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Dear Councillor

4th September 2015

The next meeting of the Council will be held on **Thursday 10th September 2015** in St James Church Rooms, Pottergate, Alnwick at **7.15pm**. You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

Bill Batey
Clerk to Town Council

Agenda

1. Questions from the Public
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Last Meeting (13th August 2015)
5. Matters Arising
6. Mayor's Report
7. Minutes of the Committees
 - a) Planning, Highways & Transport Committee Meeting (13th August 2015)
8. Consultation on Schools Proposal
9. Local Transport Plan Priorities
10. Councillor Issues
 - a) Condition of the Market Street Toilets (Cllrs S Allcroft and P Broom)
 - b) Improving street cleaning (Cllrs S Allcroft and P Broom)
 - c) Replacement of Lamp at lower end of Chapel Lane (Cllr Castle)
11. Correspondence
12. Tour of Britain, Alnwick 9th September – review of day/activity
13. Feedback Local Multi-agency Crime Prevention Initiative Meeting
14. Financial Matters – Payments
15. Any Other Urgent Business

Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of pecuniary interests from Councillors, on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of the meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it.

Agenda item 6**Mayor's Report**

An update on the mayor's diary can be obtained at <http://alwickmayor.wordpress.com/>

Agenda item 8**Consultation on Schools Proposal**

Northumberland County Council has consulted with the Town Council on the proposals for schools in the Alnwick partnership. The consultation is open until 22nd October 2015. At the last meeting it was suggested that councillors looked at the information and an item be added to this agenda for further discussion and decision as to whether the Town Council will submit a response.

Councillor Farrar has suggested that the Councils response should at least highlight some of the school site issues that are contained in the Neighbourhood Plan and has proposed the following wording:

Alnwick town council notes that the consultation document reports the "potential for the release of the vacant school sites as a result of the consultation; this has a potential to gain relatively modest capital receipts that would contribute towards the investment in the school estate."

The Alnwick and Denwick Neighbourhood Plan which is now approaching the Examination Stage has identified a shortfall in open space within the plan area when compared with the national standards recommended by Natural England - Accessible Natural Green Space Standard (ANGSt) and by Northumberland County Council in its Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities PPG17 assessment, based on the current population of 8,500.

The Plan also recognised that the Lindisfarne School site is used for Community Education provision. If some of those facilities continue to be of value for this purpose it recognised that they should be retained and made available for that purpose.

The Neighbourhood Plan therefore contained the following 2 policies:

ENV3:

In the event that the Duke's School site or the Lindisfarne School site are vacated, development proposals will need to specify how they will make a significant contribution to the provision of parks and gardens and amenity green space on these sites.

CF5:

In the event that the Lindisfarne and Dukes Middle Schools vacate their present sites the land is allocated for a mix of residential use, community education, open space and recreational uses.

Any proposals for the conversion, extension or alteration of the Dukes School shall respect the architectural and historic character of the listed building and its setting. On the Lindisfarne site the facilities for community education and community sports should be retained and upgraded for ongoing community use or alternative equivalent or greater provision made within the site. The development of both sites will be the subject of a master planning exercise or preparation of a development brief involving community consultation.

Neither site will be exclusively developed for residential use.

The plan made further provision for the retention of part of the Duke's School playing field as Local Green Space (ENV5), but since this is owned outright by Northumberland Estates, this is not referred to here.

Alnwick town council reminds Northumberland County Council of these policies, which will carry statutory weight in the planning process, as they will clearly have an impact on the value of the capital receipts which will be achieved.

Recommendation: to consider and agree the Council's response.

Agenda item 9

Local Transport Plan Priorities

Following agreement by the LTP working group, which met in August, a suggested list of council priorities will be tabled for consideration

Recommendation; To agree the LTP priorities for submission to NCC

Agenda item 10

Councillor Issues

a) Condition of the Market Street Toilets (Cllrs S Allcroft & P Broom)

Once again the condition of these toilets has given cause for concern and councillors wish to raise this to highlight the issue and request a solution from NCC.

b) Improving street cleaning (Cllrs S Allcroft and P Broom)

Councillors wish to consider the options to improve the cleanliness of the town, including making budgetary provision for a dedicated resource to undertake works such as street cleaning and weed removal, particularly over the summer months.

c) Replacement of Lamp at lower end of Chapel Lane (Cllr Castle)

Some residents on Wesley Mews and Chapel Lane wish to see a replacement of the street lamp at the north end of Chapel Lane at the corner of the Methodist Chapel. The proposal is to retain the current standard but to replace the modern lamp with a more traditional styled lamp. This would be more in keeping with the other lamp on Chapel Lane. Alnwick Civic Society supports the change and Councillor Castle is looking for the Town Council's support.

Recommendation: to consider the Councillor issues.

Agenda item 11**Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:

Date	Detail	Action if any
21 st Aug	Member of Public – request for gate on Allernburn Lea play area	Refer to next Rec. and Amenities Committee
28 th Aug	Northumberland Wildlife Trust –promotional event 27 th Sept. Kirkley Hall	To note, further details from clerk
2 nd Sept	NCC – Copy of Highways England – improving the A1 in Northumberland	Circulated with the Agenda

Recommendation: That the correspondence received be considered.

Agenda item 12**Tour of Britain, Alnwick 9th September- review of day/activity**

The Tour of Britain travels through Alnwick on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th September. The Town Council has been involved in the decoration of the town for the event, a shop window competition (to be judged on 7th Sept) and a photography completion which closes on 21st September. A brief report will be given on the event.

Recommendation: to receive the report.

Agenda item 14**Financial Matters – Payments**

The following invoices have been received for payment (as at 4th September); this list will be updated at the meeting, if necessary.

PAYEE	TOTAL PAYABLE	VAT ELEMENT	DESCRIPTION
HMRC	£2,570.22	0	Tax/NI payment for August
Wages Account	£5,000	0	
CBS World Ltd	£21.60	£3.60	Photocopying
BT	£85.20	£14.20	Quarterly Internet costs Fenkle Street
Fife Plant Hire	£162	£27	Materials
Alnwick Paint & Glass	£82.96	£13.83	Wood Stain & Brushes
Wybone	£458.41	£76.40	Wire Baskets for Cemetery
B Grisdale Design	£1,068.87	0	Neighbourhood Plan finalisation of Documentation
South End Plumbing & Heating	£832.32	£138.72	Repair of Water leaks Ratten Row allotments.
W R Batey	£42.82	£5.33	Postage£10.80, Stationary £10.46, Music Festival gifts £21.56
Glasdon UK Ltd	£1,104.68	£184.11	3 new bins
John Gray Ltd	£1,465.03	£244.17	Tractor repairs and play area repair
Northumberland CC	£64.94	£10.82	Cemetery drive sweep
Northumberland CC	£1,584	£264	Watering of Hanging Baskets

Northumberland CC	£260.88	£43.48	Hanging Baskets at Bus Station
Northumberland CC	£2400	£400	Stall and Stage erection/removal for music festival
HCI Data Ltd	£83.70	£13.95	Renewal of website Domain name
TOTAL	£17,287.63	£1,439.61	

The following payments are now paid by direct debit and are reported for information			
BT	£89.01	£14.83	Phone Bills Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge paid Aug 28th

Recommendation: To approve and authorise the above payments amounting to £17,287.63 and to note the direct debit payments of £89.01