



**PRESENTATIONS** – There were no presentations for this meeting.

**QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

- A resident asked if The Town Council could help to improve the condition of the footpath from Church Lane to Hartford Road (along 20 Acre Playing Field). The Chair advised that the footpath was the responsibility of Northumberland County Council, but she was happy to make a request on behalf of the resident to them.
- A resident asked if the Town Council was aware of any nominations for the up-and-coming local elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The Chair advised that election nominations were not a matter for The Town Council.
- A resident asked why The Town Councils, Services Committee meetings had not been in public via internet conferencing. The Chair advised that the Town Council had not convened a Services Committee during the current pandemic. All matters previous dealt with via the Services Committee have been dealt with through full Council meetings.
- Councillor Hogg asked about the tree planting programme undertaken by Northumberland County Council at The Hartlands, Bedlington. The Chair was able to provide an update and an indication of some of the further work to be undertaken.

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

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
VM 181		<b>In Attendance</b>	Councillors Crosby, Graham, Hedley, Henderson, Hogg, Taylor (Chair), Thompson and Trimming. Town Clerk Steven Young, and 8 (Eight) members of the public.
VM 182	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.	i. Apologies for absence were received and <b>NOTED</b> from Councillor Tyler. County Councillors Crosby, Robinson and Wallace all submitted apologies for this meeting. ii. Councillor Tyler was <b>AWARDED A DISPENSATION</b> for his absence from the meeting.
VM 183	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.	i. Councillor Taylor declared an interest in agenda item Part B 2c i. Bedlington West End County First School Pupils Fund Application.  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 184	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2021.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 are <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.
VM 185	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 the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION**

		<b>Matters for Discussion / Decision</b>	<b>Determination</b>
VM 186	a.	<b>Police Report.</b> To receive an update from Northumbria Police – Inspector Patterson.	Thanks to Inspector Patterson for his time and report.
VM 187	b.	<b>Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review.</b> 1. The Council are requested to retrospectively approve the payment of £1,000 of financial support for February 2021 to: i. Bedlington Salvation Army ii. Bedlington Matthew Project and iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment 2. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any future financial support to: i. Bedlington Salvation Army ii. Bedlington Matthew Project and iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment.	i. <b>RESOLVED TO APPROVE</b> ii. <b>RESOLVED TO APPROVE</b> iii. <b>RESOLVED TO APPROVE</b>  <b>RESOLVED TO APPROVE</b> 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.
VM 188	c.	<b>Pupils Fund Applications</b> The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the following bids made in respect of The Council Pupils Fund. i) Bedlington West End County First School. ii) St Bede's R C Primary School, Bedlington.	i) <b>RESOLVED</b> to award £1,500 ii) <b>RESOLVED</b> to award £1,500
VM 189	d.	<b>Annual Meeting of West Bedlington Town Council.</b> The Council are requested to discuss and approve a revised date for the Annual Meeting of West Bedlington Town Council of Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021. The revision is required to facilitate: o Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 Election, o The proposed vote counting date(s) of Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> or Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 o Legal requirement to hold the Annual Meeting in 2021 on or before Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021. o The statutory period of notice for the issue of summonses for the meeting (issue of agenda). Agendas will be issued on Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.	<b>RESOLVED</b> the Annual Meeting of West Bedlington Town Council will be on Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.
VM 190	e.	<b>Environmental Enforcement Officer Service Level Agreement (SLA) Renewal</b> The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon the renewal proposal from Northumberland County Council for a part time (0.2 full time equiv.) Environmental Enforcement Officer in Bedlington. The renewal is due on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 at a cost of £8,456.08 for the year. Renewal proposal distributed to Councillors.	<b>RESOLVED TO APPROVE</b> an extension of the current SLA for 3 (three) further months only. The extension to be subject to an ongoing review of performance and agreed reporting procedures.
VM 191	f.	<b>Insurance Renewal. (Fixed assets and public liability).</b> a. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the insurance quotes provided and determine a preferred quotation. (Summary of quotes distributed to members). b. The Council are further asked to decide if (after determining a preferred quote) they wish to enter a long term (3 or 5 years) agreement, as appropriate.	a. <b>RESOLVED TO APPROVE</b> the quote received from Aviva Insurance.  b. <b>RESOLVED</b> to enter into a 3 year long term agreement with Aviva Insurance.

VM 192	g.	<p><b>Community Chest Application</b></p> <p>The Council are asked to discuss and determine a Community Chest application from Dr Pit Bowling Club. The Application is for £500 and is to repair / replace damaged bowling green boards. (Application details distributed to members).</p>	<b>RESOLVED TO APPROVE</b> the award of £500.																								
VM 193	h.	<p><b>Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested.</b></p> <p>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" data-bbox="284 562 932 1962"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="284 562 480 663">Ref.</th> <th data-bbox="480 562 783 663">Description</th> <th data-bbox="783 562 932 663">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 663 480 1081">20/03547/ADE</td> <td data-bbox="480 663 783 1081">Advertisement Consent: 2no. internally illuminated port mounted signs, 3no. illuminated building mounted signs and 1no. non-illuminated glazing mounted sign. Location Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN</td> <td data-bbox="783 663 932 1081">2nd March 2021.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1081 480 1346">21/00269/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="480 1081 783 1346">Two-storey side extension, rear single storey extension, front porch extension with gate access in boundary wall adjacent Location 5 Hartford Road West Bedlington NE22 6HU</td> <td data-bbox="783 1081 932 1346">3rd March 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1346 480 1610">21/00484/OHL</td> <td data-bbox="480 1346 783 1610">Replace 11 electricity poles and 10 spans of Open Wire Conductor with new Aerial Bundled Conductor. Location Ridge Terrace / North Terrace Bedlington Northumberland.</td> <td data-bbox="783 1346 932 1610">11th March 2021.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1610 480 1738">21/00481/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="480 1610 783 1738">Two storey rear extension. Location 11 Nether Riggs Bedlington NE22 5SJ</td> <td data-bbox="783 1610 932 1738">16th March 2021.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1738 480 1962">21/00459/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="480 1738 783 1962">Renew application for replacement full height extension with hipped roof, restoration of detached stable, conversion of guest house</td> <td data-bbox="783 1738 932 1962">16th March 2021.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	20/03547/ADE	Advertisement Consent: 2no. internally illuminated port mounted signs, 3no. illuminated building mounted signs and 1no. non-illuminated glazing mounted sign. Location Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN	2nd March 2021.	21/00269/FUL	Two-storey side extension, rear single storey extension, front porch extension with gate access in boundary wall adjacent Location 5 Hartford Road West Bedlington NE22 6HU	3rd March 2021	21/00484/OHL	Replace 11 electricity poles and 10 spans of Open Wire Conductor with new Aerial Bundled Conductor. Location Ridge Terrace / North Terrace Bedlington Northumberland.	11th March 2021.	21/00481/FUL	Two storey rear extension. Location 11 Nether Riggs Bedlington NE22 5SJ	16th March 2021.	21/00459/FUL	Renew application for replacement full height extension with hipped roof, restoration of detached stable, conversion of guest house	16th March 2021.	<table border="1" data-bbox="959 562 1493 1962"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="959 562 1493 663">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="959 663 1493 1081">No Comment</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="959 1081 1493 1346">No Comment</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="959 1346 1493 1610">No Comment</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="959 1610 1493 1738">No Comment</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="959 1738 1493 1962">No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	No Comment	No Comment	No Comment	No Comment	No Comment
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	21/00534/FUL	Proposed first storey extension with a loft conversion and increased roof height. Location 2 Yewtree Drive Beaufront Park Bedlington NE22 7LT	22nd March 2021.	No Comment
	21/00038/FUL	Construction of a two storey side extension Location 9 Towers Close Bedlington NE22 5ER		No Comment

### PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

Matters for Information or To Be Noted					
VM 194		<b>RESOLVED to NOTE</b> 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.			
	a.	Correspondence.			
		Ref	From	Brief Description	Action Taken
		356	Northumberland Ass. Local Councils	NALC Enews 3 February 2021	Noted + Circulated
		357	Bedlington Salvation Army	Note of thanks	Noted + Circulated
		358	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	Note of thanks	Noted + Circulated
		359	Bedlington Matthew Project	Note of thanks	Noted + Circulated
		360	Northumberland Community Bank	End of Year Update and Job Vacancy	Noted + Circulated
		361	Northumberland Ass. Local Councils	May Elections – Poll Plan	Noted + Circulated
		362	Northumberland County Council	Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Council - 17 February 2021	Noted + Circulated
		363	Britishvolt	Company Introduction	Noted + Circulated
		364	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 5 February 2021	Noted + Circulated
		365	Resident	Note of thanks re Planning Objection	Noted + Circulated
		366	Northumberland Ass. Local Councils	Member Council Update 8 February 2021	Noted + Circulated
		367	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH – COVID-19 TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL BRIEFING – TARGETED COMMUNITY TESTING NOW LAUNCHED - THURS 11 FEB 2021	Noted + Circulated + Added to Website
		368	Northumbria Police	Scam Alert	Noted + Circulated
		369	Resident	Note of Thanks re ASB help near Dr Pit Park	Noted + Circulated
		370	Northumberland Ass. Local Councils	NALC Enews 17 February 2021	Noted + Circulated
		371	Advance Northumberland	Response to enquiry about Car Park	Noted + Circulated
		372	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Football Counts 2020 Report	Noted + Circulated
		373	Resident	Broken Bench 20 Acre Play Area	Noted + Circulated + Repair Arranged
		374	SENUG	Public Meeting: Tuesday 16th March - Zoom	Noted + Circulated
		375	Bedlington Salvation Army	Note of thanks	Noted + Circulated
		376	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	Note of thanks	Noted + Circulated
		377	Bedlington Matthew Project	Note of thanks	Noted + Circulated

	b.	<b>Consultations.</b>		
		From	Description	Details
		Northumberland County Council	Reminder - Private Sector Housing Strategy for Northumberland 2021-2023 Consultation	Consultation closes on 14 February at 5pm
	c.	<b>Invitations.</b>		
		From	Event	Response Details
		None	For This	Meeting
	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
		Bedlington Salvation Army	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation
		Matthew Project	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation
		Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation
		HMRC	-10,030.74	VAT Reclaim
		Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Services
		Northumberland County Council	267.60	Litter Campaign Sign Installation
		Michael Wood Design Limited	560.00	Neighbourhood Plan Printing
		Talk Talk Business	43.14	Telephone + Internet
		Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Services
		ThruYorDoor	300.00	Neighbourhood Plan Distribution
		Bedlington Salvation Army	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation
		Matthew Project	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation
		Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation
		Meadowdale Academy	1,500.00	Pupils Funding
		Whitley Memorial CE First School	1,500.00	Pupils Funding
		Everbrite for NALC Training	5.00	Town Clerk Training Fee
		Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Services
		Northumberland County Council	21,952.00	Annual Service Level Charges
	e.	<b>Other Planning Applications</b>		
		Where comments have not been requested.		
		Ref.	Description	
		21/00549/DISCON	Discharge of conditions : 6 (materials), 10 (demo/construction method statement) and 25 (ground gas) pursuant to planning approval 19/04216/VARYCO   Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN	
	f.	Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC.		
		Ref.	Description	Decision
		20/04146/FUL	Proposed clubhouse facility to incorporate changing rooms, toilets, officials' rooms, function room and kitchen. Location Meadowdale Academy Hazelmere Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6HA	Withdrawn at the Applicants request.
		20/02311/FUL	Conversion of a house into two flats. Location 21 Ridge Terrace Bedlington NE22 6EB	GRANTED
		20/03380/LBC	Listed Building Consent for an electric vehicle charge point on external wall. Location Limousin 7 The Stables Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	GRANTED
VM 195	g.	<b>Police Report.</b>		
		<b>RESOLVED to NOTE</b> the Police Report presented at Part B 2a. above (Minute VM186).		
VM 196	h.	<b>Financial Update / Bank Reconciliation.</b>		
		<b>Matter to be noted.</b>		<b>Determination</b>
		I. The Council are asked to note a checked bank reconciliation of £270,113.69 as of 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,442.51 as of 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2021.		The Council <b>NOTED</b> the bank reconciliation.

VM 197	<p><b>Matters for Information Only</b></p> <p>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.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="264 174 592 203">Councillor Thompson</td> <td data-bbox="592 174 1560 203">Shared an update from MP Ian Lavery re Westlea Cemetery Waterlogging Update</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="264 203 592 271">Councillor Hogg</td> <td data-bbox="592 203 1560 271">Expressed a wish that Northumberland County Council would share any updates relating to Westlea Cemetery Waterlogging</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="264 271 592 338">Councillor Henderson</td> <td data-bbox="592 271 1560 338">Grit Bin at Meadowdale has now been relocated – thanks to Northumberland County Council.</td> </tr> </table>	Councillor Thompson	Shared an update from MP Ian Lavery re Westlea Cemetery Waterlogging Update	Councillor Hogg	Expressed a wish that Northumberland County Council would share any updates relating to Westlea Cemetery Waterlogging	Councillor Henderson	Grit Bin at Meadowdale has now been relocated – thanks to Northumberland County Council.
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VM 198	<p><b>Meeting Close and Date of Next Meeting.</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> The next schedule meeting of West Bedlington Town Council will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6.30pm. Details to be advertised in advance.</p> <p><b>The Chair closed the meeting at 7.52pm</b></p>						

**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**