

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 10th August 2023 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Steven Young - Town Clerk

2nd August 2023



WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL

PRESENTATIONS

- Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group have been invited to support 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 Chair's 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.

Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	
a.	Apologies for Absence. i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors. ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.
b.	Declaration of Interests. 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 13th July 2023.
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

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a.	Funding Applications / Requests. The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon the following funding applications / requests. i. Community Chest Application - Bedlington Red Squirrel Group. ii. Community Chest Application Form – a proposal to amend the current application form by removing the request to provide a membership / supporters list and simply ask for the number of members / supporters from the parish. iii. Funding Contribution Request – Office of Ian Lavery MP/ DWP towards the cost of room hire at Bedlington Community Centre for a Jobs Fair Event on Friday 1 st September 2023. (Estimate cost £125)

b.	Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). The Council are requested to approve the payment of £279 for the Clerks annual subscription to Society of Local Council Clerks.																					
c.	Finance Report. The Council are requested to discuss and NOTE the finance report (up until 31 st July 2023) distributed.																					
d.	Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings. i. The Chair will make any relevant announcements and provide updates to members. ii. To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.																					
e.	Services Committee. The Services Committee Chair will provide a verbal report of any meeting decisions from the most recent Services Committee meeting.																					
f.	<p>Planning Working Group Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested. 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>23/02470/FUL</td> <td>Small external side storage. Location 2 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BG</td> <td>14th August 2023.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02704/FUL</td> <td>Internal alterations to improve club facilities, new pro shop entrance, and windows and new door to swing room Location Bedlingtonshire Golf Club Hartford Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AA</td> <td>17th August 2023.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02762/PRUTPO</td> <td>Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 - Hornbeam - Reducing the height and spread of tree by up to 2M reduction is only to remove the new growth. Location 3 South Farm Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BH</td> <td>21st August 2023.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02763/FELTPO</td> <td>Tree Preservation Order: T1 - Horse Chestnut - to reduce by a maximum of 2.5m. Location 5 South Farm Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BH</td> <td>21st August 2023.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02777/FUL</td> <td>Change of use from caretaker's bungalow to school offices and meeting room. Location School House St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED</td> <td>21st August 2023.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02817/FUL</td> <td>Proposed garage conversion. Location 10 Hotspur Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TD</td> <td>23rd August 2023.</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	23/02470/FUL	Small external side storage. Location 2 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BG	14th August 2023.	23/02704/FUL	Internal alterations to improve club facilities, new pro shop entrance, and windows and new door to swing room Location Bedlingtonshire Golf Club Hartford Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AA	17th August 2023.	23/02762/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 - Hornbeam - Reducing the height and spread of tree by up to 2M reduction is only to remove the new growth. Location 3 South Farm Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BH	21st August 2023.	23/02763/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order: T1 - Horse Chestnut - to reduce by a maximum of 2.5m. Location 5 South Farm Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BH	21st August 2023.	23/02777/FUL	Change of use from caretaker's bungalow to school offices and meeting room. Location School House St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED	21st August 2023.	23/02817/FUL	Proposed garage conversion. Location 10 Hotspur Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TD	23rd August 2023.
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g.	Other Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). 1. Any Recommendations from Other Working Groups for decision by full Council. i. Events Working Group. The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a. A proposal to vary the format of the Annual Jubilee Games. b. A proposal in relation to the dates and the provider of the 2024 Summer Family Festival. 2. Any Other Items from Other Working Groups – Any feedback to the Council, any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by any working group.																					
h.	Bank Reconciliation i. The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £275,314.81 as of 31st July 2023 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,897.58 as of 31st July 2023.																					

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

Matters for Information or To Be Noted				
a.	Correspondence.			
	The Council are requested to accept all correspondences and the actions noted in respect of each.			
	Ref	From	Brief Description	Action Taken
	147	Northumberland County Council - County Councillor Alex Wallace	Enquiry re costs and supplier of "De Arend" Gateway Feature	Noted + Circulated
	148	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs - July 7	Noted + Circulated
	149	SENUG	Public Meeting - Thursday 13th July 2023 and Other News	Noted + Circulated
	150	NCC Highways	Rear Front Street Bedlington Car Parks Signage	Noted + Circulated
	151	SENUG	Public Meeting - Thursday 13th July 2023 and Other News - Addition	Noted + Circulated
	152	Northumberland County Council	Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Committee - 19 July	Noted + Circulated
	153	Northumbria Police	Crime Report for July Meeting	Noted + Circulated
	154	AGE UK Northumberland	NORTUMBERLAND PARISH COUNCILS SUPPORTING AGE UK NORTHUMBERLAND	Noted + Circulated
	155	Transport North East	Get Round for £1!	Noted + Circulated
	156	NALC	JULY 2023 ENews	Noted + Circulated
	157	Gallagher Insurance	Creating a Safe Play Environment - Effective Playground Management	Noted + Circulated
	158	Community Action Northumberland	Can Enews 21 st July 2023	Noted + Circulated
	159	SENUG	Ticket Office Closures: A Call for Action, and Other News	Noted + Circulated
	160	Office Of Ian Lavery MP for Wansbeck	Residents Enquiry re Planting of Flower Containers on Front Street.	Noted + Circulated + Replied.
	161	SENUG	More on Ticket Office Closures	Noted + Circulated
	162	Advance Northumberland	Bedlington Update	Noted + Circulated
	163	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs - July 28	Noted + Circulated
164	Bedlington Resident	Briefing Notes to issued raised A192,HBriefing Notes to issued raised A192,Hartford Bridge.	Noted + Circulated	
165	Northumberland Line	Newsletter - July 2023	Noted + Circulated	
166	Healthwatch Northumberland	newsletter August 2023	Noted + Circulated	
167	Northumberland Communities Together	Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for LGBTQ+ organisations – Newcastle University	Noted + Circulated	
b.	Consultations.			
	From	Description	Details	
	None For This Meeting			
c.	Invitations.			
	From	Event	Response Details	
	Northumberland County Council	Westlea PlayZone development. Meeting via Teams	Tue 22 Aug 2023	

d.	Schedule of Payments and Receipts. Details of payments and (receipts) to be noted since last Council update. All payments gross of VAT.			
	Payee	Amount £. p	Description	Notes
	Crosby Hire	54.00	Chair Hire Surcharge – Family Festival	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
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	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	DL Maintenance & Repair	601.69	Litter Bin, Public Seat and Bus Shelter Repairs	
	Talk Talk Business	48.54	Telephone + Internet	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	House of Hamilton	1,750.00	Childrens Summer Activities	
	Glassfibre Flagpole Ltd	40.92	Union Flag	
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
	Reay Security Limited	432.00	Play Area Gates SLA	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	650.00	Community Chest Funding	
	Bedlington Brass Community Trust	500.00	Community Chest Funding	
	House of Hamilton	1,085.00	Childrens Summer Activities	
	House of Hamilton	1,725.00	Childrens Summer Activities	
	Wireless Logic Limited	539.14	CCTV Sim Charges	
	Northumberland County Council	3,950.86	July Payroll Costs	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	DL Maintenance & Repair	466.82	Litter Bin and Bus Shelter Repairs	
	Zen Internet Ltd	28.78	Website Domain Annual Subscription.	
e.	Other Planning Applications Where comments have not been requested.			
	Ref.	Description		
	23/02682/DISCON	Discharge of condition 38(Biodiversity Enhancement Plan and a Construction Environmental Management Plan - Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland		
f.	Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.			
	Ref.	Description	Decision	
	23/01439/VARYCO	Variation of condition 2 on approved application 21/04021/FUL to allow minor changes to building facade and external works as result of design development to internal floor plans. Location 86 - 88 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	GRANTED	
g.	Police Report. No report for this meeting. The next scheduled regular report is for September 2023 meeting.			
h.	Matters for Information Only – Any matters pertaining to the Council, that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only no proposals or voting on these matters.			
i.	Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 14th September 2023 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 6th September 2023.			

PART D – EXEMPT BUSINESS.

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Matters for Discussion / Decision / Information	
a.	None For This Meeting.

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