBC (9 Battle Hill) where the Council objects because of the size of the proposed lettering in relation to the shop window being too large, and the colour not being in keeping with the Hexham Shopfront Design Guide.
1315.	STREET SIGNS: the faded and out of date signs at the various ways in to Hexham were considered. It was AGREED these should be replaced with a simple modern design, possibly on wood, and to research this.
1316.	SECTION 106 FUNDING: This was considered. It was AGREED to research what had been requested elsewhere and to put this on the next agenda.
1317.	POST OFFICE: Notice of the confirmed move of the Post Office was noted. It was AGREED to make sure this would be in the Courant and to add to news on the Council website.
1318.	PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS: It was AGREED to ask the Police and County Council for any evidence or comments before responding to a request for the Town Council's views.
1319.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 27 February at 9.30am in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

### Action Log

Write to thank Heritage Consolidation Ltd (and Val Robson) (minute 1312a)	Clerk
Remind non-responded Councillors re offer of site visit to Sleekburn on 10 March (minute 1312e)	Clerk
Re-contact Westalls re electrical supply and vehicle charging points (minute 1312h)	Clerk
Research street signs (minute 1315)	Clerk
Research S106 funding (minute 1316)	Clerk
Contact Courant and add news item to the website re the Post Office move (minute 1317)	Clerk/Admin Officer
Contact Police and NCC re Public Spaces Protection Orders (minute 1318)	Clerk

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2020**

651.	PRESENT: Councillors R Hull, T Cessford, and J Ord.
652.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors T G E Gillanders, T Pearson and T Dodds.
653.	MINUTES of the meeting held on 28 January 2020, having been circulated, were AGREED.
654.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ANPR CAMERA (minute 640b and action log refers). It was noted that the Police had advised there would be interest in receiving funding for another camera but it was AGREED not to provide funding for this.</li> <li>b) HSBC ACCOUNT PROTECTED BALANCE (minute 642 and action log refers). It was noted this is £85,000.00. It was AGREED to check regarding the investment in the public sector deposit fund and to seek advice from the Northumberland Association of Local Councils on how other Town Councils manage this issue.</li> <li>c) STREET SIGNS (minute 642 and action log refers). It was noted this had been referred to and considered by the Planning and Infrastructure Committee.</li> <li>d) BUS SERVICE 74 (minute 644 and action log refers). It was noted the payment had been made and advice given that this would be the last contribution.</li> <li>e) FUNDING APPLICATIONS (minute 647 and action log refers). It was noted payments had been made as agreed. It was further noted that a response from the organisation requested to provide further information has to date not been received.</li> </ul>
655.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.
656.	FINANCIAL REPORT: The bank statement and account reconciliation together with the 2019/20 budget report to 31 January 2020 were received and accepted. Copies are attached to the minutes.
657.	S106 PROJECTS/HEXHAM HIGH STREETS HERITAGE ACTION ZONE: A suggestion to provide more seating at the bandstand was noted and it was AGREED to contact the County Council about this. Suggestions to enhance the possibility of the town receiving a Gold award from Northumbria in Bloom was also considered. It was noted that an announcement on the HSHAZ is pending and to keep this item on future agendas but circulate information on possible free town wifi and related matters to the Committee for information.
658.	EXCLUSION of THE PUBLIC: It was resolved and AGREED in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, namely

	consideration of staff salaries and funding a food and drink festival, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they were requested to withdraw.
659.	STAFF SALARY INCREASE: This was AGREED in principle but to be deferred to the next meeting for confirmation.
660.	HEXHAM FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL: An event proposed to be held on 26 September 2020 in the Hexham Abbey grounds was considered. Funding as listed in confidential note 660 was AGREED.
661.	The meeting was reopened to the public.
662.	ANTI-BULLYING AND HARASSMENT POLICY, WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY AND DATA PROTECTION POLICY: It was AGREED to cross reference these as appropriate to the Code of Conduct and seek comments from all Councillors before further consideration at the next meeting.
663.	PUBLIC TOILETS IN HEXHAM: An asset transfer of the closed toilets at St Mary's Wynd was considered. It was AGREED to pass information on to all Councillors regarding the situation, and for all Councillors to forward their views to the Clerk as soon as possible. Pending this the Committee would then make its recommendation to Full Council which, as it stands currently, would be for demolition. It was further AGREED to contact the County Council about the condition of other public toilets in Hexham.
664.	HEXHAM COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: It was AGREED to request a report on the current status and work.
665.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 23 March 2020 at 5.30pm in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

### Action Log

Check re public sector deposit fund and with NALC re account protected balances (minute 654b)	Clerk
Contact NCC re bandstand seats (minute 657)	Councillor Cessford
Contact HinB regarding possible ideas to enhance judging, research and consider projects elsewhere	Councillor Ord Admin Officer/All
Forward info on wifi to the Committee (minute 657)	Clerk
List S106 projects/HSHAZ on the next agenda (minute 657)	Clerk
Amend policies and relist on next agenda (minute 662)	Clerk
Advise all Councillors of recommended toilets demolition (minute 663)	Councillor Cessford/Clerk
Request a report from HCP (minute 664)	Clerk

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2020**

1320.	PRESENT: Councillor R Hull in the chair and Councillors J Ord, J V R Hare and D Bell.
1321.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Gillanders, Ball and Hanley.
1322.	MINUTES of the Committee meeting held 11 February 2020, having been circulated, were AGREED.
1323.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) CEMETERY GATEPOST FINIAL (minute 1312a and action log refers). It was noted that a thank you had been sent to Heritage Consolidation Ltd and to the Conservation Officer for the recommendation.</li> <li>b) CARBON FOOTPRINT (minute 1312d refers). It was noted that six Newcastle University students have declared an interest in working on this. It was AGREED that Councillors Ord and Hull will arrange a meeting.</li> <li>c) SLEEKBURN RECYCLING PLANT (minute 1312e and action log refers). It was noted that a reminder of a visit on 10 March had been sent to all Councillors.</li> <li>d) ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS (minute 1312h and action log refers). It was noted that further messages have been sent to Westalls for a response.</li> <li>e) HEXHAM IN BLOOM (minute 1312i and action log refers). It was noted that, at a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 26 February, it had been agreed to research and consider funding a floral feature or similar to enhance the possibility of Northumbria in Bloom giving a Gold award for Hexham Town.</li> <li>f) WELCOME STREET SIGNS (minute 1315 and action log refers). It was noted that one local designer/supplier has responded with enthusiasm but to contact another as well.</li> <li>g) SECTION 106 FUNDING (minute 1316 and action log refers). It was noted that to date no response has been made by any other Town or Parish Council.</li> <li>h) POST OFFICE MOVE (minute 1317 and action log refers). It was noted this had been in the Courant and a news item on the Council website.</li> <li>i) PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (minute 1318 and action log refers). It was noted that a response from the Police had been received. It was AGREED to advise the County Council that the Town Council would like the current Order to be extended and to include the centre of Hexham.</li> </ul>
1324.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.

1325.	PLANNING APPLICATIONS: It was AGREED there was no objection to, or comment on, the applications received in accordance with the list circulated and attached to the agenda, except in respect of 20/00220/FUL & 20/00221/LBC (Highford Lane at Westburn) where the Council objects as the proposal includes building in the green belt. It was also agreed not to object to 20/00233/FUL (30 Windsor Terrace) if the plan is modified to avoid any loss of light to any neighbouring property, and to welcome the change from the existing fascia and agree in principle to 20/00015/LBC (Oven and Grill) but suggest a simpler glass element.
1326.	PROPOSED CYCLE PATH FROM HAYDON BRIDGE TO HEXHAM: This proposal was considered and supported. It was AGREED to recommend approval to Full Council. It was also AGREED to contact the County Council regarding the Hexham-Corbridge path proposed for the Local Transport Plan.
1327.	SECTION 106 FUNDING: It was AGREED to consider this for any future green space development. A Hexham museum was also considered, together with the future and use of the Moot Hall and Goods Shed at the Railway Station.
1328.	WORKHOUSE SITE: It was noted that this site, following planning permission granted for the Old Workhouse, Corbridge Road, is now for sale and that the Committee objects to this.
1329.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March at 9.30am in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

### **Action Log**

Arrange a meeting with the students regarding the carbon footprint of the Council (minute 1323b)	Councillors Ord and Hull
Re-contact Westalls re electrical supply and vehicle charging points (minute 1323d)	Clerk
Respond re Public Spaces Protection Orders (minute 1323i)	Clerk
Advise HBPC and refer recommendation re cycle path to Full Council (minute 1326)	Clerk

## **HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **PROPOSED HAYDON BRIDGE TO HEXHAM CYCLE PATH**

Haydon Bridge Parish Council is interested in developing a cycle path to Hexham. The proposed route would be to follow the route of the old A69, which still exists as a public path and is hard surfaced (although a new pathway along the A69 would have to be constructed to reach Greenshaw Plain), then follow the existing bridle path to reach a short unclassified track to Warden Bridge where it would join the existing cycle path to Hexham.

Sustrans support the proposal and may be able to access Highways England grant funding aimed at removing cyclists from major trunk roads. If the route was constructed, Sustrans National Cycle Path 72 would be changed to the cycle path to Haydon Bridge. This would bring economic benefits to Haydon Bridge and also provide a safe commuting, shopping and leisure route to Hexham.

To include this proposal in the Haydon Bridge Neighbourhood Plan, Hexham Town Council must support it as only matters wholly within Haydon Bridge can be included without support from the adjoining authority.

The Planning and Infrastructure Committee considered this proposal on 27 February and recommends approval to Full Council.