



PRESENTATIONS – There were no presentations for this meeting.

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- A resident read a statement to the Council in relation to various issues but mainly the provision of youth services in Dr Pit Park, Bedlington. The Chair thanked the resident for their statement.
- A resident asked if the Councils existing Environmental Enforcement Officer SLC (Agenda Part B Item 2a) was a shared service with East Bedlington Parish Council (the resident had identified an environmental concern within East Bedlington). The Clerk advised that the SLA was exclusively for West Bedlington.
- In relation to Correspondence Ref 50 “Partnership Funding Invitation” (Agenda Item Part C a.) a resident expressed concern and dissatisfaction about how previous joint projects had been managed and the quality of the work undertaken. The Clerk advised that The Town Council shared the concerns and had already sought assurances in relation to these matter prior to entering into a similar agreement again. The Council will formally consider the partnership funding invitation upon any reply to its request for safeguards and assurances.
- County Councillor Wilczek asked if the Town Council had any update in relation to the County Council funding for the repair / replacement of Dr Pit Park fence. Councillor Crosby advised that in his previous capacity as County Councillor for the ward he had successfully applied for the funding and that a recent enquiry to the County Council re the progress of the project had not provided any additional information. At the request of County Councillor Wilczek, The Town Clerk agreed to share any future updates in relation to the project.
- County Councillor Wilczek asked if the Town Council had any update in relation the installation of CCTV at Park Road, Bedlington. The Clerk advised that after an initial delay due to the power socket been fitted to the wrong lighting column, he was awaiting confirmation from the CCTV provider that the cameras had been fitted.
- A resident highlighted the absence of and need for lighting columns along the red ash path between Hartlands and Westlea. Councillor Taylor (in her capacity as County Councillor) advised that she had already made representation to the County Council on behalf of residents.
- A resident asked if The Town Council had any plans to provide any financial support to East Bedlington Parish Council for its Gallagher Park Event and if that was the case, expressed their concern about taking available events spending away from West Bedlington Town Council events to facilitate the financial support elsewhere. The Chair advised that no request had been received and if it was to receive a request of that nature in the future it would be for the full council to determine.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
21/54		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Hogg, Reed, Taylor, Thompson, D Wallace, and R Wallace. Town Clerk Steven Young, County Councillor Wilczek and 9 (Nine) members of the public.
21/55	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 NOTED for Councillors Hedley and Todd. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
21/56	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. Councillor R Wallace made a declaration of interest in respect of agenda item Part B 2b. Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review. 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
21/57	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 10 th June 2021.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 10 th June 2021 are APPROVED as a true record.
21/58	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 10 th June 2021.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
21/59	a.	<p>Environmental Enforcement Officer Review of Service Level Agreement.</p> <p>The Council are asked to discuss, review, and decide upon the continuation or not of the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Northumberland County Council for the provision of an Environmental Enforcement Officer (1 day per week equivalent).</p> <p>Background - The annual SLA was due for renewal on 1st April 2021. The Town Council negotiated a temporary deferral of 3 months (to review the performance and value for money of the SLA). Members must decide whether to end the SLA or agree to the annual renewal until 31st March 2022. Importantly there is no option to agree to any additional deferral. Monthly reports for March – June together with a copy of the SLA distributed to members</p>	RESOLVED to cancel the EEO SLA with immediate effect.
21/60	b.	<p>Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review.</p> <p>The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any future financial support to:</p> <ol 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. <i>Note The Clerk has invited all three food banks to meet the Council to discuss their ongoing needs and demands a meeting will be convened before the end of June 2021</i></p>	<p>RESOLVED to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. APPROVE a payment of £500 for July 2021 with monthly review. ii. DEFER current monthly payments for the foreseeable future, Review the decision at meeting for October 2021. iii. DEFER current monthly payments for the foreseeable future, Review the decision at meeting for October 2021
21/61	c.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Services Committee.</p> <p>First meeting held on Thursday 24th June 2021. The Working Group Chair (Councillor Hogg) will provide a verbal report of the meeting decisions.</p>	RESOLVED to NOTE the verbal update provided.
21/62	d.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Governance and Staffing Working Group Met on Monday 28th June 2021.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendation from Working Group for decision by full Council – Review / Update of Social Media Policy – The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon the DRAFT revised policy (distributed). 2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision) – The Working Group Chair (Councillor Crosby) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED to APPROVE (with suggested amendments) the updated Social Media Policy. 2. RESOLVED to NOTE the verbal update provided

21/63	h.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Events Working Group Met on 17th June 2021 – The Working Group Chair (Councillor Reed) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.</p>	RESOLVED to NOTE the verbal update provided															
21/64	i.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Communications Working Group Met on 28th June 2021 – The Working Group Chair (Councillor Reed) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.</p>	RESOLVED to NOTE the verbal update provided															
21/65	j.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Not met to date – The Clerk will convene a first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in week commencing 26th July 2021 to review the analysis of the public consultation</p>	RESOLVED to convene a first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in week commencing 26 th July 2021 to review the analysis of the public consultation															
21/66	k.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Finance Working Group Met on 28th June 2021 – The Working Group Chair (Councillor Wallace) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.</p>	RESOLVED to NOTE the verbal update provided															
21/67	l.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Youth Support Programme Working Group Met on 28th June 2021 – The Working Group Chair (Councillor Thompson) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.</p>	RESOLVED to NOTE the verbal update provided															
21/68	m.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Planning Working Group Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested. 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="284 1451 1011 1973"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21/01575/COU</td> <td>Proposed change of use to A5 (hot food takeaways) from existing use class A1 (shops - funeral directors) Location 10 Vulcan Place Bedlington NE22 5DN</td> <td>12th July 2021.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/01576/ADE</td> <td>Advertisement consent for one menu board. Location 10 Vulcan Place Bedlington NE22 5DN</td> <td>12th July 2021.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/02188/FUL</td> <td>Proposed second storey extension above existing garage and front</td> <td>12th July 2021.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	21/01575/COU	Proposed change of use to A5 (hot food takeaways) from existing use class A1 (shops - funeral directors) Location 10 Vulcan Place Bedlington NE22 5DN	12th July 2021.	21/01576/ADE	Advertisement consent for one menu board. Location 10 Vulcan Place Bedlington NE22 5DN	12th July 2021.	21/02188/FUL	Proposed second storey extension above existing garage and front	12th July 2021.	<p>RESOLVED to NOTE the verbal update provided</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1043 1451 1501 1879"> <thead> <tr> <th>Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>OBJECTION to be submitted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	OBJECTION to be submitted	No Comment
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		Porch Location 2 Yewtree Drive Beaufront Park Bedlington NE22 7LT		No Comment
	21/00818/FULES	Erection of battery manufacturing plant with ancillary offices, together with associated development and infrastructure works (including site preparation works, ground modelling, drainage, landscaping, vehicular assess, cycle and pedestrian access, parking provision, substation and other associated works) Location Land At Former Power Station Site On Northern Side Of Cambois, Cambois Northumberland. Strategic Planning Committee - County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF at 4pm on 6 July 2021.	Already Supported this Application	Already Supported this Application

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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21/69		<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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46	NCC Cemeteries	Copy of reply re No.44 above	Noted + Circulated
47	NCC Community Safety	CCTV Gallagher Park Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
48	Advance Northumberland	Bedlington Town Centre Development Press Release	Noted + Circulated + added to Website
49	Northumbria Police	Be aware of scammers	Noted + Circulated
50	County Councillor Robinson	Partnership Funding Invitation	Noted + Circulated + Acknowledgment Sent - Clerk to Prepare Full Reply.
51	Bedlington Resident	Note of thanks for Town Councils positive response to request for help re Bedlington Country Park Nature Reserve	Noted + Circulated
52	NCC Community Sports	Community Leisure Programme	Noted + Circulated + Replied + scheduled to meet w/c 26.7.2021
53	NALC	NALC Member Council Update 15 June 2021	Noted + Circulated
54	Jan Chisholm	Free adult cycle training for Northumberland community residents	Noted + Circulated
55	NCC Street Lighting	Update re - Request for Quote / Estimate of works relating to Xmas Lighting in West Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
56	Advance Northumberland	Acknowledgement of our Consultation Request	Noted + Circulated
57	Bedlington Resident	Dr Pit Park	Noted + Circulated + replied + forwarded to NCC
58	Northumberland Healthwatch	Healthwatch Northumberland Annual Survey	Noted + Circulated
59	Bedlington In Bloom	Request For NCC to adopt tower planters	Noted + Circulated
60	SENUG	New May 2022 Train Timetable Proposals: Disastrous Impact on ALL Northumberland Stations	Noted + Circulated
61	NALC	NALC Enews 24 June 2021	Noted + Circulated
62	NCC Neighbourhood Services	Response to Item No 59	Noted + Circulated + Forwarded to Bedlington In Bloom
63	Northumbria Police	Take our CCTV Policing survey	Noted + Circulated
64	NCC Neighbourhood Services	Response to Item No 57	Noted + Circulated + Forwarded to Enquirer.
65	Bedlington Resident	Response to Item No 64	Noted + Circulated + Replied

b.	Consultations.		
	From	Description	Details
	NCC Planning	Northumberland Local Plan Examination - Proposed Main Modifications	From Wednesday 9 June 2021 until Wednesday 4 August 2021

c	Invitations.		
	From	Event	Response Details
	SENUG	Next Public Meeting and Other News Tuesday 29th June	Open To All
	PLT Consultation	Gilbert Ward Academy Consultation - a new Special Free School for Children Aged 11-16 Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 2pm at the Isabella Community Centre, Ogle Drive, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5JF.	Open to all local Councillors
SENUG	SENUG Public Meeting and AGM: Tuesday 29th June 2021 - Update	Open To All	

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
	Broxap Limited	295.14	Litter Bin Purchase	
	DL Maintenance & Repair	363.00	Bus Shelter / Public Seat Repairs.	
	Andrew Deptford	118.80	Defibrillator Accessories	
	Playsafety Limited	318.00	ROSPA Annual Inspection Cost	
	D & M Fencing	909.60	War Memorial Handrail	
	D & M Fencing	36.00	Play Area Repairs	
	D & M Fencing	90.00	Play Area Repairs	
	Talk Talk Business	45.54	Telephone + Internet	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	1,000.00	Food Bank Funding Donation	S137
	Matthew Project	1,000.00	Food Bank Funding Donation	S137
	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	1,000.00	Food Bank Funding Donation	S137
Bedlington Community Allotment	200.00	Community Chest Funding		
Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges		
e.	Other Planning Applications			
	Where comments have not been requested.			
	Ref.	Description		
	21/02241/NONMAT	Non-mat amend. S278 highways details appl. 18/01658/REM Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN		
	21/01910/CLPROP	Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed single storey rear extension 3 Chollerton Drive Bedlington NE22 5QW		
21/02328/DISCON	Discharge of Condition 4 (drainage scheme) on approved planning application 20/03510/CCD St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington NE22 6ED			
21/70	f.	Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC.		
		Ref.	Description	Decision
		21/01180/FUL	Installation of boundary fencing and external store (retrospective) Location 1 Tantallon Grove Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6FA	GRANTED
		21/00918/FUL	Installation of boundary fencing and external store (retrospective) Location 5 Tantallon Grove Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6FA	GRANTED
		21/00916/FUL	Installation of boundary fencing and external Store (retrospective) Location 4 Tantallon Grove Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6FA	GRANTED
		21/00917/FUL	Installation of boundary fencing and external store (retrospective) Location 6 Tantallon Grove Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6FA	GRANTED
		20/00147/FUL	Retrospective approval for Construction of 3 Bedroom House. Location Station House Station Terrace Choppington Northumberland NE62 5TH	GRANTED
		21/01488/FELTPO	Tree preservation order : T1 - Goat willow (fell left hand stem/crown lift over pine by 4M and thin by 15%), T2 and T4 - Beeches (crown lift by 8M), T3 Beech (crown lift by 5M), T5 - Beech (crown lift by 6M), T6 and T7 – Beeches (crown lift by 7M and T8 - Beech (crown lift by 8M). Location The Coach House Netherton Hall Netherton Road Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AS	WITHDRAWN
		21/00739/FUL	Proposed front extension. Location 14 Hotspur Avenue Bedlington NE22 5TD	GRANTED
		21/00460/LBC	Listed Building Consent for replacement full height extension with hipped roof, restoration/conversion to guest house (main house use) (renewal of 18/01237/LBC) Location The Beeches Church Lane Bedlington NE22 5EL	GRANTED

		21/00459/FUL	Renew application for replacement full height extension with hipped roof, restoration of detached stable, conversion of guest house (main house use) (18/01236/FUL decision date 12 June 2018) Location The Beeches Church Lane Bedlington NE22 5EL	GRANTED
		21/01334/FUL	Single storey extension and associated remodelling of existing low level roof to rear of building Location 17 Warwick Grove Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6NW	GRANTED
21/71	g.	Police Report. No Police Report for this meeting. The next scheduled regular report is for September 2021 meeting.		
21/72	h.	Financial Update / Bank Reconciliation.		
		Matter to be noted.		Determination
		Bank Reconciliation The Council are asked to note checked bank reconciliation of £322,296.30 as of 30th June 2021 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,445.81 as of 30th June 2021. Note re Bank Reconciliation– In accordance with revised Statement of Internal Controls. Councillor D Wallace as the nominated member has independently verified the monthly bank reconciliation.		The Council NOTED the bank reconciliation.
21/73	i.	Matters for Information Only		
		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.		
		Councillor Hogg	Broadoaks Development – Tree Removal / Replanting – remind Planning Enforcement	
		Councillor Crosby	Possible future meeting of Council Chairs from WBTC, EBPC and Choppington PC in relation to Community Safety	
		Councillor Taylor	Meadowdale Play Area Gate opening and closing whilst NCC are unable to fulfil the current SLA.	
21/74		Meeting Close and Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED the next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 19th August 2021 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 11th August 2021. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.03pm		

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Adam Hogg, Wendy Reed, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jane Todd, Di Wallace, and Russ Wallace.

Signed by Chair

Date