



MEETING AGENDA

13th August 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 13th August 2026 at 6.30pm.

Issued by Steven Young, Town Clerk, on 5th August 2026.

PRESENTATIONS

- There are no scheduled presentations for this meeting.

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.

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 9th July 2026. *

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

a.	Funding applications There are no funding applications for this meeting.
b.	i. Services – permanent Christmas tree Approve any next steps in relation to the siting of a permanent Christmas tree.
c.	Community asset transfer option. Determine whether or not to take up the option of a Community asset transfer for the former Public Conveniences at Atlee Park, Bedlington.
d.	Governance APPROVE, after REVIEW, the following policies, procedures and documents. * i. Review of current policies Policy 10. Grit Bin Provision (no changes other than grammatical) Policy 22. Privacy Statement (no changes other than grammatical) Policy 33. Investment Policy (no changes other than grammatical and removal of historic dates) GDPR Suite of policies (no changes other than grammatical) ii. New Policies for adoption. Policy 44. Training and Development Policy 45. Biodiversity
.	Community Governance Review Consultation. APPROVE any responses to comments received during the initial informal stage of the public consultation. i. “An adjustment of the parish boundary line between the Parishes of Stannington and West Bedlington. ii. “To merge East and West Bedlington parishes together”.
f.	Member representation at Joint Town and Parish Council Autumn Conference APPROVE two (2) delegates to attend and represent West Bedlington Town Council on Thursday 8th October 2026, County Hall, Morpeth (Registration and refreshments from 5pm. Marketplace 5-7pm. Conference ends 8.10pm).
g.	Planning 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. 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.

	Reference: 26/02367/FUL Description: Proposed removal of existing side outhouse and erection of new extension 99, Hartlands Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6JQ Response date: 24th July 2026 Reference: 26/02311/VARCCD Description: Variation of Condition 3 (Usage) on approved planning application 24/01694/CCD in order to amend the wording within the Condition 17 Featherstone Grove Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6NU Response date: 30th July 2026 Reference: 26/02279/PRUTPO Description: Tree Preservation Order: T1 - Acer - Remove two west facing branches from above shed, T2 - Acer - Remove one west facing branch, extending over garden, T3 - Acer - Remove four west facing branches, extending over garden, T4 - Acer - Remove three west facing branches, extending over garden 8 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BG Response date: 3rd August 2026 Reference: 26/02501/COU Description: Change of use from dwellinghouse (C3) to (C2) for a children's residential home 35 Glebe Mews The Chesters Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6LJ Response date: 6th August 2026 Reference: 26/02588/ADE Description: Advertisement Consent for 1no Shopfront fascia sign 46 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB Response date: 12th August 2026 Reference: 26/02701/FUL Description: Humford Mill House Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5RT Response date: 20th August 2026 Reference: 26/02726/FUL Description: Internal and external alterations to include the modernisation of the interior through the installation of internal partitions and a mezzanine level. External works comprise the removal of render from the north-west elevation, extension in height of the central window, upgrading of the existing entrance doorway and canopy, installation of solar panels and air source heat pumps, repair works to brickwork, stonework and rainwater goods, reinstatement of a previously blocked side window, and the blocking up of an existing door on the south-west elevation. Response date: 25th August 2026
h.	Working groups / committees i. APPROVE any recommendations from working groups (not included elsewhere on the agenda). Non for this meeting. ii. To NOTE any other information from working group chairs.
i.	Bank reconciliation To APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation as of 31st July 2026, a current account balance of £26,885.41, a deposit account balance of £26.25 and a CCLA savings account balance of £360,000 *

MEETING PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

a.	Chair’s update and external invitations/consultations To NOTE any announcements from the Chair, and to discuss invitations, consultations (not included elsewhere on the agenda) and external meeting feedback since the last Council meeting.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
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c.	Other planning applications Where comments have not been requested. Reference: 26/02171/DISCON Description: Discharge of Condition 9 (Written Method Statement) on approved application 23/02640/CCD Westlea Playing Fields, Football Pitch Netherton Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6DX Reference: 26/02335/DISCON Description: Discharge of Condition 8 (Ground Gases) on approved application 23/03721/FUL 32 Centurian Way The Chesters Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6LD Reference: 26/02608MISC Description: Installation of 2 x 10m light wooden pole - Reference: OGEEA5969552 Outside 9 Towers Close Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5ER
d.	Planning decisions made by Northumberland County Council – notified to West Bedlington Town Council. Reference: 26/00565/FUL Description: Retrospective: Enlargement/re-building of existing animal shelter including renewal of dilapidated Eastern and Western boundary fences and alterations to vehicular gate entry point location Humford Mill Country Park Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5RT Decision: GRANTED
e.	Police report No Police report scheduled for this meeting. The next scheduled report is for the September 2026 meeting.
f.	Matters for information only 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. i. Councillor – any matters for information only. ii. Town Clerk – any matters for information only.
g.	Date of next meeting To NOTE the next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 10th September 2026 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

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.

- No exempt business 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.