

## To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

You are hereby summonsed to attend the meeting of **WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at **Bedlington Community Centre**, Front Street West, Bedlington.  
On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6.30pm.



**WEST BEDLINGTON**  
TOWN COUNCIL

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Steven Young - Town Clerk

7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### PRESENTATIONS

- An invitation to present has been sent to Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group in support of their Community Chest Application.

### QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- The Chair will invite members of the public present to put questions and bring matters to the attention of the Council.
- This question time will last for a period of up to 15 minutes overall (which may be extended if the Chairman deems it necessary)
- To give every member of the public a fair chance of asking a question, the number of questions asked by any individual person may be limited at the Chairs discretion. The above covers both verbal and written submissions.
- Any member of the public who speaks should first state their name and address.

***Please note that Members of the Public are not permitted to speak after question time is completed.***

### PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

<b>Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.</b>	
a.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.
b.	<b>Declaration of Interests.</b> i. Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 12th July 2012. ii. To consider any requests for dispensations. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature, they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification should contact the Town Clerk.

## PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS / SUMMARY OF DELEGATED DECISIONS

Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions	
a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 9th June 2022.
b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items.

### 2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

Matters for Discussion / Decision	
a.	<p><b>Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any financial support to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bedlington Salvation Army.</li> <li>ii. Bedlington Matthew Project.</li> <li>iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Council are requested to discuss and determine next review dates for the funding of Food Banks.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bedlington Salvation Army.</li> <li>ii. Bedlington Matthew Project.</li> <li>iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Any approved funding would be in respect of a \$137 payment</p>
b.	<p><b>Funding Application – Community Chest Fund</b></p> <p>The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a Community Chest application from Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group. Application distributed to members.</p>
c.	<p><b>2023-24 Local Transport Plan Programme Consultation.</b></p> <p>The Council are asked to determine its top three transport and highways priorities for inclusion within Northumberland County Councils Local Transport Plan Programme for 2023-24. (Information distributed to members)</p>
d.	<p><b>External Meetings.</b></p> <p>To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.</p>
e.	<p><b>Establishment of New Working Groups.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the membership of a new Working Group to create a “Treasure Trail” for Bedlington.</li> <li>ii. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the membership of a new working group to agree specific Community Benefits should a contribution from Bluefield Renewable Developments Ltd be received following their solar farm planning application.</li> <li>iii. The Council are asked to decide upon the scope and terms of reference of both new Working Groups.</li> </ol>
f.	<p><b>Youth Leisure Programme – Summer School Holidays.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Minute 22/101 set out a time frame for the submission of youth provision / event proposals. At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 the Councils Services Committee deferred a decision on this matter until this meeting. The Council are now asked to consider and decide upon any proposals for youth provision / events during the summer school holidays (18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022). Proposals to follow</li> </ol>
g.	<p><b>The Rural Market Towns Group – Membership.</b></p> <p>The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon an invitation from Rural Market Towns Group to join the group. Membership is free until October 2022 and then £113 per annum. Invite distributed to members.</p>
h.	<p><b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Services Committee.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Working Group Chair (Councillor Hogg) will provide a verbal report of the meeting decisions.</li> </ol>
i.	<p><b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Governance and Staffing Working Group.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.</li> <li>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision) –</b> The Working Group Chair (Councillor Crosby) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.</li> </ol>
j.	<p><b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Events Working Group</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.</li> </ol>

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o.	<p><b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Planning Working Group</b>  <b>Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested.</b>  After considering any recommendation of its Planning Working Group, The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the Planning applications received for comment.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>22/02205/FELTPO</td> <td>Tree Preservation Order Application: T25 - Chilean pine, crown raise tree to approx. 3. removing dead / untidy branches, T26 - Beech - Prune back overextended branches back to overall natural profile of tree, T28 - Holly Removing approx 20% of overall height. Side prune to maintain distance from drive, and improve form and T30 - Cedar of Lebanon Reduce upper crown and reshape, bringing the sides in to a more tapered form. Leaving no less than 70% of any individual branch length. Overextended branches will be brought back in line with overall form of tree and thin out density in upper crown. Location Greenside Fairway Rise Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG</td> <td>14th July 2022.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22/02108/FUL</td> <td>Change of use : E(d) (old D2) / E(b) (old A3) to F1(f), F2 (a) and F2 (b) while retaining ancillary use of E(b). Building to be used for church gatherings, youth and children's work, a charitable shop, community kitchen and other church activities. Works to include internal alterations Location Former Lionheart Gym Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DL</td> <td>18th July 2022.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22/02278/PRUTPO</td> <td>Tree Preservation Order Application - TP67 - Beech Tree - prune and reduce the height of tree to 6 mtrs along with the overhang which stretches out over the road to protect longevity of the tree Location Dovecote House Farmstead Court Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG</td> <td>25th July 2022.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: recent notified planning decisions and other planning applications (where comments have not been requested) are shown in PART C for information only).</p>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	22/02205/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application: T25 - Chilean pine, crown raise tree to approx. 3. removing dead / untidy branches, T26 - Beech - Prune back overextended branches back to overall natural profile of tree, T28 - Holly Removing approx 20% of overall height. Side prune to maintain distance from drive, and improve form and T30 - Cedar of Lebanon Reduce upper crown and reshape, bringing the sides in to a more tapered form. Leaving no less than 70% of any individual branch length. Overextended branches will be brought back in line with overall form of tree and thin out density in upper crown. Location Greenside Fairway Rise Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	14th July 2022.	22/02108/FUL	Change of use : E(d) (old D2) / E(b) (old A3) to F1(f), F2 (a) and F2 (b) while retaining ancillary use of E(b). Building to be used for church gatherings, youth and children's work, a charitable shop, community kitchen and other church activities. Works to include internal alterations Location Former Lionheart Gym Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DL	18th July 2022.	22/02278/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application - TP67 - Beech Tree - prune and reduce the height of tree to 6 mtrs along with the overhang which stretches out over the road to protect longevity of the tree Location Dovecote House Farmstead Court Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	25th July 2022.			
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**PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED**

<b>Matters for Information or To Be Noted</b>				
a.	<b>Correspondence.</b>			
	The Council are requested to accept all correspondences and the actions noted in respect of each.			
	Ref	From	Brief Description	Action Taken
	342	NALC	Enews 1 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
	343	Resident	Note of thanks for all the Jubilee Events	Noted + Circulated
	344	Resident	Look of Bedlington – Planning Objection	Noted + Circulated + Replied
	345	Northumberland County Council	Reminder - Upcoming Inequalities Events - Bedlington & Choppington	Noted + Circulated
	346	SENBUG	Latest Newsletter and Next Public Meeting	Noted + Circulated
	347	Bluefield Developments	Response to Planning Application Comments	Noted + Circulated
	348	Age Concern Northumberland	Scam Awareness	Noted + Circulated
	349	Bedlington Library	Information Update	Noted + Circulated
	350	Northern Powergrid	Response to BEIS and Ofgem storm reviews	Noted + Circulated
	351	NALC	Enews 10 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
	352	Community Action Northumberland	Enews 10 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
	353	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 10, 2022	Noted + Circulated
	354	Bluefield Developments	Land at Burnt House Farm, Bedlington. Application Number 22/01082/RENE Community Fund	Noted + Circulated + Replied + Added To Agenda
	355	Bedlington Terrier Society	Note of Thanks	Noted + Circulated
	356	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Town and Parish Council Climate Change Toolkit	Noted + Circulated
	357	NALC	Enews - Vacancy for the Chief Officer	Noted + Circulated
	358	Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group	Community Chest Application	Noted + Circulated + Added To Agenda
	359	East Bedlington Parish Council	Response to request to support a joint fireworks event.	Noted + Circulated
	360	The Rural Market Towns Group	Membership Offer	Noted + Circulated + Added To Agenda
	361	NALC	Enews 17 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
	362	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 17, 2022	Noted + Circulated
	363	Rural Growth Team Northumberland County Council	Funding Advice – Hedge Planting	Noted + Circulated
	364	Queens Hall Arts Centre Hexham Northumberland	Adopt an Illuminated Sheep - a Lindisfarne Gospels event	Noted + Circulated + Asked For response From Members Before 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022.
	365	Northumberland County Council	NCC Climate Action support	Noted + Circulated
	366	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 24, 2022	Noted + Circulated
	367	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 24 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
	368	Northumberland County Council	Amended TTRO 128992880 Rowan Close Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
369	NALC	Enews 30 June 2022	Noted + Circulated	

	370	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs July 1, 2022	Noted + Circulated
	371	SENRUG	Public Meeting & AGM Next Tuesday, PLUS Northumberland Line Transport & Works Order Signed Off	Noted + Circulated
	372	Healthwatch Northumberland	Annual Report 2021/22	Noted + Circulated
	373	Northumberland County Council	Veteran Needs Survey	Noted + Circulated
b.	<b>Consultations.</b>			
	From	Description	Details	
		None For This Meeting		
c.	<b>Invitations.</b>			
	From	Event	Response Details	
	West End School Bedlington	Head Teacher Leaving Event	Via email to angela.markham- lee@westend.northumberland.sch.uk	
d.				
	Payee	Amount £. p	Description	Notes
	Mint Management	4,320.00	Event Management Fee	
	R J Wallace	30.00	Play Area Key Cutting Charges	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Bedlington Community Centre	500.00	Community Chest Funding Award	
	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	
	Northumberland County Council	3,786.72	Payroll Costs	
	Charmaine Hamilton	150.00	Jubilee Tea Party Room Decoration	
	Charmaine Hamilton	23,005.00	Bedlington Family Festival Charges	
	Jason King	200.00	Jubilee Tea Party Fee	
	W Mitchell	5,000.00	Bedlington Family Festival Performance Fee	
	Grays cafe bar ltd	1,388.40	Jubilee Tea Party Food Costs	
	Jayne Todd	30.00	Jubilee Tea Party Bingo Prizes	
	Talk Talk Business	45.54	Telephone + Internet	
	Vanilla Teas	-50.00	Crockery Hire Return of Damage Waiver	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Widescope Web Design	420.00	Event Booking System Costs	
	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
	West End First School	1,500.00	Pupils Fund Funding	
	Wireless Logic Limited	499.20	CCTV SIM Charges	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	
	Northumberland County Council	1,440.00	Event Traffic Management – Jubilee Beacon	
	Playsafety Limited	323.40	Annual ROSPA Inspection Charges	
	Noble Funfairs	-3,600.00	Bedlington Family Festival Funfair Income Contribution.	

	Northumberland County Council	1,194.00	Event Traffic Management – Bedlington Family Festival	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Community Chest Funding Award	
e.	<b>Other Planning Applications</b> Where comments have <b>not</b> been requested.			
	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>		
		None For This Meeting		
f.	<b>Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.</b>			
	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>	
	22/01515/FELTPO	Tree preservation order : T1 - Spruce (fell due to instability of tree and risk of falling onto adjacent buildings) Location 9 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BG	PERMIT	
	22/01306/FUL	Rear extension and new porch. Location The Lodge 25 Netherton Road Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6AX	GRANTED	
	22/01655/FUL	Creation of garden platform Location 4 Tantallon Grove Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6FA	GRANTED	
g.	<b>Police Report.</b> The next scheduled regular report is for September 2022 meeting.			
h.	<b>Bank Reconciliation</b> 1. The Council are asked to note a checked bank reconciliation of £ 303,103.56 as of 30th June 2022 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,455.86 as of 30th June 2022. Note re Bank Reconciliation– In accordance with revised Statement of Internal Controls Councillor Todd as the nominated member has independently verified the monthly bank reconciliation.			
i.	<b>Matters for Information Only</b> – Any matters that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only no proposals or voting on these matters. 1. Councillor – Matters for information only. 2. Town Clerk – Clerks Leave / Office Closures – The Council Office will be closed on the following dates additional dates to accommodate The Clerks Leave - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022, Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022.			
j.	<b>Date of Next Meeting.</b> The next scheduled meeting of the Council (The Annual Meeting of The Town Council) will be on Thursday 11th August 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022.			

**WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:** Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Adam Hogg, Wendy Reed, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jane Todd, Diane Wallace, Russ Wallace.