

Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held

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Meeting ID: 825 6335 3102 on Thursday 9th July 2020 at 6.30pm.



WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

In accordance with West Bedlington Town Councils Virtual Meeting Protocol virtual meeting agenda's will not include Questions to The Council from residents or updates from County Councillors. Residents may and are positively encouraged to ask questions of the Town Council (business of The Town Council) via email at westbedlingtontowncouncil@gmail.com for a written reply.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
VM 028		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Graham (from 6.44pm), Hedley, Henderson, Hogg, Taylor, and Trimming. Northumberland County Councillors Crosby, Robinson, and Wallace Town Clerk Steven Young and 2 (Two) members of the public.
VM 029	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 Thompson and Tyler. ii. Councillor Tyler was AWARDED A DISPENSATION for their absence from the meeting.
VM 030	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 031	a.	To sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 11 th June 2020.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 11 th June 2020 are approved as a true record .
VM 032	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 11 th June 2020.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

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VM 033	a.	Internal Audit. The Council are requested to approve the reappointment of Malcolm Wilkinson as the Councils internal auditor.	RESOLVED TO APPROVE the reappointment of Malcolm Wilkinson as the Councils internal auditor.
VM 034	b.	Armed Forces / Veterans Day. The Council is requested to approve the purchase of a wreath (no more than £20) laid on behalf of The Council and West Bedlington residents as part of the 2020 Armed Forces / Veterans Day.	RESOLVED TO APPROVE the purchase of a wreath for Armed Forces / Veterans day.
VM 035	c.	Litter Signs. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to purchase and install litter prevention signs. (Design and indicative printing costs distributed to members). Signs would require owner's permission if not installed upon West Bedlington Town Council asset and provision would need to be made for their installation.	DEFERED to obtain permissions to affix notices and to establish any costs for installation of the different signs.
VM 036	d.	Youth Leisure Provision. Family Palates at Bedlington Community Centre / Meadowdale Playing Field. The Council are asked to discuss a decide upon a proposal to provide summer family palates sessions during July and August 2020 (if any Co-vid 19 restrictions allow). (Proposal circulated to members).	RESOLVED to APPROVE a programme of "social distanced" classes for family palates.
VM 037	e.	Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any future continued financial support to i. Bedlington Salvation Army ii. Bedlington Matthew Project and iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.	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.
VM 038	f.	Play Areas The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon: i. 20 Acre Playing Field – Play Area Improvements. 1. A preferred supplier / installer of a new safety surface (Quotes circulated to members) 2. The number and design type of any seats / benches to installed. (Designs and indicative costs circulated to members). 3. The number and design type of any litter bins to be installed. ii. Play Area ROSPA Annual Safety Reports. The Council are requested to accept the recommendations contained within the reports and approve the expenditure to facilitate the remedial work required in respect of: 1. West Lea play area 2. Meadowdale play area 3. 20 Acre Playing Field	i. 20 Acre Playing Field – Play Area Improvements 1. RESOLVED TO APPROVE DCM Surfaces as the Councils preferred supplier and installer of new safety surface (including timber edging). 2. RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase and installation of 1 "Syd The Snake bench" and 3 Rainbow design benches. 3. RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase and installation of 1 Broxap E Derby Litter bin. ii. Play Area ROSPA Annual Safety Reports RESOLVED to APPROVE the expenditure to facilitate the remedial work recommended by annual report.

VM 039	g.	<p>Funding for Bedlington Schools. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to provide funding for additional play equipment for schools to support distancing in the light of the current co-vid 19 crisis". Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment.</p>	<p>DEFERED to a future meeting.</p>																
VM 040	h.	<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> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 488 893 1523"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="261 488 383 555">Ref.</th> <th data-bbox="389 488 753 555">Description</th> <th data-bbox="759 488 893 555">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 564 383 689">20/ 01654/ FUL</td> <td data-bbox="389 564 753 689">Construction of replacement conservatory to rear Location 15 Thorntree Drive Beaufront Park Bedlington NE22 7LR</td> <td data-bbox="759 564 893 689">1st July 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 698 383 851">20/ 01711/ CCD</td> <td data-bbox="389 698 753 851">Single storey extension to the existing academy hall Location St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington NE22 6ED</td> <td data-bbox="759 698 893 851">10th July 2020.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 860 383 1523">20 /01744/ PRUTPO</td> <td data-bbox="389 860 753 1523">Tree Preservation Order Application - T30 - Cedar of Lebanon (TPO Tree) Reduce upper crown and reshape, bringing the sides in to a more tapered form, leaving no less than 70% of any individual branch length. Overextended branches will be brought back in line with overall form of tree. Target prune some branches back to stem to remove crown density in upper crown. T28 - Holly - Reduce over extended weak branches at top of crown inline with overall form of tree. Removing approx 20% of overall height; Lightly side prune to maintain distance from drive, and improve form</td> <td data-bbox="759 860 893 1523">13th July 2020.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	20/ 01654/ FUL	Construction of replacement conservatory to rear Location 15 Thorntree Drive Beaufront Park Bedlington NE22 7LR	1st July 2020	20/ 01711/ CCD	Single storey extension to the existing academy hall Location St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington NE22 6ED	10th July 2020.	20 /01744/ PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application - T30 - Cedar of Lebanon (TPO Tree) Reduce upper crown and reshape, bringing the sides in to a more tapered form, leaving no less than 70% of any individual branch length. Overextended branches will be brought back in line with overall form of tree. Target prune some branches back to stem to remove crown density in upper crown. T28 - Holly - Reduce over extended weak branches at top of crown inline with overall form of tree. Removing approx 20% of overall height; Lightly side prune to maintain distance from drive, and improve form	13th July 2020.	<table border="1" data-bbox="912 488 1495 1523"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="912 488 1495 555">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="912 564 1495 689">No Comment</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="912 698 1495 851">RESOLVED to OBJECT as per 20/01693/CCD below</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="912 860 1495 1523">No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	No Comment	RESOLVED to OBJECT as per 20/01693/CCD below	No Comment
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		<p>20/ 01693/ CCD</p> <p>Demolition of swimming pool building and construction of 2 storey modular classbase building comprising 6 classrooms, toilets and circulation space Location Swimming Pool St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED</p>	<p>14th July 2020.</p>	<p>RESOLVED to OBJECT on the grounds of highway safety and loss of privacy for residents of Ridge Villas.</p> <p>The site of St Benet Biscop's has been accessed for a number of years from the main road via the Ridge Terrace Entrance.</p> <p>Local Residents and the Town Council have on a number of occasions raised this matter with Northumberland County Council requesting a turning circle be installed within the school grounds to remove this unsafe access via the ridge terrace entrance.</p> <p>This application proposes to accommodate 210 extra pupils for St Benet Biscop's, this means there is the potential for no less then 2 Double decker buses or 4 coaches if all 210 extra pupils are all from outside the Bedlington area.</p> <p>We would therefore formally request that a condition is attached, which requires a turning circle to be installed within the schools grounds and would like to suggest the site of the former Health and Social care block (two portable building which were burnt down in an arson attack in October 2017) for a turning circle and that all school traffic enter and exit the school grounds via the Netherton Lane entrance/exit in future.</p> <p>The Town Council also feels there could be a loss of privacy for residents of Ridge Villas and would request measures are put in place to prevent any loss of privacy by this application.</p> <p>We would also like to request that as a result of the loss of the swimming pool which has historically been Bedlington's only public leisure facility that applicant either provide a replacement facility or contribute to a new facility within the West Bedlington parish area.</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>				

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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VM 041		<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>			
	a.	<p>Correspondence. The Council are requested to accept all correspondences and the actions noted in respect of each.</p>			
		Ref	From		
		Brief Description	Action Taken		
		156	Jill Milburn	Youth Leisure Proposal – Pilates Sessions	Noted + Added To Current Agenda
		157	Northumberland County Council	Draft Proposals for Temporary Measures to Safely Reopen Town Centres – Advance Notice	Noted + Circulated
		158	Northumberland County Council	Urgent Feedback Request - Proposed Measures to Safely Reopen the Town Centres	Noted + Circulated and Agreed Response Sent
		159	Resident	Requesting an Update on Town Centre Development	Noted + Circulated + Replied
		160	NALC	NALC Member Update 9 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		161	Bedlington In Bloom	Update re volunteer group	Noted + Circulated
		162	NALC	NALC Enews 10 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		163	NALC	Covid-19 Risk Assessment 10 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		164	Resident	West Lea Cemetery Railings	Noted + Circulated + Replied
		165	Northumberland County Council	Consultation Feedback: Covid-19 Reopening Town Centres Safely	Noted + Circulated
		166	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 12 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		167	Councillor Hedley	Informal County Committee Friday 12 June	Noted + Circulated
		168	Northumberland County Council	TTRO U6548 Carisbrooke, Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
		169	NALC	NALC Enews 16 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		170	Barnesbury Cycling Club	Gallagher Park BMX Track Upgrade - Update	Noted + Circulated
		171	Chair East Bedlington Parish Council	Update re Co-vid 19 support	Noted + Circulated
		172	Northumberland County Council	TTRO U6539 Glebe Rd, Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
		173	NALC	NALC Member Update 18 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		174	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 18 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		175	NALC	Informal County Committee 19 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		176	Resident	Speed Sign Turnaround	Noted + Circulated + Repair Requested
		177	NCC Planning Manager	Reply to Enquiry Re Requesting Additional Infrastructure In Response To Planning Applications.	Noted + Circulated
		178	2522 Bedlington Squadron Air Cadets	Thanks For Community Chest Funding	Noted + Circulated
		179	Councillor Hedley	Informal County Committee 19 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		180	Wansbeck Valley Foodbank	Thanks For Funding	Noted + Circulated
		181	Zoom Video Communications	Enhancements To Virtual Meeting Software	Noted + Circulated
		182	Barnesbury Cycling Club	Gallagher Park BMX Track Upgrade – Update Link to fund raising scheme	Noted + Circulated
		183	Matthew Project Bedlington	Thanks For Funding	Noted + Circulated
		184	NALC	NALC Enews 24 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		185	NCC Environmental Enforcement Officer	Note of Introduction	Noted + Circulated

		186	NALC / NCC	Trees For All Residents - Update	Noted + Circulated
		187	NALC	NALC Member Update 26 June 2020	Noted + Circulated
		188	Resident	Bright Red Charity Art Sale Fundraiser	Noted + Circulated
		189	Bedlington Salvation Army	Thanks For Funding	Noted + Circulated
		190	Northumberland CVA	Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the Voluntary and Community Sector	Noted + Circulated
	b.	Consultations.			
		From	Description	Details	
		Northumbria Police	Neighbourhood Survey	Available on-line to everyone	
	c.	Invitations.			
		From	Event	Response Details	
		Royal British Legion	Armed Forces / Veterans Day Saturday 27 th June 2020 at 11am	Informal meet to wreath lay and observe 1 minute's silence – social distancing to be strictly observed. All welcome.	
VM 042	d.	Schedule of Payments and Receipts. 1 st April 2020 to 31 st April 2020. 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	
		Harrison Group	53.94	NHS Thank You Flag	
		Revierdale Scout Group	500.00	Community Chest Funding Payment	
		Playsafety Limited	313.80	ROSPA Annual Inspection Fee	
		Reay Security Limited	809.28	CCTV Charges	
		Talk Talk Business	40.74	Telephone + Internet	
		Zen Internet Ltd	5.39	Website Hosting Cost	
		Northumberland County Council	2,021.46	Environmental Enforcement Officer	
		Bedlington Salvation Army	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	S137 Payment
		Matthew Project	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	S137 Payment
		Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	S137 Payment
		Northumberland County Council	3,933.35	Purchase of Speed Signs	
		Fabrications North East Ltd	1,200.00	NHS Thank You Bench	
		Bedlington Masonic	1,000.00	Food Bank Donation	S137 Payment
		Northumberland County Council	4,234.61	May + June Payroll Costs	
VM 043	e.	Other Planning Applications Where comments have not been requested.			
		Ref.	Description		
		20/01694/CLPROP	Cert of proposed lawful development for a single storey rear extension 39 Clearwell Place Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6BN		
		20/01817/NONMAT	Change the roof to match existing roof Glebe Farm House Choppington Road Choppington Northumberland NE62 5TJ		
VM 044	f.	Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC.			
		Ref.	Description	Decision	
		20/01168/FUL	Single-storey rear flat-roofed extension Location 6 Newark Close Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6PD	GRANTED	
		20/01229/FUL	Rear single storey extension with full height rear and side glazing. Location 9 Woodland Close Broadoaks Bedlington NE22 6BS	GRANTED	
		20/00397/FUL	Construction of new dwelling and associated works. Location Land to North West Of Blue House Farm Cottages Netherton Colliery Northumberland	GRANTED	
		20/01256/FUL	Proposed two storey side and rear extension with addition of hardstanding Location 1 Red House Gardens Netherton Lane Bedlington NE22 6DP	GRANTED	

VM 045	g.	Police Report. No Police Report scheduled for this meeting.
VM 046		Meeting Close and Date of Next Meeting. The Chair closed the meeting at approx. 7.50pm. The next schedule meeting of West Bedlington Town Council will be on Thursday 13 th August 2020 at 6.30pm. Details to be advertised in advance.

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