



PRESENTATIONS – There were no presentations for this meeting.

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- A resident asked, in the absence of publicly assessable information, if The Town Council had received any update(s) in relation to the proposed Town Centre development. The Chair shared the resident’s disappointment regarding the lack of information and confirmed that the Town Council had not received any recent information in relation to the proposed development.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
VM 145		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Graham, Henderson, Hogg, Taylor (Chair), Thompson and Trimming. Town Clerk Steven Young, County Councillor Wallace and 6 (Six) members of the public.
VM 146	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 submitted apologies for this meeting. ii. Councillors Hedley and Tyler were AWARDED A DISPENSATION for their absence from the meeting.
VM 147	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 148	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 10 th December 2020.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 10 th December 2020 are approved as a true record.
VM 149	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items.	Minute VM137 – Councillor Graham asked if any progress had been made in relation to the Community Asset Application. The Clerk responded that he had not made a start on the process.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

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VM 150		<p>2021 -22 Budget and Precept Requirement. The Council are requested to review and approve the proposed budget and precept requirement for 2021/22 as follows: (Working papers distributed to members)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A budget for the financial year 2021 – 22 of £270,275. ii. The use of £18,500 of non-specific reserves to reduce the precept requirement. iii. A precept requirement of £251,775 for the financial year 2021 - 22. 	<p>RESOLVED to APPROVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2021 – 22 Budget of £270,275 ii. £18,500 of non-specific reserves to reduce the precept requirement. iii. A precept requirement of £251,775 for the financial year 2021 - 22 								
VM 151	b.	<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 152	c.	<p>Request for Funding Contribution. The Council are requested to discuss and decide if it wishes to make a financial contribution to support the installation of “security measures” at Gallagher Park, Bedlington. (Request distributed to members). The Clerk has sought clarification of the request – any additional information to be distributed to members upon receipt.</p>	<p>RESOLVED TO APPROVE the “setting aside” of £900 of potential funding to support the installation of “security measures” at Gallagher Park, Bedlington. Release of the funding will be determined upon receipt of a specific request.</p>								
Council Chair Councillor Taylor left the meeting – lose of wifi connection Deputy Chair Councillor Graham took the Chair.											
VM 153	d.	<p>Grit Bins The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a request from County Councillor Robinson to take on future “top up” charges for two new Grit Bins for the Hazlemere estate, Bedlington. Councillor Robinson proposes to purchase the grit bins and their initial grit supplies and in accordance with the “Grit Bin policy” (distributed to members) West Bedlington Town Council would fund any additional top up charges.</p>	<p>RESOLVED TO APPROVE the adoption of future “refill costs” for 2 new Grit Bins provided by County Councillor Robinson for the Hazlemere Estate, Bedlington.</p>								
VM 154	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: 40%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Response Due Date</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20/03547/ADE</td> <td>Advertisement Consent: 2no. internally illuminated port mounted signs, 3no. illuminated building mounted signs and 1no. non-illuminated glazing mounted sign.</td> <td>31st December 2020.</td> <td>OBJECTION</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	Determination	20/03547/ADE	Advertisement Consent: 2no. internally illuminated port mounted signs, 3no. illuminated building mounted signs and 1no. non-illuminated glazing mounted sign.	31st December 2020.	OBJECTION	
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		Location Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland.NE22 5DN		
	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	6th January 2021	No Comment
	20/04067/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order application: G2 - Group of x 2 Cherry - fell, T1 - Chestnut - Fell, G4 - Group of x 2 Sycamore - crown lift to 5m above ground level, G5 - Group of x 6 Lime - crown lift to 5m above ground level, T2 - Yew - crown lift to 5m above ground level. Location Howard House Blue House Farm Road Nether-ton Colliery NE22 6BB	11th January 2021.	No Comment
	Councillor Taylor re-joined the meeting			Councillor Taylor Resumed in The Chair
	20/02481/FUL	Creation of enclosed roof terrace above existing single storey rear building with internal and external alterations (as amended 14/12/2020). Location La Torre The Millfield Millfield Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EN	11th January 2021.	OBJECTION
	20/03510/CCD	New car park consisting of 18 parking spaces Location St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington NE22 6ED	1st February 2021	NEUTRAL COMMENT

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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VM 155	<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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c.	Invitations.			
	From	Event	Response Details	
	NCC Communications	Northumberland COVID Community Champions - Town and Parish Councillor briefing - 10 December 2020	Open To All Members	
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
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Northumberland County Council	3,506.40	November Payroll Costs	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Northumberland County Council	2,021.46	Environmental Officer Charges	
	Zen Internet Ltd	9.59	Domain Registration Cost	
	Northumberland County Council	38.40	No Dog Signs for Play Area	
	Northumberland County Council	57.60	No Dog Signs for Play Area	
	Talk Talk Business	43.14	Telephone + Internet Charges	
	Zen Internet Ltd	5.39	Website Hosting	
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	\$137
	Matthew Project	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	\$137
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	\$137	
Widescope Web Design	840.00	Website Conversion		
Northumberland County Council	3,506.40	December Payroll Costs		
e.	Other Planning Applications			
	Where comments have not been requested.			
	Ref.	Description		
	20/03922/CLPROP	Certificate of Lawful Development temp. siting of storage container Land South Of The Old Vicarage Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland		
	20/04172/SCREEN	Screening Opinion for the construction and operation of approximately 60ha of ground mounted solar farm development and related infrastructure, including site access, inverter/ transformer units, substation, battery storage provision and security measures. Land South Of Broadway House Farm Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland		
	20/03917/DISCON	Discharge of conditions 3 (Gas protection Measures), 5 (Landscape details), 6 (Car parking) and 7 (Bus stops) on approved planning application 19/01457/REM. Land South Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Choppington Northumberland		
	20/03921/DISCON	Discharge of conditions 18 partly (ground stability), 19 (gas protection), 20 partly (ground works verification) and 25 (contamination) pursuant to outline application 16/04731/OUT Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland		
	20/03990/DISCON	Discharge of conditions 11 (surface water) and 12 (overland flow) pursuant to planning permission 19/01457/REM Land South Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Choppington Northumberland		
	20/04080/DISCON	Discharge of conditions 13 (SuDS), 14 (surface water) and 15 (SuDS) of application 19/01457/REM Land South Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Choppington Northumberland		
20/04078/DISCON	Discharge of conditions : 24 (external lighting) and 30 (travel plan) related to planning approval 16/04731/OUT Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland			
f.	Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC.			
	Ref.	Description	Decision	
20/01693/CCD	Demolition of swimming pool building and construction of 2 storey modular classbase building comprising 6 classrooms, toilets and circulation space (further information received on 20/07/2020 - Construction Phase Plan, Rev. 3.0; Analytical Test Report; Waste Acceptance Criteria Testing Report and Coal Mining Risk Assessment Clairifcation) Location Swimming Pool St	GRANTED		

			Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED	
		20/03428/COU	Change of use from a beauty salon to a dog groomers (Sui Generis) Location 76A Front Street West Bedlington NE22 5UA	GRANTED
		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). Further works to cut back branches overhanging the building plot to T3, T6, T9 and T16. Location 1 The Croft Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BA	GRANTED
VM 156	g.	Police Report. No Police Report for this meeting		
VM 157	h.	Financial Update / Bank Reconciliation.		
		Matter to be noted.		Determination
		i. The Council are asked to note checked bank reconciliation of £301,693.51 as at 31 st December 2020 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,440.80 as at 31 st December 2020.		The Council NOTED the bank reconciliation.
VM 158		Items for Information Only		
		i. The Chair in relation to VM153 Grit Bin Request expressed her disappointment that the Council had not been contacted directly and the request circulated to members.		
VM 159		Meeting Close and Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED The next schedule meeting of West Bedlington Town Council will be on Thursday 11 th February 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