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### **w Councillors**

congratulations to all new and re-elected Councillors and commiserations to those who candidature  
successful. Our best wishes to Councillors who retired from office.

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culated details of our training programme to all Councils. If you have not received a copy, please l

## **Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

nk is to a blank form which requires completion by all Councillors even if they have been re-elected  
han/Chair needs to sign a second modified to show the office is as Chairman. These forms are reta  
Local Council Clerk and are not sent to the respective monitoring officers.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/7a1a95ba-9519-4883-9917-e6b9d5/Dec\\_Acc\\_Office\\_Form\\_Jun\\_12.01.doc](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/7a1a95ba-9519-4883-9917-e6b9d5/Dec_Acc_Office_Form_Jun_12.01.doc)

## **Election of Parish Members on the Northumberland National Park Authority**

are six Parish Members on the Park Authority. Candidates must be Parish/Town Councillors from a  
il whose area includes part of the National Park.

Councils have been sent details of the election process. If your Council is wholly or partly within th  
al Park and has not received that information, please let me know as soon as possible please.  
metable is very tight as the Park Authority would like the Parish Members in place for their Annual  
g in July, and the legislation means that nominees put forward have to be formally appointed by t  
ary of State.

## **Planning and Public Houses**

ighbourhood Planning Act (passed as one of the "agreed" measures in the final days of Parliament  
ns a provision requiring ministers to amend the Use Classes Order regarding the change of use for  
Houses.

utory instrument has now been made and is available at the link below. The explanatory note say

e 3 removes permitted development rights allowing the change of use of a building falling within C  
inking establishment) of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (use Classes) Order 1987

764) to a building within Classes A1 (shops), A2 (financial and professional services), and A3 (restaurants and cafes) and to a temporary flexible use or a state-funded school for up to 2 academic years.

3 also introduces a new permitted development right allowing change of use of a building falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) to a use within Class A3 (restaurants and cafes), or from those uses to a use falling within Class A4.

4 removes permitted development rights allowing for the demolition of buildings used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments).

5 makes transitional provisions for cases where, following a request for confirmation from the local planning authority as to whether the building has been nominated or listed as an asset of community value (as defined in paragraphs A.3 of Part 3, C.3 of Part 4 or B.3 of Part 11 of Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development Order, before amendment by this Order), development may begin in accordance with those provisions. The effect is that planning permission in these cases is saved (where the drinking establishment was nominated or listed) where such a request has been made more than 56 days before 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. Where a direction of demolition, prior approval must also have been granted, determined not required or deemed to be granted before 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. This article also postpones by 18 months the application of the new right introduced by article 3, for a building which falls within the scope of a direction under article 4 withdrawn from Class A4 (drinking establishments) to a use falling within Class A3 (restaurants and cafes). "

[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/619/contents/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/619/contents/made)

## **the Digital Economy Act 2017**

... was enacted and I expected there will be more briefings in due course

... includes provisions which will:

... give every household a legal right to request a fast broadband connection

... give consumers and businesses better information about communication services, easier switching and automatic compensation if things go wrong

... cut the costs for new infrastructure and simplify planning rules

... enable stronger enforcement of direct marketing laws

create civil penalties for online pornographers who do not verify the age of their customers, and I  
locking of non-compliant sites, and;

help protect consumers from “bill shock” by requiring mobile network operators to offer a bill cap

## The changing face of Parish Councils

an interesting article at <https://www.localgov.co.uk/The-changing-face-of-parish-councils/42993>

## missions in Principle and Brownfield Land

gh written for lawyers, the article at the link gives an overview of the new system.

[http://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=31040%3Apermissions-in-principle-and-brownfield-land&catid=63&Itemid=31](http://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=31040%3Apermissions-in-principle-and-brownfield-land&catid=63&Itemid=31)



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