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## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews  
20 July 2021**

**Please forward to all Councillors  
and Staff**

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### **Briefings**

There are still places available on the repeated briefing - General Introduction to Local Councils - being held on Wednesday 21 July 2021 starting at 7.00 pm.

Please use the link below to book a place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/general-introduction-to-local-councils-tickets-159592171481>.

**Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council** are likely to be seeking a locum town clerk for a period later this year or early next. For more details please email [town.clerk@berwick-tc.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@berwick-tc.gov.uk)

**Widdrington Station & Stobswood Parish Council** are seeking a parish clerk - details are in the document at this link

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/b719a7be-84a1-c096-1748-5df15c4cc580/Clerk\\_Advert\\_poster\\_2021.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/b719a7be-84a1-c096-1748-5df15c4cc580/Clerk_Advert_poster_2021.pdf)

**Newbiggin By The Sea Town Council** are seeking an Assistant Clerk & Projects Officer. Details are in the documents at the links

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/58c48b7d-195a-4a60-5ada-0c9cd018ba59/Assistant\\_Clerk\\_Project\\_Officer\\_Recruitment\\_Pack.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/58c48b7d-195a-4a60-5ada-0c9cd018ba59/Assistant_Clerk_Project_Officer_Recruitment_Pack.pdf)

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/9a28c3e7-d01c-88c7-cbe8-0a4ece79bfe5/Application\\_form\\_NTC.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/9a28c3e7-d01c-88c7-cbe8-0a4ece79bfe5/Application_form_NTC.pdf)

**Ovingham Parish Council** are seeking a new clerk - details are at

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/acc21860-9c4e-d38a-2cc7-de99bf9e77ba/Advert\\_for\\_Clerk\\_Ovingham.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/acc21860-9c4e-d38a-2cc7-de99bf9e77ba/Advert_for_Clerk_Ovingham.pdf)

## Meetings

A number of Councils are moving to holding face-to-face meetings. With the worsening Covid figures, it may be worth stating in agendas and meeting notices that a planned meeting may need to change to a digital meeting at short notice. If there is change, then details should be put on the Council's website as soon as possible.

## Coronavirus

The national NALC are endeavouring to keep their dedicated page up-to-date as possible with the changing guidance. Please see

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/coronavirus>

[https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm?utm\\_source=hse.gov.uk&utm\\_medium=refferal&utm\\_campaign=coronavirus&utm\\_term=banner-2&utm\\_content=home-page-banner](https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm?utm_source=hse.gov.uk&utm_medium=refferal&utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_term=banner-2&utm_content=home-page-banner)

## Standards - Model Code of Conduct

The Local Govt. Association have published supporting guidance which is available at

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct>

We shall be studying these in detail.

## Northumberland's LTPP 2022/2023

Clerks to Northumberland's Parish, Town and Community Councils should have received an email about the bids for next year's LTPP.

If you have not received the email, please contact [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk)

## Leave

I shall be on annual leave for the first three weeks of August, scheduled to return to NALC business on Tuesday 24 August 2021.

I anticipate a further Enews being dispatched next week as Parliament breaks for its Summer Recess later this week and there is always a flurry of announcements at this time.

Stephen

## Reports and other articles of possible interest

### Planning

The July issue of the letter sent to Chief Planners giving details of

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1001246/Chief Planner s Newsletter July 2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001246/Chief_Planner_s_Newsletter_July_2021.pdf)

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**[The Prime Minister's Levelling Up speech](#)** is at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-prime-ministers-levelling-up-speech-15-july-2021>

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**[Self-builders, CIL exemptions and retrospective planning permission](#)**

Trevor Ward analyses a recent High Court ruling that the CIL payment exemption is not available for self-build houses granted retrospective planning permission.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/47651-self-builders-cil-exemptions-and-retrospective-planning-permission>

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**[The Build Back Better High Streets Strategy](#)** sets out the government's long-term plan to support the evolution of high streets into thriving places to work, visit and live.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/build-back-better-high-streets>

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**[Local Nature Recovery Pilots](#)**

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) published the main findings from the five Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) pilots, which ran from August 2020 until May 2021.

and Cumbria and focused on mapping the most valuable sites and habitats for wildlife in their area and identifying where nature can best be restored.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/build-back-better-high-streets>

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### **High Street Changes of Use**

MHCLG are imposing restrictions on the ability of planning authorities to restrict changes of office/shops to residential uses. For full details please see the Parliamentary Written Statement at <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2021-07-01/hcws145>



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