

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 14th September 2023 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Steven Young - Town Clerk

6th September 2023



**WEST BEDLINGTON**  
TOWN COUNCIL

## PRESENTATIONS

- Northumbria Police have been invited to present their regular Police report.

## 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.

<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

<b>Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions</b>	
a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 10th August 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

<b>Matters for Discussion / Decision</b>	
a.	<b>Annual Town &amp; Parish Council Conference - Thursday 5th October 2-6pm.</b> The Council are asked to formally approve Councillors Hogg and Thompson as the Council's representatives to attend the (Seventh) Annual Joint Town & Parish Council Conference at County Hall, Morpeth, on Thursday 5th October 2-6pm.
b.	<b>Consultation - Proposed Parking Restrictions High Ridge Back Lane</b> The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon its response to the consultation letter from Northumberland County Council re proposed parking restrictions at High Ridge Back Lane, Bedlington. Consultation letter distributed to members.

c.	<p><b>Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings.</b></p> <p>i. The Chair will make any relevant announcements and provide updates to members.</p> <p>ii. To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.</p>						
e.	<p><b>Services Committee.</b></p> <p>The Services Committee Chair will provide a verbal report of any meeting decisions from the most recent Services Committee meeting.</p>						
f.	<p><b>Planning Working Group</b></p> <p><b>Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested.</b></p> <p>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" data-bbox="245 398 1490 600"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>23/03100/FUL</td> <td>Proposed single storey rear extension; two storey side extension; front porch; conversion of loft space Location Simonside Netherton Road Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6AT.</td> <td>19th September 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	23/03100/FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension; two storey side extension; front porch; conversion of loft space Location Simonside Netherton Road Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6AT.	19th September 2023.
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g.	<p><b>Other Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).</b></p> <p>1. Any Recommendations from Other Working Groups for decision by full Council. None for this meeting.</p> <p>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.</p>						
h.	<p><b>Bank Reconciliation</b></p> <p>i. The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £251,547.61 as of 31st August 2023 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,972.22 as of 31st August 2023.</p>						

**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
	168	Northern Powergrid	Funding available from Northern Powergrid Foundation	Noted + Circulated
	169	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews	Noted + Circulated
	170	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs August 4, 2023	Noted + Circulated
	171	Northumberland County Council	Annual Town & Parish Council Conference	Noted + Circulated
	172	NOTCA Mayor Driscoll	Crowdfund North of Tyne: Online Workshop	Noted + Circulated
	173	Northumberland County Council	Councillor DOI updates	Noted + Circulated
	174	Royal Air Forces Association	Rothbury House Sheltered Accommodation	Noted + Circulated
	175	Northumberland County Council	Coronation Living Heritage Fund	Noted + Circulated + Included on Services Committee Agenda.
	176	Northumberland County Council	Free trees	Noted + Circulated
	177	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs August 11, 2023	Noted + Circulated
	178	Able Community Care Ltd	Free, safety door stickers for older residents	Noted + Circulated
	179	Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group	Fundraising Update	Noted + Circulated
	180	Northumberland County Council	Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Committee (Planning) - 23 August	Noted + Circulated
	181	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs August 18, 2023	Noted + Circulated
	182	NOTCA Mayor Driscoll	Crowdfund North of Tyne Workshop - Now Available to Watch Online	Noted + Circulated
	183	NALC	August 2023 ENews	Noted + Circulated
	184	Resident	Note of thanks re planting of flower displays on Front Street, Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
	185	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs August 25, 2023	Noted + Circulated
	186	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Line Newsletter - August 2023	Noted + Circulated
	187	Healthwatch Northumberland	AGM 2023 and latest news	Noted + Circulated
188	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 1 Sept 2023	Noted + Circulated	
189	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs September 1, 2023	Noted + Circulated	
190	National Energy Foundation	Better Housing Better Health service information	Noted + Circulated	
191	Bedlington library	Prize Presentations	Noted + Circulated	
192	Resident	Proposed Parking restrictions - High Ridge Back Lane	Noted + Circulated	
b.	<b>Consultations.</b>			
	From	Description	Details	
	Northumberland County Council	Proposed Parking Restrictions – High Ridge Back Lane	On current agenda – part B 2b.	

c.	<b>Invitations.</b>			
	From	Event	Response Details	
	Northumberland County Council	Skateboard Development Northumberland - Fri 29 Sept 2023 10:30 – 12:00 (BST) at Newbiggin Sports & Community Centre or by Teams.	Open to all Reply by 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	
d.	<b>Schedule of Payments and Receipts.</b>			
	Details of payments and (receipts) to be noted since last Council update. All payments gross of VAT.			
	Payee	Amount £. p	Description	
	Widescope Web Design	216.00	UK Domain Registration Fees	
	House of Hamilton	2,950.00	Outdoor Cinema	
	House of Hamilton	2,570.00	“Fun In the Square” - Childrens Activity	
	House of Hamilton	2,200.00	“Lovely Afternoon” Event	
	House of Hamilton	5,000.00	Event Organisor Annual Management Fee	
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
	Reay Security Limited	446.40	Meadowdale Gates SLA	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Smart Office Systems Ltd	31.19	Printing Costs	
	Smart Office Systems Ltd	9.60	Toner Replacement	
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	Widescope Web Design	52.80	IMAP email account fee	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
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	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	Society Of Local Council Clerks	296.00	Annual Subscription	
	Viking Payments	81.58	Stationary	
	Talk Talk Business	48.54	Telephone + Internet	
	Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group	500.00	Community Chest Funding	
	Orangutan Landscapes Limited	1,884.40	Planting Front Street Flowers	
	Wireless Logic Limited	539.14	CCTV SIM Card Charges	
	Northumberland County Council	3,950.86	August Payroll Costs	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	DL Maintenance & Repair	344.55	Litter Bins – Installation + Relocation	
	House of Hamilton	147.52	Santa Giveaways	
	Amazon	13.30	Meadowdale Play Area Locks	
e.	<b>Other Planning Applications</b>			
	Where comments have <b>not</b> been requested.			
	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>		
	23/03183/DISCON	Part Discharge of conditions 7 (refuse storage), 15 (noise), 16 (odour) in relation to Phase D, Unit 4 and Discharge of conditions 21 (ground gas verification) and 28 (SuDS) on approved application 21/02236/VARYCO.   Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN		
f.	<b>Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.</b>			
	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>	
	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.	GRANTED	
g.	<b>Police Report.</b>			
	The Council are asked to NOTE the police report submitted. The next scheduled regular report is for September 2023 meeting.			

h.	<b>Matters for Information Only</b> – 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.	<b>Date of Next Meeting.</b> Thursday 12th October 2023 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 4th October 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.

	<b>Matters for Discussion / Decision / Information</b>
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.