



MEETING AGENDA

9th July 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 9th July 2026 at 6.30pm.

Issued by Steven Young, Town Clerk, on 1st July 2026.

MINUTES SILENCE

To observe a minute's silence in memory of former Town Councillor Joe Dobie who was previously a West Bedlington Town Councillor for several years.

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

- There are no scheduled presentations for this meeting.

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 11th June 2026. *

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

a.	Funding applications There are no funding applications for this meeting.
b.	i. Services – permanent Christmas tree APPROVE expenditure to purchase the following service / supply plans: ○ Water and sewage £65. ○ Openreach plans £84. <i>For information only. Total cost of purchase, installation, disposal and temporary fencing for 2025 Christmas Tree was £2,511.</i> iii. Services - Front Street flower pots APPROVE an “emergency fund” for watering of Front Street flower pots and define how and when it could / should be used. iv. Services – Annual ROSPA Safety Inspection Reports APPROVE to carry out all remedial work identified in the ROSPA annual safety reports. *
c.	Finance – First Quarter Financial Report To REVIEW and APPROVE the current year’s expenditure against its current year’s budget and (if appropriate) make recommendations to bring both inline. * (Currently, there are no areas of significant overspend or unplanned spending for future projects).
d.	Governance APPROVE, after REVIEW, the following policies, procedures and documents. * i. Review of current policies 1. Policy No. 16 Social Media 2. Policy No. 23 Flag Flying Policy 3. Policy No. 41 Unauthorised Property Suggested revisions highlighted for members.
e.	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: 26/01894/REM Description: Reserved matters application for landscaping and layout on approved application 24/04112/OUTES for phase C enabling works including site preparation, earthworks, removal of PFA mounds and other works required prior to construction and operation of data centre campus Land At Former Power Station Site On Northern Side Of Cambois Cambois Northumberland Response date: 26th June 2026 Response recommendations from West Bedlington Town Council's Planning Working Group: No Comment Reference: 26/02202/PRUTPO Description: Tree Preservation Order Application : T1 (Beech) - reduce lateral branches overhanging the rear Garden by 2m. T2 (Sycamore) - reduce lateral branches overhanging the rear Garden by 2m. 1 Bellingham Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5QS Response date: 14th July 2026. Response recommendations from West Bedlington Town Council's Planning Working Group: Reference: 26/02160/OUTES Description: Outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except access, for a Data Centre facility (Use Class B8) totalling up to 356,500sqm gross internal area with ancillary power generation (up to 49.9MW), including Data Centre buildings, ancillary offices, substations, power plant, emergency generators, and associated site infrastructure, landscape, engineering and drainage works. Land North West Of High Brocklands Brock Lane West Sleekburn Northumberland Response date: 26th July 2026 Response recommendations from West Bedlington Town Council's Planning Working Group:
f.	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.
g.	Bank reconciliation To APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation as of 30th June 2026, a current account balance of £8,879.60, a deposit account balance of £10,022.13 and a CCLA savings account balance of £380,000.00 *

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 and external meeting feedback since the last Council meeting. Invitations received:																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
b.	Schedule of payments and receipts ALL payments and (receipts) to be noted since the last Council meeting. 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c.	Other planning applications Where comments have not been requested. Reference: 26/01942/CLPROP Description: Certificate of Lawful Development - Proposed use for erection of un-enclosed car port to side of property, comprising roof and support posts. 31 Skipton Close Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6NP. Reference: 26/01998/DISCON Description: Discharge of Conditions 8 (Unit 2 - Service Management Plan), 13 (Plant Noise) and 14 (Extract & Ventilation) on approved application 25/04674/VARYCO in relation to Unit 2, Phase D (amended description 16.06.2026). Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN.
d.	Planning decisions made by Northumberland County Council – notified to West Bedlington Town Council. Reference: 26/01311/FUL Description: Erection of a single-storey detached garden room in the rear garden 10 Vicarage Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DR. Decision: GRANTED Reference: 26/00470/LBC Description: Listed Building Consent to replace front door with like for like timber doors, transom window and frame. Replace windows with double glazed, like for like Georgian bar sash windows. Clean stonework. The Old Vicarage Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DT. 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 13th August 2026 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 5th August 2026.

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

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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.