Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held via internet conferencing Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86195970727</u> - Meeting ID: 861 9597 0727 On Thursday 8th April 2021 at 6.30pm.

PRESENTATIONS – There were no presentations for this meeting.

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

• A resident asked if The Town Council had received any reports from The Environmental Enforcement Officer. The Chair advised that The Town and County Councils had agreed to a three month trail period and that the first report was not due until the end of April 2021.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Graham, Hedley, Taylor (Chair), Thompson and Trimming. Town Clerk Steven Young, and 7 (Seven) members of the public.
 Apologies for Absence. i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for 	 i. Apologies for absence were received and NOTED from Councillors Henderson, Hogg, and Tyler. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this
 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. 	 meeting. i. There were no declarations of interest declared for this meeting. ii. There were no dispensations to determine for this
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PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS / SUMMARY OF DELEGATED DECISIONS

		Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions	Determination
VM	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington
202		West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 11 th	Town Council Meeting held on 11 th March 2021 are
		March 2021.	APPROVED as a true record.
VM	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the	There were no matters arising from the minutes of the
203		last meeting that are not included as agenda items.	meeting held on 11 th March 2021.



		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
VM	a.	Youth Leisure Provision. Family Palates / Arts and Craft	RESOLVED to fund Family Palates / Arts and
204		sessions at Bedlington Community Centre.	Crafts Sessions at a cost of £1860.
		The Council are asked to discuss a decide upon a proposal	The Council have requested that the activities are
		to provide summer family palates sessions during July and	advertised widely to encourage take up.
		August 2021 (if any Co-vid 19 restrictions allow). (Proposal	
		circulated to members).	
VM	b.	Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review.	RESOLVED TO APPROVE to continue to provide
205		The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide	financial support to all three (3) Bedlington Food
		upon any future financial support to:	Banks.
		i. Bedlington Salvation Army	Monthly payments of £1,000 to continue to be
		ii. Bedlington Matthew Project and	made.
		iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.	Payments must be used for the provision of food
		Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137	bank stock / services and continued support will
		payment.	be subject to a monthly review.
VM	с.	Internal Audit Report.	RESOLVED to ACCEPT AND NOTE the Internal
206		The Council are requested to note and accept The Internal	Audit report of February 2021. (Distributed to
		Audit report of February 2021. (Distributed to members).	members).
VM	d.	Litter Bins.	
207		The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon litter bin	
		service improvement suggestions from Northumberland	RESOLVED to ACCEPT both suggestions and
		County Councils Neighbourhood Services Team as follows:	approve the associated costs to provide the
		i. The large freestanding bin located near number 7	improvements.
		Elm Drive (hardly used) be moved to near number	
		4 Hotspur Avenue (well used, post mounted)	
		ii. Post mounted bin located near the bus shelter	
		opposite Chester Court be exchanged for a large	
		ground mounted type.	
VM	e.	Community Defibrillators.	RESOLVED TO DEFER for 3 months whilst
208		The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide	consideration is made of possible alternative
		what action (if any) to take about the provision of	hosting locations.
		additional Community Defibrillators. (Background details distributed to members).	
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VM	T.	Governance and Covid 19.	i DECOLVED TO ADDROVE the undeted Virtual
209		The Council are asked to discuss, review, and approve the following Council Governance documents. (Background	i. RESOLVED TO APPROVE the updated Virtual
			Meeting Protocol.
		paper together with DRAFT documents distributed to	ii. RESOLVED TO APPROVE - General
		paper together with DRAFT documents distributed to members).	 ii. RESOLVED TO APPROVE - General Workplace Covid 19 Risk Assessment.
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VM 212	i.	i. Financial Update The Council are requested to note the financial report for 31.3.2021. (Report distributed to members).				ED to ACCEPT and Note the finance or 31.3.21
VM 213	 j. Easter 2021 Funding Donations The Council are asked to retrospectively approve the following Easter Donations 					DLVED TO APPROVE – funding of £200 to Apples. DLVED TO APPROVE – funding of £100 to humberland County Council Youth Service DLVED TO APPROVE – funding of £1000 to the Easter Eggs to Bedlington First Schools eadowdale Academy, West End Primary, ley Memorial C Of E First School, and St 's R C Primary School.
VM 214	k.	Requested. The Council are asked make any comments applications received Note: recent notified	planning decisions and ot omments have not been i			
		Ref.	Description	Response Due Date		Determination
		21/00881/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application - T19 Ash Limb Removal; T18 Yew Crown Lift of 0.5 mtrs; T17 Sycamore Crown Thin of 10-15% SE side; T12 and 13 Lime single limb removal NE side; T2 Alder Crown thin of 15-20% on NE side (amended 10/3/21) Location The Old Vicarage Front Street East Bedlington	31st March 2021.	No Cor	mment

	Northumberland NE22			
21/00771/FELTPO	5DT Tree Preservation Order application to Fell 1no. Sycamore T9 Location Land South East Of 1 The Croft The Croft Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BA	8th April 2021.	-	No Comment
21/00756/FUL	Demolition of existing garage and replace with new two storey garage, add a full width, single floor extension on the back property. Location 31 Acorn Avenue Bedlington NE22 5SW	9th April 2021.		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	21st April 2021.		RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application. With a comment to make greater use of rail services for inward and outward products.
21/01218/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application - Crown reduce two Beech trees by 20%. Location Le Chene West Court Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	16th April 2021.		No Comment
21/00732/FUL	Construction of new pitched roof to garage			

	and kitchen and conversion of garage to storage, utility and WC 31 Hotspur Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TD.	19 th April 2021		No Comment	
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PART C - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

			Matters for Information or To Be Noted							
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215					tions and Invitations and the actions taken for each detailed below.					
			ection d, Schedule of payments and receipts							
			e, Other planning application		included for informat					
	a.	Note section f is not part of the agenda and is included for information only. Correspondence.								
	a.	Ref	From		Brief	Description		Action Taken		
					Thanks, and Confi		ligibility of	Noted + Circulated		
		378	Bedlington Youth Netv	vork		ding offer.				
		379	Jill Milburn		Pilates and Cra	aft Sessions Pi	roposal	Noted + Circulated + Added To Agenda		
		380	County Councillor Robi		Thanks for Ad			Noted + Circulated		
		381	Wansbeck Valley Food			ood Bank Don		Noted + Circulated		
		382	Bedlington Salvation A	-		ood Bank Don		Noted + Circulated		
		383	Bedlington Matthew Pr	oject		ood Bank Don		Noted + Circulated		
		384	Northumberland County Coun		Police & Crime Commissioner and Local Government Elections - Thursday 6th May 2021 – Roles and Vacancies		Noted + Circulated			
		385	Meadowdale Acader	ny	Thanks for Ea	aster Egg Don	ations	Noted + Circulated		
		386	West End Primary Sch	nool	Thanks for Ea	aster Egg Don	ations	Noted + Circulated		
	387 Bedlington Resident			t	Funding Application		Noted + Circulated + Added To Agenda			
		388NCC Youth Service389Northumberland County Council			Easter Youth Service Update and Request for Funding		Noted + Circulated + Added To Agenda			
					Northumberland News and Events - March 2021		Noted + Circulated			
		390	Northumberland County	Notice of Election		Noted + Circulated				
		391	Northumberland County	Council	Bedlington Regeneration Meeting Proposal TTRO 121686858 Cherrytree Drive, Bedlington		Noted + Circulated			
		392	Northumberland County	Council			Noted + Circulated			
		393	Bedlington Residen	t	Roof heightening	g on domestic dwellings		Noted + Circulated		
	b.	Consulta	ations.							
		From	Descrip			Details				
		None	For This	S		Meeting				
	с	Invitatio	ons.							
		From		Event	Response		Details			
		South E	East Northumberland VCS	Online N			Open to all	Open to all		
		The Tru Food B	ustees of Wansbeck Valley ank	on	ieneral Meeting 29 th March 202		Open to all	- Via Zoom At 7pm		
					Open to all eeting: Tuesday 16th March 7.30pm		- Via Zoom At			

	Payee		Amount	t Council update. All payments gross of Description	Notes		
			£. p				
N	Iorthumberland Cou	nty Council	3,506.40	February Payroll Costs			
	&M Fencing Ltd		475.20	Play Area Seat Repairs			
	522 (Bedlington) Sq Cadets	uadron RAF Air	1,000.00	Community Chest Funding Award			
В	Broxap Limited		535.08	New Litter Bins			
D	DL Maintenance & Re	epair	552.00	Litter Bin + Play Area Sign Installation			
N	/lalcolm Wilkinson		60.00	Internal Audit Fees			
R	Reay Security Limited	1	83.04	CCTV Costs			
N	Iorthumberland Cou	nty Council	12,000.00	Lamppost + Railings Painting			
N	Iorthumberland Cou	nty Council	10,549.20	Christmas Lights Charges			
V	Videscope Web Desi	gn	158.70	Security Software Annual Subscription			
В	edlington Salvation	Army	1,000.00	Food Bank Funding	s136		
	Aatthew Project		1,000.00	Food Bank Funding	s136		
V	Vansbeck Valley Foo	d Bank	1,000.00	Food Bank Funding	s136		
S	t Bede's Catholic Pri	mary School	1,500.00	Pupils Fund Funding Award			
N	Iorthumberland Cou	nty Council	3,506.40	March Payroll Costs			
G	iroundworks UK		115.00	Repayment of unused			
				Neighbourhood Plan Funding.	-		
	Vest End First Schoo		1,500.00	Pupils Fund Funding Award			
	alk Talk Business		43.14	Telephone + Internet Charges			
	Iorthumberland Cou	nty Council	124.64	Christmas Tree Removal			
	ad Apples		200.00	Easter Egg Competition Contribution			
	Iorthumberland Cou	•	2,114.07	Environmental Enforcement Officer			
	Aorrison's Bedlingto		1,188.00	School Easter Eggs			
	Reay Security Limited Velfare Men's Bowli		809.64	CCTV Costs			
	Reay Security Limited		500.00 83.04	Community Chest Funding Award CCTV Costs			
	lorthumberland Cou		4,289.50	Road Speed Sign (Church Lane).			
	Aicrosoft.com		4,289.30	Software Annual Subscription			
	DL Maintenance & Re	epair	673.88	Repairs – Bus Shelter, Litter Bins, Play Area Signs.			
N	/lorrison's Bedlingto	n	96.78	Easter Eggs – NCC Youth Service			
	her Planning Applic						
W	here comments hav	e not been reque	sted.				
R	lef.	Description					
2	1/00751/DISCON	(surface water	drainage) on ap	ndary treatment),6 (materials) ,8 (highw proved planning application 17/00444/C umberland NE22 5DN			
2	21/00815/DISCON Discharge of conditions : 8 (highways) pursuant to planning approval 19/04216/VARYCO Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberla						
2	1/00877/DISCON	limit), 18 (boun	d statement), 6 y), 9 (nesting bi parking detail ber and heigh rials), 21 (surfa				
	 (construction method statement), 16 (refuse storage, 17 (dwelling number and limit), 18 (boundary treatments), 19 (proposed levels), 20 (facing materials), 21 water and foul sewerage disposal), 22 (energy efficiency/ renewable energy) ar (permitted development removal) on approved application 17/02012/OUT for only. Land West Of 62 Station Road Station Road Stannington NE61 6NN. 						

f.	Planning decisions no	tified to WBTC by NCC.							
	Ref.	De	escription	Decision					
	20/03547/ADE	3no. illuminated building mounte	vertisement Consent: 2no. internally illuminated port mounted signs, o. illuminated building mounted signs and 1no. non-illuminated glazing punted sign. Location Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington orthumberland NE22 5DN						
	20/04434/FUL		extension, single storey rear extension, nents Location 22 The Crest The Chesters						
	21/00229/FUL		o double pitched dormers to the front	GRANTED					
M g. 16	Police Report. No Police report this r	nonth. The next scheduled regular re	nth. The next scheduled regular report is for June 2021 meeting.						
Mh.	Financial Update / Ba	nk Reconciliation.							
17	M	atter to be noted.	Determination						
	reconciliation 2021 and a	are asked to note checked bank on of £221,369.99 as of 31st March Deposit Account Balance of 8 as of 31st March 2021.	The Council NOTED the bank reconciliat	ion.					
18		r voting on these matters.	ention of other members and residents. Fo						
	Councillor Taylor	ncillors for their support, teamwork, and o 4 years. Councillor J Tyler for his many years of ser d to Councillor K Roach who had played ar before her resignation in 2018. Town Clerk for his support and work on b	vice to local nactive part in						
	Councillor Taylor	Outlined some of the majo	r achievements of The Town Council over	the last 4 years					
	Councillor Hedley		m Councillor Taylor and thanked her for h						
	Councillor Graham	Reminded members of the at 6pm.	next Events Group meeting scheduled for	r 15 th April 2021					
/M 219	Council on Thursday	nute VM211 the next meeting of The 29 th April at 6.30pm via Zoom confere eeting of West Bedlington Town Cour	Council will be an Extraordinary meeting o encing. ncil will be on Thursday 20 th May 2021 at 6						
	The Chair closed the	meeting at 7.28pm							

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