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Northumberland Local Council Elections May 2017

The Elections Team recently emailed clerks individually with information. It has become clear that this did not reach a number of Inboxes.

The Email reads as set out below (and I have inserted an updated) link

Dear Stephen

I write in reference to your role as parish clerk for ABC Parish Council.

Please find linked <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Councillors-and-Democracy/Electoral%20Services/NominationProcess-InformationforTPCClerks-1.pdf>

a briefing note to candidates for the coming parish elections providing information about the nomination process.

We would be very grateful if you would share this information with your councillors and with anyone else who is interested in standing for election in May.

We hope the document anticipates any questions you or your councillors will have. If an answer to a particular question is not provided, please free to get in touch. You can contact the elections office on 01670 624811 or elections@northumberland.gov.uk.

Kind regards

Will Booth

Senior Elections Manager

PP Geoff Paul, Returning Officer

Felton Parish Council - Vacancy for a clerk

Felton Parish Council are seeking a clerk. Details are at

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/2a4b4afb-e710-4145-a6c6-30f6a2b6fe07/Felton Clerk advert.doc](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/2a4b4afb-e710-4145-a6c6-30f6a2b6fe07/Felton_Clerk_advert.doc)

Chollerton Parish Council - Vacancy for a clerk

Applications are invited for the part-time post of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Chollerton Parish Council usually meets 6 times per year.

An average of 3 hours per week, including some evening work.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Linda Pinkham, for further information.

Telephone: 07528 676451

email: chollerton@hexagon46.plus.com

Information will also be available on the parish council web-site: <http://www.chollertonparishcouncil.org.uk>

Closing Date: Monday 27th March 2017

The Government's Budget

The national NALC have provided the following initial comment

Spring Budget 2017

- On Wednesday the Chancellor of the Exchequer Phillip Hammond MP delivered his [Budget](#) to Parliament; [NALC's on the day response](#) was picked up by [BBC News](#) with a quote from our chairman Cllr Sue Baxter among 20 comments from national organisations on the budget.
- Key points of interest to local government include:
 - an additional £2bn to councils in England over the next 3 years to spend on adult social care services, with £1bn of this provided in 2017/18;
 - the Government will set out proposals in a green paper on the sustainability of the health and social care system;
 - business rates will be reformed and this will be consulted on before the next revaluation;
 - businesses coming out of business rate relief as a result of the revaluation will have the increase in their bills capped at £50 per month;
 - 90 per cent of pubs will get a £1,000 discount from business rates;
 - £300m for local authorities to allocate "discretionary relief" for the hardest cases in their areas;
 - confirmation the [Midlands Engine Strategy](#) would be published the following day;
 - £690m competition announced for local authorities to tackle urban congestion and improve local transport networks;
 - A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed on further devolution to London; the Government and London partners will agree a second MOU on health and social care;
 - the Government is in discussions with Greater Manchester on future transport funding and negotiations have opened for a city deal with Stirling;

- £435 million will be provided to support businesses facing significant increases in bills from the English business rates system, this will include £300m of discretionary relief to local authorities.
- Other sources of information you may find of interest include the LGA's briefing at <http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/5533246/LGA+On+the+Day+briefing+Spring+Budget+2017.pdf/52ab5671-31e3-4ddd-898c-7d4a3d12bdfd> and DeHavilland's budget briefing and analysis at http://lp.dehavilland.co.uk/rs/543-BOR-062/images/701w0000001lrNoAAI.pdf?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTURRd09EUTBOemxoTm1GailsInQiOiJUT1hHalp3QTRScIldXV5TXR5Y25RY04zM3d6dUFqTWJSXC9zV1

Potholes

The article at the link sets out the current legal position

http://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=30356%3Arepairing-potholes-the-court-of-appeal-view&catid=56&Itemid=24

Orange Emails

I have found that Orange emails will cease at 31 May 2017. I took the following from the EE website

On 31st May 2017 we'll be closing our Orange Email service, which means all Orange Email addresses will no longer work.

This will affect some of you more than others, but if you still use your Orange Email address we're here to help.

The following email addresses are affected and will close:

- Orange.net
- Orangehome.co.uk
- Wanadoo.co.uk
- Freeserve.co.uk
- Fsbusiness.co.uk
 - Fslife.co.uk
 - Fsmail.net
- Fsworld.co.uk
- Fsnet.co.uk

If you use one of these email addresses, you won't be able to access your inbox or send and receive emails after 31st May.

[Find out what you need to do ahead of the closure >](#)

If you don't have an alternative email address, we strongly recommend you set one up before 31st May, so you can move any important emails and contacts.

Training - April onwards

On 4 April, we'll be opening booking for the next round of training events. The document at the link has dates and locations. The Eventbrite links will be added on or before 4 April 2017, when the list will be re-circulated.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/76ed6b2e-2f1a-44f9-ab6a-857caed20302/2017_Training_Programme_Draft_Two.docx

Barn Conversions

The difficulties of opposing barn conversions were illustrated by an East Hertfordshire case at <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2017/465.html>

An unsuccessful challenge by the LA against an inspector's decision granting consent for the conversion of an agricultural barn to a single dwelling. The LA opposed the development on the basis of the location being isolated and unsustainable.



If you have any comments or observations, please contact
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