



Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
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**Please forward to all Councillors
and Staff**

Chairmen of Member Councils

The Association likes to send emails to both the Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils to reduce the potential for emails going astray but we don't get any automatic notification of who is the Chairman/Chair/Mayor of a Council.

|If you or your Council has just elected a new Chairman, please let us know by sending an email to info@northumberlandalc.uk

If you have been serving as a Chairman for some time and you do not get one of our Member Council Updates, please let us know so

"Chairman" is used as that is the term in the legislation but includes Chairs and Town Mayors.

Briefings

The following events are scheduled over the next few weeks. Please use the appropriate link for more information and booking.

Budgets, Precepts and Finance

Tue, 22 Jun 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/budgets-precepts-and-finance-tickets-136595204935>

Introduction to Planning - where we hope to be joined by Rob Murfin, the County Council's Director of Planning

Wed, 30 Jun 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-planning-tickets-136596163803>

Being the Chairman of a Smaller Parish Council

Mon, 5 Jul 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/being-the-chairman-of-a-smaller-parish-council-tickets-136596372427>

Highways and Public Rights of Way

Mon, 19 Jul 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/highways-and-public-rights-of-way-tickets-136596593087>

Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries

On 8 June, the Boundary Commission for England published their latest proposals for England. As can be seen on the map at the link,

by 2 August 2021.

We'd welcome details of any Member Council whose area will be divided by one of the proposed parliamentary boundaries and whether the Council would welcome or oppose such a move.

<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/6486>

Vacancies for Clerks

Humshaugh Parish Council are seeking a new clerk - details are at

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/8a7b1d82-6899-4fd1-32a8-1adfb1006f80/HPC_Parish_Clerk_Full_Job_Advert_FINAL.pdf

Netherton & Biddlestone Parish Council are looking for a new clerk. For further details please contact Cllr Judith Barton (Chair) via judith_barton256@btinternet.com

Wark Parish Council are seeking a clerk - please contact Anne Hutchinson at clerk.wark@gmail.com

Freedom of Information and Vexatious Requests

A recent decision of the First-tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber) provides a useful summary of the current law applying to a parish council dealing with time-consuming requests for information.

The case is *Wilkinson v Information Commissioner* and is at https://www.bailii.org/uk/cases/UKFTT/GRC/2021/2020_0110.html

There is also detailed guidance on the Information Commissioner's website <https://ico.org.uk/>

Reports and other articles of possible interest

Her latest newsletter is at

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/9758011b-e007-41bf-94e0-cb29a34baa80>

Planning Newsletter

The latest update from the Chief Planner at MHCLG is at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/990284/Chief_Planner_s_Newsletter_-_May_2021.pdf

Incorrect plans: a strict approach

A recent Planning Court case provides a refreshing view on incorrect plans, writes Roderick Morton.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/47278-incorrect-plans-a-strict-approach>

Time after time: extending time for determination of a prior approval application

Rachel Lee and Christos Paphiti examine the time period for determination of Prior Approval ('PA') applications and explore how a local authority can extend the time period for determination.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/sharpeedge/808-sharpeedge-planning/47290-time-after-time-extending-time-for-determination-of-a-prior-approval-application>

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