



MEETING AGENDA

11th June 2026

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: You are hereby summonsed to attend the meeting of WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL to be held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington, NE22 5TT, on Thursday 11th June 2026 at 6.30pm. Issued by Steven Young, Town Clerk, on 3rd June 2026.

AGENDA-RELATED QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- The Chair will invite members of the public to ask the Council any questions in relation to the *current meeting agenda*. (There will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting to ask any questions not related to agenda items).
- This question time will last for a period of up to 15 minutes (this can be extended at the discretion of the Chair).
- To give every member of the public a fair chance of asking a question, the number of questions asked by any individual person may be limited at the Chair's discretion. The above covers both verbal and written submissions.
- Any member of the public who speaks, should first advise if they are a resident of the parish, someone who works in the parish or a visitor to the parish.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2522 Bedlington Squadron RAFAC have been invited to support their funding applications. (Agenda Item Part B b. Community Chest applications).
- Northumbria Police have been invited to attend this meeting in support of their scheduled Police Report. (Agenda Item Part C, Item e – Police report).

PART A – ATTENDANCE AND MINUTES

a.	Attendance To record councillors in attendance.
b.	Apologies for absence i. To NOTE any apologies for absence from councillors. ii. To APPROVE any dispensations for absent councillors.
c.	Declaration of interest i. To RECEIVE and NOTE any disclosures of interest. ii. To APPROVE any requests for dispensations.
d.	Meeting minutes To AGREE and SIGN as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council's meeting on 14th May 2026.*

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

a.	<p>Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2026/27 <i>It is at the Council's discretion whether to elect a Deputy Mayor or not.</i></p> <p>To elect a Deputy Major and receive the Deputy Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>
b.	<p>Funding applications</p> <p>To APPROVE the following funding applications: Community Chest application 2522 Bedlington Squadron RAFAC.*</p>
c.	<p>Services – permanent Christmas tree</p> <p>APPROVE a location for a permanent Christmas tree.</p>
d.	<p>Governance</p> <p>APPROVE, after REVIEW, the following policies, procedures and documents.*</p> <p>i. Review of current policies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy No. 1 Standing Orders. Updated to reflect Staffing Committee (highlighted). 2. Policy No. 14 Council Meeting Protocol. Updated to reflect possible video recording of Council meetings (highlighted). <p>ii. GDPR training</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual GDPR Councillor Training Refresher document. 2. Policy DP1 Personal Data Protection Policy. Only if the Annual GDPR Councillor Training Refresher document (1. above) is approved – update to 5.8 Training (highlighted). <p>iii. New policy / procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Leave Policy. 2. Community Vegetable Exchange Point Rules.
e.	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning applications – where comments have been requested. The Council is asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the planning applications received for comment.</p> <p>Please note, where the response date is before the date of the meeting, an extension has been agreed to allow consideration of the application at the meeting and an opportunity to submit comments.</p> <p>Reference: 26/00314/PREAPP</p> <p>Description: Development of the site for approximately 1,250 dwellings, employment uses, a community hub and associated infrastructure. Add on meeting with Planning Officer and Chief Planning Officer. Land south west of Meadow View Farm, Choppington Road, Choppington, Northumberland.</p>

Response date:

2nd June 2026

Response recommendations from West Bedlington Town Council's Planning Working Group:

The Town Council would like to be directly involved in discussions on this pre-application to ensure any benefits for residents are maximised.

- Ensure any tree planting plans connect the existing areas of woodland within the overall site to the green and Netherton lech and approved solar farm to support the area as a wildlife corridor.
- Legal agreements regarding the provision of the "new usable open space, including sports and play facilities as well as a new community hub" and ownership will go to the Town Council after a period to ensure security of these facilities for the town.
- Within the area, provision should be made for a new allotment site to accommodate demand for allotments locally.
- The provision of a large-scale bungalow development within the site to accommodate demand for bungalows locally.
- Concerns that the new road will enter Fenwick Park and Broadoaks and result in issues within those estates.
- To request new roads exit on to main roads of B1331 at Broadoaks roundabout and Choppington road directly.
- No Loss of existing woodland areas and hedgerows within the area proposed.
- Concern about development of the Northern site being in close proximity of the former toxic landfill / Choppington brickworks.
- Planting of large woodland and hedgerow to Northern site along old Choppington brickworks road to support biodiversity.
- Concerns about the stability of the site overall from previous opencast operations and possible unmapped mine entries and workings.

Reference:

26/01589/FUL

Description:

6no mixed use retail units (Classification E) 5 Market Place, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 5TN.

Response date:

2nd June 2026

Response recommendations from West Bedlington Town Council's Planning Working Group:

- Regarding parking, there are no arrangements within the development for staff or visitor car parking.
- The major height difference of the site and affecting tired and exhausted/Avor hire boundary wall.
- The turning circle at the top is a car park for the Tavern and that space will reduce in size because of bin storage and provision of a cycleway.

Reference:


26/01847/PRUTPO

Description:

Tree Preservation Order: T1- Norway Maple. Reduce overhanging branches on the north side of the crown and a light (10%) crown thin 15 Oakapple Close, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 7LL.

	<p>Response date: 16th June 2026</p> <p>Response recommendations from West Bedlington Town Council’s Planning Working Group: No comment.</p>
f.	<p>Working groups / committees</p> <p>i. APPROVE any recommendations from working groups (not included elsewhere on the agenda). Non for this meeting.</p> <p>ii. To NOTE any other information from working group chairs.</p>
g.	<p>Bank reconciliation</p> <p>To APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation as of 31st May 2026, a current account balance of £3,111.00 a deposit account balance of £10,018.15 and a CCLA savings account balance of £400,000.00 *</p>

MEETING PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

a.	<p>Chair’s update and external invitations/consultations</p> <p>To NOTE any announcements from the Chair, and to discuss invitations, consultations and external meeting feedback since the last Council meeting.</p> <p>Invitations received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StreetGames Northumberland networking meeting. Newbiggin Leisure centre on Tuesday 2nd June from 12.30pm to 2.30/3pm. Open to all members. • NWA Environment Strategy. Open to everyone. • Invitation to the Institution and Induction of the Reverend Helen Young, Wednesday 8th July, 2026, in St. Cuthbert’s Church, Bedlington at 7.30pm. Open to all members, RSVP via the Clerk. 																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
b.	<p>Schedule of payments and receipts</p> <p>ALL payments and (receipts) to be noted since the last Council meeting.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>West Bedlington Town Council</p> <p>08 June 2026 (2026 - 2027)</p> <p>PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST</p> </div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Vouche</th> <th>Code</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Minute</th> <th>Bank</th> <th>Payment Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Supplier</th> <th>VAT Type</th> <th>Net</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Interest CCLA Account</td> <td>07/05/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Lloyds Current</td> <td>Interest</td> <td>Receipt - InterestPayment</td> <td>CCLA Savings Account</td> <td>Z</td> <td>1,030.75</td> <td></td> <td>1,030.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26</td> <td>Printing</td> <td>07/05/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Lloyds Current</td> <td>760603</td> <td>Payment - Printing costs</td> <td>SmartOffice Systems</td> <td>S</td> <td>-14.21</td> <td>-2.85</td> <td>-17.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27</td> <td>Online Accounting</td> <td>07/05/2026</td> <td></td> <td>Lloyds Current</td> <td>18044</td> <td>Payment - 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c.	<p>Other planning applications</p> <p>Where comments have not been requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing for this meeting.
d.	<p>Planning decisions made by Northumberland County Council - West Bedlington Town Council notified</p> <p>Reference: 26/01053/FUL</p> <p>Description: Change of use of 1st floor from bar and pool hall Sui Generis into dance studio E(d). Removal of existing bar and erection of two stud walls to create waiting area. Breakers Pool Bar & Lounge 42 - 48 Front Street West, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 5UB.</p> <p>Decision: GRANTED.</p> <p>Reference: 25/04674/VARYCO</p> <p>Description: Variation of Conditions 1 (approved plans), 7 (refuse), 8 (floorspace), 22 (ecological report), 23 (landscaping), 25 (foul and surface water drainage) and 27 (surface water) on approved application 21/02236/VARYCO in order to replace units 5-11 to accommodate one large retail unit amendments to be agreed with the LPA at determination stage. Car Park, Vulcan Place, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 5DN.</p> <p>Decision: GRANTED.</p> <p>Reference: 26/01278/VARYCO</p> <p>Description: Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) on approved application 25/04362/VARYCO in order for the stable block to be less obtrusive. Land to south of Hartford Drive, Hartford Drive, Hartford Bridge, Northumberland, NE22 6AJ.</p> <p>Decision: REFUSED.</p>
e.	<p>Police report</p> <p>To note the Police report provided for this meeting. The next scheduled report is for the September 2026 meeting.</p>
f.	<p>Matters for information only</p> <p>To NOTE 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.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Councillor – any matters for information only. ii. Town Clerk – any matters for information only.
g.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To NOTE the next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 9th July 2026 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 1st July 2026.</p>

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL – ANY OTHER WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MATTERS

- The Chair will invite members of the public to ask the Council any questions in relation to any other West Bedlington Town Council matters.
- This question time will last for a period of up to 15 minutes (this can be extended at the discretion of the Chair).
- To give every member of the public a fair chance of asking a question, the number of questions asked by any individual person may be limited at the Chair’s discretion. The above covers both verbal and written submissions.
- Any member of the public who speaks should first advise if they are a resident of the parish, someone who works in the parish or a visitor to the parish.

MEETING 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.

- Nothing for this meeting.

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Trevor Austin, Dave Chapple, Brian Denny, Sian Denny, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg, Al Roberts, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson.

* Supporting documentation distributed to members before the meeting and is available to members of the public. If you would like a copy of any of the supporting documents related to an agenda item, please email clerk@westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk and we'll be more than happy to facilitate your request, unless the information is exempt.