

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 12th December 2024 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.
Steven Young - Town Clerk
4th December 2024



PRESENTATIONS and REPRESENTATIONS

- Northumbria Police have been invited to provide their Quarterly Police Report (Agenda Item Part C item g.).

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.

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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 14 th November 2024.
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.	<p>2024 -25 Budget and Precept Requirement. The Council are requested to review and approve the proposed draft budget and precept requirement for 2024/25.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A budget for the financial year 2024-25 of £310,258. Summary distributed to members. ii. A precept requirement of £298,258 for the financial year 2024-25. (For info 2023-24 £272,850 represents a 1.58% annual increase to Town Council, Council Tax payments). 															
b.	<p>Proposed Potential Future Capital Projects. The Council are asked to discuss and decide (in principle only) if it wishes to explore the possibility of providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A Skate Park (project detail would require public consultation). ii. A new Children’s Play Area (project detail would require public consultation). iii. Railings around the Trotter Memorial, Front Street West, Bedlington. 															
c.	<p>Services. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon requests / proposals to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Purchase and install a new bus shelter - Southbound outside Wansbeck Court, Front Street East, (Millfield Stop) across from shelter BS6. (Subject to NCC Streetworks . approval). Residents request distributed to members. ii. Purchase and install a new litter bin – on the path between Rowan Close Bedlington and Choppington Road (new bus shelter) Bedlington. (Subject to NCC confirming they can empty any new bin). iii. Install a memorial plaque on a public seat in Market Place, Bedlington. Request distributed to members. iv. Purchase and install VE80 Themed School Art Work in Bus Shelters on Front Street, Bedlington. 															
d.	<p>Governance Review of Council Policies. The Council are requested to review and if appropriate update the following policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Policy No 27. Memorial Plaques to Public Seating. ii. Policy No 10 Grit Bin Policy. iii. Policy No 15 Lone Worker Policy 															
e.	<p>Councillors Representation at External Meeting. The Council are requested to decide upon a representative to attend a meeting about “Community Assistance Centres” at, Cramlington Community Hub – Monday 13th January 2025, 9:30am – 12:00pm. Details distributed to members (please note rearranged meeting date),</p>															
f.	<p>Residents Newsletter (Update). The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a proposed draft schedule of future “Update” editions together with a brief “framework” of the content for each future edition. (Details distributed to members).</p>															
g.	<p>Planning</p> <p>i. Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested. 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" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Ref.</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Response Due Date*</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24/03741/REM</td> <td>Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for construction of 13no dwellings on approved 18/02329/OUT. Location 7C Netherton Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6DP</td> <td style="text-align: center;">29th November 2024.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24/03848/FUL</td> <td>Retrospective - New timber summer house to rear garden Location 21 Orchard Way Broadoaks Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BU</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3rd December 2024.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24/03859/FUL</td> <td>Single storey rear extension with shallow slope roof - 4m Location 24 Errington Way Fenwick Park Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6FH</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3rd December 2024.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24/03871/PRUTPO</td> <td>Tree Preservation Order application: T1 Willow Tree - pollard, removing 2 outer stems. T2-T7 6no. Beech Trees - Crown thinning - reduce by 25%. Location The Coach House Netherton Hall Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4th December 2024.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date*	24/03741/REM	Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for construction of 13no dwellings on approved 18/02329/OUT. Location 7C Netherton Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6DP	29th November 2024.	24/03848/FUL	Retrospective - New timber summer house to rear garden Location 21 Orchard Way Broadoaks Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BU	3rd December 2024.	24/03859/FUL	Single storey rear extension with shallow slope roof - 4m Location 24 Errington Way Fenwick Park Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6FH	3rd December 2024.	24/03871/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order application: T1 Willow Tree - pollard, removing 2 outer stems. T2-T7 6no. Beech Trees - Crown thinning - reduce by 25%. Location The Coach House Netherton Hall Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AS	4th December 2024.
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	24/03891/VARYCO	Variation of condition 3 (Noise and Odour) on approved application 23/00369/FUL Location Confetti 64 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	5th December 2024.
	24/03905/FUL	Proposed alteration works including new dining room window to end elevation, new external metal fencing / gate surround to existing external metal fire escape staircase and new kitchen extract vent to front elevation. Note: No proposed alterations to existing car park, trees, site drainage, waste collection arrangements, employment numbers or opening hours. Location Howard House School Netherton Colliery Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BB	10th December 2024.
	24/03953/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application to: G1 Sycamore prune, Ash fell, T2 Willow prune overhanging branches by 2-3m, T3 Pine fell and T4 Oak prune overhanging branches by 2-3m. Location Rear Of Byre Dene House Penny Lane Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6HD	11th December 2024.
	24/03951/FUL	Replacement garage with kitchen diner extension, first floor bay, extended entrance canopy, new fence and driveway Location 6 Windsor Gardens Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5SY	17th December 2024.
	24/04112/OUTES	Outline planning application, with all matters reserved, for the erection of up to ten data centre buildings of Class B8 use totalling up to 540,000 square metres (sqm) gross internal area (GIA) in addition to ancillary structures, substation, emergency generators and other associated works. Location Land At Former Power Station Site On Northern Side Of Cambois, Cambois Northumberland	1st January 2025.
	<p>*Where the response date is before the date of the meeting an extension has been agreed to allow consideration of the application at the meeting and an opportunity to submit comments. Note: recent notified planning decisions and other planning applications (where comments have not been requested) are shown in PART C for information only).</p>		
h.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (Items for Decision or Discussion).</p> <p>1) Any Recommendations from Working Groups for decision by full Council.</p> <p>(i) Events Group. Request the approval to purchase / procure the purchasing of and hanging of patriotic bunting on Front Street, Bedlington in celebrate VE80 Day.</p> <p>2) Any Other Items from Working Groups – The Working Group Chair will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.</p>		
i.	<p>Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £14,056.79 as of 29th November 2024 for current account, a Deposit Account Balance of £386,477.82 as of 29th November 2024, and a CCLA account balance of £25,000.</p>		

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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a.	Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 																																																																						
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Reay Security Ltd	83.04	CCTV Charges	
Viking Payments	71.27	Blank Computer Labels	
Vistaprint	100.00	Labels for Selection Boxes	
Talk Talk Business	59.42	Telephone and Email	
Morrisons Bedlington	1,575.00	Selection Boxes for Schools	
Reay Security Ltd	446.40	Meadowdale Lock Ups	
Reay Security Ltd	809.64	CCTV Charges	
GeoXphere Ltd	270.00	Annual Subscription Mapping	
Club Insure Ltd	3,786.95	Insurance Premium	
DAC Beachcroft	-125.00	Insurance Claim	
Wireless Logic Limited	539.14	CCTV Sim Card Charges	
Widescope Web Design	40.80	Cloud Storage	
Wag and Co NE Friendship Dogs	200.00	Grant Minute Number 24/160 i	
Transfer In from Deposit Account	-25,000.00	Internal Bank Account Txfr	
GW Shelter Solutions Ltd	7,758.00	Bus Shelter Choppington Road	
Morrisons Bedlington	34.00	Christmas Sweets for Schools	
Reay Security Ltd	83.04	CCTV Cemetery Gates	
Northumberland County Council	8,057.60	Payroll November	
Resident	70.00	Refund of 2 Blackpool Tickets	
MW Design	2,265.00	Newsletter Design and Printing	
DAC Beachcroft	160.00	VAT on Insurance Claim	
Deposit Account	-377.43	Interest Received	
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e. **Other Planning Applications.**

Where comments have **not** been requested.

Ref.	Description
24/03842/DISCON	Discharge of Condition 37 (Validation and Verification Report) on approved application 16/04731/OUT. Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland
24/03971/DISCON	Discharge of Condition 15 (Emergency Access Route) on approved planning application 21/04298/REM Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland
24/03941/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application to: T1 (Sycamore) prune to provide a 3-meter clearance from the house. Street Record Footway Outside 7-16 Oakapple Close Bedlington Northumberland

f. **Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.**

Ref.	Description	Decision
24/03221/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application: T1-T2 Cherry crown reduce and reshape by 2m. Location Coachmans Cottage Stable Row Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	PERMIT
24/03104/FUL	Retrospective: Amendment of front garden to move fence on North East corner closer to road such as to make better use of space for storage, including non-permanent shed structure. Location 15 South Farm Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BH	GRANTED
24/02929/ADE	Retrospective: Advertisement Consent for adverts erected on commercial premises displaying information and name of business with rolling shutters Location 66A Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	GRANTED
24/02928/FUL	(Retrospective) Installation of rolling shutters to South East entrance (amended 21.11.24) Location 66A Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	GRANTED

g.	<p>Police Report. Members are requested to NOTE the report provided. The next scheduled regular report is for March 2024 meeting.</p>
h.	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillors – Any matters for information only. 2. Town Clerk – Christmas and New Year Office Hours – The office will close on Monday 23rd December 2024 at 12pm and reopen on Monday 6th January 2025 at 9.30am. Email's will be monitored during the closure period for any urgent business. 3. Town Clerk – reminder to Councillors re Neighbourhood Plan update meeting in early January (please confirm availability if you wish to attend a meeting). 4. Town Clerk – Play Area Repairs – still waiting on some replacement parts. 5. Town Clerk – New Bus Shelter at Choppington Road has now been installed. 6. Town Clerk - Gillian Turners last day in the office will be Monday 23rd December 2024.
i.	<p>Date of Next Meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued slightly later than normal so will be on Friday 3rd January 2025.</p>

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
	Nothing 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.