



PRESENTATION – Police Inspector Phil Patterson presented a police report and took questions from Councillors and members of the public. The Council expressed their thanks for his attendance.

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- A resident commended the Council on this year’s Christmas light display.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
VM 129		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Graham, Henderson, Hogg, Taylor (Chair), Thompson and Trimming. Town Clerk Steven Young and 4 (Four) members of the public.
VM 130	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.	i. Apologies for absence were received and NOTED from Councillors Hedley and Tyler. County Councillors Crosby and Wallace submitted apologies for this meeting. ii. Councillors Hedley and Tyler were AWARDED A DISPENSATION for their absence from the meeting.
VM 131	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.	i. There were no declarations of interest submitted for this meeting. ii. There were no dispensations to determine for this meeting.

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

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

		Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions	Determination
VM 132	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 12 th November 2020. i. To accept Councillor Trimming suggested addition to DRAFT minute VM123 in relation to a Council agreed action not recorded in the DRAFT minutes distributed or ii. To accept Councillor Thompsons suggested addition to DRAFT minute VM123 and to record a discussion or iii. To accept the DRAFT minutes of the Councils decisions unaltered	i. This proposal was WITHDRAWN by the proposer. ii. RESOLVED to add a note to reflect a discussion had taken place – Min VM123. iii. RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 12 th November 2020 are approved as a true record with the addition RESOLVED at ii. above.
VM 133	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items.	There were no matters arising from the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 12 th November 2020.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

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VM 134	a.	<p>Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any future continued financial support to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bedlington Salvation Army ii. Bedlington Matthew Project and iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. <p>Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment</p>	<p>RESOLVED to continue to provide financial support to all three (3) Bedlington Food Banks. Monthly payments of £1,000 to continue to be made. Payments must be used for the provision of food bank stock / services and continued support will be subject to a monthly review.</p>								
VM 135	b.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan – Public Consultation. The Council are requested to approve the recommendation of its Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to commence a public consultation Mid-January 2021.</p>	<p>RESOLVED TO APPROVE the recommendation of its Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to commence a public consultation Mid-January 2021.</p>								
VM 136	c.	<p>Accounts Software Package. The Council are requested to discuss and decide if it wishes to consider potential specifications and costs for the purchase of an Accounting Software package.</p>	<p>RESOLVED TO APPROVE the consideration of a potential specifications and costs for the purchase of an Accounting Software package.</p>								
VM 137	d.	<p>Community Asset Application. The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a proposal to make a Community Asset application to Northumberland County Council in respect of their land at “Old Quarry off Hartford Road, Bedlington “. Councillor Hogg.</p>	<p>RESOLVED TO APPROVE to make a Community Asset application to Northumberland County Council in respect of their land at “Old Quarry off Hartford Road, Bedlington “.</p>								
VM 138	e.	<p>Internal Audit Report The Council are requested to note and accept The Internal Audit report of November 2020. (Distributed to members).</p>	<p>RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND NOTE the Internal Audit report of November 2020. (Distributed to members).</p>								
VM 139	f.	<p>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> <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> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Ref.</th> <th style="width: 60%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20/03724/FELTPO</td> <td>Tree Preservation Order : T1 Horse chestnut (fell due to previous damage), T4 Lime (fell due to stem decay), T8 Ash (fell due to shape and proposed development) and T10 Sycamore (fell due to shape and stem decay) Location 1 The Croft Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BA</td> <td>10th December 2020</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	20/03724/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order : T1 Horse chestnut (fell due to previous damage), T4 Lime (fell due to stem decay), T8 Ash (fell due to shape and proposed development) and T10 Sycamore (fell due to shape and stem decay) Location 1 The Croft Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BA	10 th December 2020	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	No Comment
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		20/03881/S106A	Variation of S106 Agreement pursuant to planning application 16/04731/OUT dated 13th February 2019 Location Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland	23rd December 2020.	RESOLVED to OBJECT to the agreement variation in the strongest possible terms.
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PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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VM 140		<p>RESOLVED to NOTE Section's a, b and c. Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations and the actions taken for each detailed below. Section d, Schedule of payments and receipts Section e, Other planning applications Note section f is not part of the agenda and is included for information only.</p>																																																																										
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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
	Widescope Web Design	48.00	Remote Access – Annual Fee	
	DL Maintenance & Repair	394.00	Installation of Seats + Litter Bins	
	Smart Office Systems Ltd	54.54	Printer Costs	
	J Milburn	135.00	Youth Leisure Provision	
	UNITY, Parent Support Services (NE) Limited	180.00	Youth Leisure Provision	
	Talk Talk Business	43.14	Telephone + Internet	
	Steven Young (Remembrance Wreaths)	37.00	Community Remembrance Wreaths	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Costs	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	Matthew Project	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	Came & Company	2,375.44	Insurance	
	Zen Internet Ltd	5.39	Internet Hosting	
	GeoXphere Ltd	216.00	Online Mapping Annual Fee	
	D&M Fencing Ltd	354.00	Fencing for Christmas Tree	
	Northumberland County Council	-3,000.00	Grant Payment - 20 Play Area Improvements	
	Malcolm Wilkinson	100.00	Internal Audit Fee	
	Elveden Farms Limited	2,742.00	Christmas Tree	
	The Festive Lighting Company Ltd	6,056.40	New Christmas Lights	
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Costs	
	Bad Apples	860.00	Christmas Competition Costs	
	Glassfibre Flagpole Ltd	37.32	Flagpole Service	
	HFF Civil Engineering Ltd	2,814.00	Attlee Park Path renovation	
	D & M Fencing	40.80	Play Area Equipment Repair	
	D & M Fencing	144.00	Play Area Equipment Replacement Installation Cost	
	D & M Fencing	216.00	Goal Post Installation	

e.	Other Planning Applications	
	Where comments have not been requested.	
	Ref.	Description
	20/03823/NONMAT	Non-material amendment to condition 8 (provision of footpath through site during construction) on approved planning application 19/01457/REM Land South Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Choppington Northumberland
	20/03709/DISCON	Discharge of Conditions 7 (Open Space Management & Maintenance Scheme), 13 (Maintenance Scheme), 14 (Drainage/Street Lighting) and 29 (Refuse Storage Facilities) pursuant to approved planning application 16/04731/OUT Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland

f.	Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC.		
	Ref.	Description	Decision
	20/00925/OUT	Outline permission for the construction of up to 9no dwellings including access, appearance, layout and scale. Location Land North West Of Blue House Farm Blue House Farm Road Netherton Colliery NE22 6BD	REFUSED
	20/02770/FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension, conversion of existing garage and replacement with an attached garage Location 22 Centurian Way The Chesters Bedlington NE22 6LD	GRANTED
	19/02870/FUL	Erection of 49 dwellings on site of former driving range, relocation and construction of 24 bay, floodlit, all weather driving range and visitor facility, creating 'Centre of Excellence', Clubhouse refurbishment/extension and new community function room (amended 04/05/2020) Location Bedlingtonshire Golf Club Hartford Road Bedlington NE22 6AA	REFUSED

VM 141	g.	Police Report. RESOLVED TO NOTE the Police Report presented by Inspector Patterson.	
VM 142	h.	Financial Update / Bank Reconciliation.	
		Matter to be noted.	Determination
		The Council are asked to note a checked bank reconciliation of £333,443.32 as at 30 October 2020 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,439.97 as at 9 November 2020.	The Council NOTED the bank reconciliation.
VM 143		Items for Information Only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Chair provided an update on the Xmas Tree Competition for children throughout West Bedlington. Advising how well the competition had been received by parents, carers, teachers, and children alike. Prizes are scheduled to be made by special deliveries from some of Santa's Elves. The Clerk confirmed that there would be provision to extend the number of prizes since the budget for the event was only an estimate and not an agreed commitment. Special thanks to Councillor Thompson for all her time and efforts and making the event such an overwhelming success. ii. The Chair confirmed that Stead Lane PTA has agreed to extend their Santa deliveries to include areas within West Bedlington. Sincere thanks to everyone at Stead Lane PTA for all their help with this, which will bring lots of pleasure to many children in West Bedlington. iii. The Chair also updated the meeting on the medical condition of Councillor Hedley who unfortunately has been poorly for some time. Councillor Hedley continues to improve, and we are all hopeful that he will make a speedy and complete recovery early in 2021. In the meantime, everybody at West Bedlington sends him and his family our very best wishes. iv. Finally, the Chair wished all members, staff and residents a very happy Christmas and thanked those residents present for their continued support. 	
VM 144		Meeting Close and Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED The next schedule meeting of West Bedlington Town Council will be on Thursday 14 th January 2021 at 6.30pm. Details to be advertised in advance. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.05pm	

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Dawn Crosby, David Graham, Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Mike Trimming, Jim Tyler.

Signed by Chair

Date