

**Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington.
On Thursday 14th September 2023 at 6.30pm.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

PRESENTATIONS.

- Apologies were received from Northumbria Police.

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- There were no questions to the Council for this meeting.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
23/176		In Attendance	Councillors Hedley, Henderson, Hogg (Chair), and R Wallace. Town Clerk Steven Young, and no (0) members of the public.
23/177	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 from Councillors Crosby, Taylor, Thompson, Todd and D Wallace were NOTED . ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
23/178	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. No Declarations of Interest for this meeting. ii. No dispensations 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
23/179	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 10th August 2023.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 10th August 2023 are APPROVED as a true record.
23/180	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 10th August 2023.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

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23/181	a.	<p>Annual Town & Parish Council Conference - Thursday 5th October 2-6pm.</p> <p>The Council are asked to formally approve Councillors Hogg and Thompson as the Councils representatives to attend the (Seventh) Annual Joint Town & Parish Council Conference at at County Hall, Morpeth, on Thursday 5th October 2-6pm.</p>	<p>RESOLVED Councillors Hogg and Thompson are the Town Councils approved representatives to attend the (Seventh) Annual Joint Town & Parish Council Conference at at County Hall, Morpeth, on Thursday 5th October 2-6pm.</p>								
23/182	b.	<p>Consultation - Proposed Parking Restrictions High Ridge Back Lane</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>RESOLVED support the representation from residents and request the inclusion of a “residents parking provision” with the proposed scheme.</p>								
23/183	c.	<p>Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings.</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>	<p>i. The Council Chair (Councillor Hogg) provided a verbal update of some of the meetings and issues he had been dealing with since the last meeting. (Detail in appendix A).</p> <p>ii. No feedback for this meeting.</p>								
23/184	d.	<p>Services Committee.</p> <p>1. Any recommendations from The Services Committee for decision by full Council.</p> <p>2. The Services Committee Chair (Councillor Hogg) will provide a verbal report of any meeting decisions.</p>	<p>1. No recommendations for this meeting.</p> <p>2. The Committee Chair Councillor Hogg, provided a verbal update of the last services committee meeting decisions.</p>								
23/185	e.	<p>Planning Working Group Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested.</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="296 1211 1018 1574"> <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.	<table border="1" data-bbox="1046 1211 1528 1574"> <thead> <tr> <th>Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	No Comment
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23/186	f.	<p>Other Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).</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>	<p>1. None for this meeting.</p> <p>2. Councillor R Wallace ask if any progress had been made by the Councils Environmental Working Group. The Chair advised that an initial meeting had taken place and an update would</p>								

			be provided at the next Council meeting.
23/187	g.	Bank Reconciliation The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £275,314.81 as of 31st July 2023 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,897.58 as of 31st July 2023.	RESOLVED To APPROVE bank reconciliation at 31 st August 2024.

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

Matters for Information or To Be Noted			
23/189		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.	
	a.	Correspondence.	
		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.	Consultations.			
		From	Description	Details	
		Northumberland County Council	Proposed Parking Restrictions – High Ridge Back Lane	On current agenda – part B 2b.	
	c.	Invitations.			
		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 th September 2023.	
	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	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	\$137
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		Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	\$137
		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.	Other Planning Applications Where comments have not been requested.						
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23/190	g.	Police Report. The written report provided for this meeting was NOTED. The next scheduled regular report is for December 2023 meeting.						
23/191	h.	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. 1. Councillors – Councillor Henderson advised members that she had witnessed youths tempering with the new padlocks at Meadowdale Play Area and that she will monitor the situation. 2. Town Clerk – Nothing for this meeting.						
23/192	i.	Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED the date of the next meeting will be 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.						
23/193	j.	Close of Meeting The Chair closed the meeting at 6.54pm with thanks to all in attendance.						

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	
	No Exempt Business For This Meeting

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jayne Todd, Di Wallace, and Russ Wallace.

Signed by Chair

Date

Appendix A

Chairs Update 14/9/23

Firstly, I would like to report after much discussion between NCC and a letter being sent to Miller homes, I can confirm that a Bus Shelter will be supplied on the West Side of Choppington road as per the planning conditions by Miller homes, this issue will be of some comfort to residents and we will be actively seeking for the shelter to be installed as soon as possible for residents, We will also be providing a shelter on the East Side of Choppington Road which highways have confirmed will have to be a cantilever type due to the limited space, however after discussions with County Councillors Taylor and Robinson they will be providing some funding towards this new shelter, I would like to formally thank them for their support on this matter.

I attended a meeting with the police to introduce myself to the new members of the policing team and discuss any ongoing issues in the area from the polices point of view that we would be able to assist with, this was a very productive meeting.

I also watched the most recent NCC full council meeting where Councillor Sanderson stated he would be quote “more then happy to come to a public meeting in Bedlington” and emailed him to say that we would be happy to help arrange a meeting in the community centre.