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Northumberland Parish Council Elections May 2017

The formal notices starting the election process have been dispatched to clerks by both post and email. If your Council has not received these, please contact the County Council's Elections Team as soon as possible. Some issues have been raised with me and which may be of assistance to others

- The Elections Team are concerned at the low numbers booking a checking appointment, it is a very useful service and I encourage its use
- The nomination forms cannot be posted or emailed, they must be hand-delivered
- When completing the nomination forms, please do not use abbreviations such as "St." The word should be written in full
- The Electoral Roll number is in two parts and both must be included, e.g. Z990Ab and 123

The County Council's Website has more details at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Councillors/Vote.aspx#parishandtowncouncilelectionsthursday4may2017>

Star Councils

The national NALC have launched their Star Councils 2017 Awards. The County Committee is keen to see entrants from our association so please have a look at the details at

<http://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/777-nalc-launch-star-councils-2017-awards>

As the national Chief Executive says

"Today we launched our third Star Councils 2017 Awards and I'd like to call on your support by making nominations, promoting and raising awareness locally of these important awards. The Star Councils 2017 Awards play a key part in our call for more power to be devolved from Whitehall to England's towns, villages and neighbourhoods, which is why we would like everyone to submit nominations to highlight the good work our councils are doing across the country. This year we're looking to place an emphasis on non-traditional service activity in the council project category focussing on all aspects of health and well-being."

New CCTV Strategy

The Surveillance Camera Commissioner has launched the new national surveillance camera strategy for England and Wales to help keep people safe in public places and respect their right to privacy. The strategy aims to provide direction and leadership in the surveillance camera community – which includes some parish and town councils – to enable system operators to understand good and best practice and their legal obligations (such as those contained within the Protection of Freedoms Act, Data Protection Act and Private Security Industry Act).

Details are at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/surveillance-camera-commissioner-launches-a-national-surveillance-camera-strategy-for-england-and-wales>

Crowd Funding

The LGiU have released a guide for local authorities, available at

http://www.lgiu.org.uk/report/guide-to-crowdfunding-for-local-authorities/?utm_source=Events%2C+Surveys+and+External+Affairs&utm_campaign=04c76f001c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_03_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_01c24072bd-04c76f001c-198956029

Development in the Green Belt

There's been an interesting judgment issued by the Court of Appeal clarifying what is "previously developed land".

I hope a non-legal summary will be produced in the near future but the first link is to a legal summary and the second is to the full judgment

<http://cases.iclr.co.uk/Subscr/search.aspx?docID=WLRD2017-181>

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2017/141.html>

The Borderlands Initiative

There's an interesting report on this Anglo-Scottish initiative on the County Council's website at http://committeedocs.northumberland.gov.uk/MeetingDocs/25833_M5454.pdf

Northumberland Joint Local Access Forum - call for new members

The JLAF deal with access issues and are seeking new members. Details are on their website at <http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about/the-authority/members-committees/joint-local-access-forum/>

The closing date is 29 March 2017.



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