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# NALC Enews

## 7 February 2017

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### **Planning in Newcastle**

I have been in discussions and anticipate arranging a training session in the spring with the City Council's planners.

The City Council has adopted CIL for certain parts of their area and the details are at <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings/planning-and-development/planning-guidance/community-infrastructure-levy>

They also have revised guidance on section 106 planning obligations at <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings/planning-applications/planning-guidance/section-106-legal-agreements>

The planners also confirmed that their policy is for developers to remain responsible for open spaces and not for responsibility to pass to either the City Council or to Local Councils.

### **Wark on Tyne Parish Council**

The Council are looking for a new clerk and in the short-term for a minute taker for their meeting on 21 February. Details are in the document available via

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/00c12252-931a-4b83-87db-9fb0dc5bdf1b/WPC Clerk advert Poster 2.doc](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/00c12252-931a-4b83-87db-9fb0dc5bdf1b/WPC_Clerk_advert_Poster_2.doc)

## **The Dangers of Litigation**

In the 3 January 2017 Enews, I provided a link to the standards case involving Honiton Town Council. There's been a postscript which illustrates the dangers in litigating on points of principle. The Court has issued its decision on who pays the costs and in this case the bulk will have to be paid by the Councillor concerned. Details are at

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2017/101.html>

## **Planning in Scotland**

Local Councils in the north of the Association's area may wish to have a look at the Scottish Govt's consultation on their planning system. Details are at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultation-on-the-future-of-planning/>

## **Planning Applications and Restrictive Covenants**

As a general rule, the existence of a restrictive covenant is not a material planning consideration. There is a power to apply for the discharge/modification of a covenant to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber). The link is to an article explaining the process and commenting on a case involving prospective development.

[http://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=29814%3Arestrictive-covenants-and-planning-permission&catid=63&Itemid=31](http://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=29814%3Arestrictive-covenants-and-planning-permission&catid=63&Itemid=31)

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## **Introduction to Local Council Administration**

This is an on-line course run by SLCC. A number of colleagues in the area have given positive comments.

Full details are at <http://www.slcc.co.uk/content/ilca-the-essential-knowledge/457/>

## Training - Spring and Summer 2017

At the last County Committee approval was given to the training programme shown below. We're arranging venues and booking places will be via Eventbrite. Details will be circulated within a couple of weeks but I thought pre-warning might assist in diary planning.

- Introduction to Local Councils - Newcastle - Mon 24 April 1900-2130
- Introduction to Local Councils - SE Northumberland - Wed 24 May 1900- 2130
- Introduction to Local Councils - West Northumberland - Wed 31 May 1900-2130
- Introduction to Local Councils - Central Northumberland -Sat 10 June 1000- 1230
- Introduction to Local Councils - North Northumberland - Mon 12 June 1900-2130
- Being the Chairman of a larger Local Council - SE Northumberland - Wed 14 June 1900-2130
- Chairing Meetings - Central Northumberland - Mon 19 June 1900-2130
- Being the Chairman of a smaller Local Council West - Northumberland -Tues 27 June 1900-2130
- Being the Chairman of a smaller Local Council - North/Central Northumberland - Wed 28 June 1900-2130
- Finance - West Northumberland - Mon 3 July 1900-2130
- Finance - North/Central Northumberland - Wed 12 July 1900- 2130
- Introduction to Local Councils - West Northumberland - Mon 11 Sept 1900- 2130
- Introduction to Local Councils - North Northumberland - Wed 13 Sept 1900- 2130

# An Apology

I am sorry there was no Enews last week but events conspired against me.

I expect the next Enews will be sent on 8 March as I am on leave for the weeks of 13 and 20 February. I am then at a VAT course on 28 February.



*If you have any comments or observations, please contact*

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