

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



**To: ALL Residents of the Parish**

You are invited to attend a MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL to be held on **Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 6.30pm** at East Bedlington Community Centre  
The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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**Ronald Thornton**  
**Parish Clerk & Responsible Officer**

**2 November 2023**

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## **OPEN SESSION**

The Chair to invite members of the public to put questions or draw relevant matters to the attention of the council, prior to the commencement of business. This is for a period of **15 minutes** overall and is limited to **3 minutes** per person. The Chair of the Council will inform the members of the public of the action to be taken, that is, to be passed to a Working Group; go on the next agenda; or that their points will be taken into consideration if already on the agenda.

Councillors are not allowed to participate in this part of the meeting, other than to ask direct questions for clarification. **The public are not permitted to participate in the remainder of the meeting.**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council and the Full Council Meeting held on 5 September 2023.

### **3. CLERK & OFFICER'S UPDATE**

To receive a written update on items actioned since the previous meeting.

### **4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

To receive from members disclosure of any personal or prejudicial interest in respect of any items included on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation.

### **5. POLICE REPORT**

### **6. NCC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

To receive written reports from elected members on business relating to East Bedlington Parish.

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East Bedlington Parish Councillors: John Batey; Bill Crosby; Dawn Crosby; Keith Grimes; Paul Hedley; Keith Scantlebury; Len Smith; Allan Stewart; Jayne Todd; Grant Ward; Rebecca Wilczek

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

To note the correspondence received (attached at Appendix A) and the actions taken and proposed.

## **8. PLANNING**

To note the planning as detailed in appendix B

## **9. FINANCE REPORT**

- 9.1 Schedule of receipts and payments
- 9.2 Bank Reconciliation
- 9.3 Budget Report
- 9.4 Detailed Income & Expenditure Report for month end 31 October 2023
- 9.5 Balance Sheet for month end 31 October 2023

## **10. WORKING GROUPS**

**To receive the minutes of:**

- 10.1 The Staffing Committee held 21 September 2023
- 10.2 The Finance & General-Purpose Working Group held 26 September 2023
- 10.3 The Events Working Group held 10 October 2023
- 10.4 The Services Working Group held 17 October 2023
- 10.5 The Planning & Economic Regeneration Working Group held 24 October 2023

## **11. MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**That members consider the following:**

- 11.1 To agree delivery of Live Music Festival in Gallagher Park 13 July 2024 (subject to additional external funding)
- 11.2 To accept a donation from NCC County Councillor Alex Wallace of £3500 to undertake the refurbishment of coal tubs Sleekburn Ward.
- 11.3 To approve the office closure from 3pm Friday 22 December reopening Tuesday 2 January 2024

## **12. CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Members to receive feedback on the 2022-2023 external audit.

## **13. SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS**

Members to approve:

The recommendation of the Finance & General Purpose Working Group:

- (i) To award £400 to Wansbeck Toy Campaign 2023
- (ii) To award £300 to Bedlington United U10's Purples towards outdoor training kit branded with EBPC logo.

The recommendation of the Events Working Group:

- (i) To award £100 table sponsorship Pride Action North Progression Ball & Awards Event to be held on 2 February 2024.

**14. EAST BEDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – STAFF CONTINUITY**

Members will be asked to consider under **Standing Order 68**, that in view of the special and confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and asked to withdraw.

**Agenda, Part 2**

**1. EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

Members to consider that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, permitted under Part I (1) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) as the matter is confidential and relates to employees.

**2. STAFF CONTINUITY**

Members to approve the Clerks report as amended to adopt the recommendations of the Staffing Committee with regard to staff continuity.

**3. DATE & TIME NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 9 January 2024. 2023 at 6.30pm

**SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE**

107	31/08/2023	Richardsons Amusements	Outcome of fairground contribution 2023	Ref Events WG
108	05/09/2023	NCC – Planning	Application23/03214/FUL – 33 Rothesay Terrace	Agenda item
109	05/09/2023	Blyth Bespoke Fabrication	Revised drawings Bedlington Ellipsoidal	Ref Services WG
110	05/09/2023	G Ladhar	Quotation to paint all beading and refit beading and panels to beach shelter	Clerk
111	05/09/2023	Nettl	Quotation to print consultation leaflets Railway Building	Planning & Economic Regeneration WG
112	06/09/2023	Bedlington NPT	Notification of new PCSO's	Noted
113	06/09/2023	NCC	Notification of Town & Parish Council Liaison WG 14 Sept 23	Ref Cllr Grimes
114	07/09/2023	NCC – Planning	Application 23/02362/PRUTPO – The Beeches Eat Sleekburn	Agenda item
115	07/09/2023	NALC National	Chief Executives Bulletin	Circulated to members
116	08/09/2023	NCVA	Information & Guidance re Development Trust	Clerk
117	11/09/2023	NCC – Planning	Application 23/022491/VARYCO – Land to West of Brock Lange	Agenda item
118	13/09/2023	J P Prouke	Update on The Northumbrian Miner Statue	Ref Planning & Economic Regen WG
119	13/09/2023	Northumberland Line	Letter to residents Furnace Way Sidings	Circulated to members
120	14/09/2023	NALC National	Chief Executives Bulletin	Circulated to members
121	14/09/2023	WBTC	Notification of 2323 Remembrance Service & Parade West Bedlington	Circulated to members
122	18/09/2023	Advance Northumberland	Update Bedlington Town Centre Retail Project & press release	Circulated to members
123	20/09/2023	NCC – Regen	Bedlington Innovation Team Meeting 27 Sept 23	Councillors Grimes & W Crosby
124	20/09/2023	Ashington Town Council	Request for best practice sharing members expenses	Clerk
125	21/09/2023	NALC National	Chief Executives Bulletin	Circulated to members
126	21/09/2023	Mazars	Completion of audit for the year ended 31 March 2023	Ref Finance & GP WG

127	21/09/2023	Northumberland Line	Letter to residents re Bedlington Site Compound Set Up – Railway Car Park	Circulated to members
128	22/09/2023	Northumberland ALC	NALC E:News Sept 2023	Circulated to members
129	23/09/2023	Wansbeck Christmas Campaign	Request for support with 2023 Campaign	Ref Finance & GP WG
130	26/09/2023	Northumberland Line	Letter to residents re Bedlington North Platform Demo Works October 2023	Circulated to members
131	26/09/2023	Proludic	Confirmation of site visit re Heritage Gardens Play Area	Clerk / Outdoor Service Officer
132	28/09/2023	NALC – National	Chief Executives Bulletin	Circulated to members
133	28/09/2023	Wansbeck Christmas Campaign	Confirmation of financial position as requested by Finance & GP WG	Agenda item
134	28/09/2023	SENJUUG	Notification of Public Meeting 26 October 2023 at Morpeth Town Hall	Circulated to members
135	28/08/2023	Proludic	Introduction to new Area Manager Kate Insley	Clerks / Outdoor Service Officer
136	29/09/2023	ATM	Confirmation of availability to clear Waggonway, Furnace Bank	Ref Services WG
137	29/09/2023	Police & Crime Commissioner	Confirmation of unsuccessful bid to Operation Payback	Ref Services WG
138	02/10/2023	Escape	Enquiry regarding Small Gant Scheme	Application sent out
139	02/10/2023	Northumberland Line	Construction Newsletter	Circulated to members
140	02/10/2023	Advance Northumberland	Notification of closure of former Railway Tavern car park under TWAO rights of temporary possession until April 2024	Circulated to members
141	02/10/2023	Bedlington Under 10's	Confirmation of financial status as requested by Finance & GP working group	Agenda item
142	02/10/2023	NCC	Website details for the request of hedging whips	Deputy Clerk
143	02/10/2023	Bedlington & District Red Squirrel Group	Publicity material provided following grant support for information banner	noted
144	02/10/2023	Communities Together	Request to attend Welcome Hub Jan 24 to provide cost of living support	Deputy Clerk

145	03/10/2023	Northumberland Line	Bedlington North Building Restoration update	Clerk / Cllr Grimes
146	05/10/2023	NALC National	Chief Executives Bulletin	Circulated to members
147	05/10/2023	Northumberland Line	Update Bedlington North Building Restoration	Clerk / Councillor Grimes
148	06/10/2023	NCC – Planning	Application 23/03066/FUL – Cadet Centre, Waverley Drive	Agenda item
149	06/10/2023	Bedlington NPT	Introduction new Bedlington Station PCSO	noted
150	07/10/2023	Blyth Bespoke Fabrication	Estimate Bedlington Ellipsoidal with Stainless Steel fabrication	Ref Services WG
151	09/10/2023	NCC – Planning	Application 23/03122/FUL – 6 River View Close	Agenda item
152	09/10/2023	NCC	Confirmation of provisional booking Gallagher Park Live 13/07/2024	Agenda item
153	09/10/2023	NEREO-DBS	Update re changes to DBS re ROA from 28 October	Deputy Clerk
154	11/10/2023	CAN	Confirmation of payment outstanding invoice	Clerks
155	11/10/2023	NCC	Letter of thanks for participation in Town & Parish Council Conference	Noted
156	12/10/2023	NALC National	Chief Executives Bulletin	Circulated to members
157	12/10/2023	Northumberland Line	Platform Removal works at Bedlington	Circulated to members
158	13/10/2023	NCC	Confirmation of permission to plant daffodils Stead Lane / Stanley Grove	Ref Services WG
159	13/10/2023	PWLB	Repayment notice	Clerk
160	14/10/2023	Mr & Mrs Mccaffery	Complaint re speeding vehicles	Referred to NPT
161	16/10/2023	NCC – Regen	Notes & Presentation BIT meeting	Ref Planning & Economic Regen WG
162	16/10/2023	Alex Oates	Request for letter of support – Heritage Lottery Bid	Agenda item

163	27/10/2023	Northumberland Line	October 2023 Newsletter	Circulated to members
164	17/10/2023	ATM Ltd	Confirmation of clearing of Waggon way	Ref Services WG
165	17/10/2023	Blyth Bespoke Fabrication	Bedlington Ellipsoid Project updated drawings	Ref Services WG
166	17/10/2023	NCC Councillor A Wallace	Update on changes to Electoral arrangements Sleekburn Ward for information	noted
167	18/10/2023	Stead Lane Primary	Confirmation of participation in Festive lighting concert 30 November	Deputy Clerk / Events WG
168	18/10/2023	Stead lane Primary	Letter of thanks and details of Parish Grant expenditure 2022-2023	Clerk / Finance & GP WG
169	18/10/2023	Bedlington Station Primary	Confirmation of participation in Festive lighting concert 30 November	Deputy Clerk / Events WG
170	19/10/2023	NALC National	Chief Executives Bulletin	Circulated to members
171	19/10/2023	Blyth Star Enterprise	Ofer of services for floral displays 2024	Ref Services WG
172	19/10/2023	NCC – Planning	Application 23/03875/FUL – 31 Balmoral Close	Agenda item
173	20/10/2023	Citizens Advice Bureau	Invitation to Clerk to attend CAB AGM 8 December 2023 at 12.30pm	Clerk
174	20/11/2023	Bedlington Station Primary	Notification of donation of harvest festival items for EBPC food table	Deputy Clerk
175	20/10/2023	Blyth Star Enterprise	Quotation for provision of plants for planters 2024	Ref Finance & GP WG
176	20/10/2023	NCC	Confirmation of festive lighting requirement and quotations 2023	Clerks / Outdoor Services Officer
177	20/10/2023	NCC	Invitation to attend consultation Blyth Relief Road consultation 30/10/2023 – 11/12/2023	Circulated to members
178	23/10/2023	SENUG	Reminder SENRUG Public meeting 26 October as previously circulated	noted
179	24/10/2023	HAGS	Notification of new Sales Manager North of England Jonathan Dunn	Clerks/ Outdoor Services Officer

180	23/10/2023	Anne-Marie Soulsby	Carbon Literacy for Town & Parish Council Training	Ref Planning & Economic Regen WG
181	24/10/2023	NCC	Notification of Environment & Climate Fund	Ref Planning & Economic Regen WG
182	24/10/2023	Bedlington Academy	Notification of donation of harvest festival items for EBPC food table	Deputy Clerk
183	25/10/2023	WBTC	Confirmation of notification to WBTC members re Bedlington Station future use consultation	Ref Planning & Economic Regeneration WG
184	26/10/2023	Northumberland Line	Update on Station Buildings	Clerk / Cllr Grimes
185	27/10/2023	PCC Kim McGuinness	Fighting Poverty, Fighting Crime E: Bulletin	Circulated to members
186	30/10/2023	NCC- Planning	Application 23/02692/PRUTPO – determination The Beeches East Sleekburn	Agenda item
187	30/10/2023	NCC Planning	Application 23/03214/FUL – determination 33 Rothesay Terrace	Agenda item
188	30/10/2023	NCC	Notification of 2024-2025 Tax base	Officers Report
189	31/10/2023	NCC	Feedback from NCC / Member walkabout Dene Park (Free Wood)	Cllr Grimes / Wilczek



## Appendix B

<b>Date</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>address</b>	<b>observations</b>
07/09/2023	23/02962/PRU TPO	Tree preservation order application . 1 Ash tree – remove lower branches x 2 back to growth point close to property boundary, 2 Sycamore – remove lower branches x 2 back to growth point close to property boundary	The Beeches East Sleekburn Bedlington	Observations Delegated response No objections
09/10/2023	23/03122/FUL	Single storey extension to rear of property to increase size of garage	6 River View Close Bedlington NE22 5LP	Determination Granted
19/10/2023	2303876/FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension and internal refurbishment	31 Balmoral Close Bower Grange Bedlington	Observations by 9 November 2023
30/10/2023	23/02962/PRU TPO	Tree preservation order application . 1 Ash tree – remove lower branches x 2 back to growth point close to property boundary, 2 Sycamore – remove lower branches x 2 back to growth point close to property boundary	The Beeches East Sleekburn Bedlington	Determination Granted
30/10/2023	23/03214/FUL	Erection of single storey extension to the rear of the property.	33 Rothesay Terrace Bedlington	Determination Granted