



23 December 2015

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 5 January 2016 at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford. You are invited to attend for consideration of the matters shown on the agenda.

Yours sincerely

Peter Harrison  
Town Council Manager/Clerk

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are invited to address the council and ask questions before the meeting begins

#### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November 2015 (enclosed pages 21 to 25 of 2015-16 (white))
4. Chairman's Announcements

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5. Finance and General Purposes Committee – To consider a report of a meeting of this committee held on 15 December 2015 and determine the amount of precept to be demanded for the year 2016-17 (enclosed (Cream))

6. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

To receive notes of a meeting held on 8 December 2015 (enclosed (Pink))

7. Report of the Town Council Manager/Clerk

To consider the following:

a) Planning

To confirm the action of the Town Council Manager/Clerk in consultation with the principal speaker in submitting observations on planning Applications (enclosed agenda page 1)

b) Hednesford in Partnership

To note that a successful Charter signing ceremony was held on 26 November with many town organisations in attendance. The first business meeting of the Partnership is scheduled for 14 January 2016

c) Heart of Hednesford Restoration Project

To receive notes of a meeting of the Group held on 15 September 2015 (enclosed agenda pages 2 to 4)

d) Community Spirit Partnership

To receive notes of a meeting of the Partnership held on 9 November 2015 (enclosed agenda pages 5 to 12)

e) SPCA - AGM

The Association's Annual General Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December received and unanimously approved the following motion, as submitted by Hednesford Town Council and seconded by Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council.

*"The Strategic Transport Plan issued by the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority calls on efforts to be made to increase the use of the M6 Toll from Laney Green to Coleshill. In order to achieve this ambition the Association calls on the Government to abolish the charging regime for the M6 Toll; making it available free of charge to all users. This will have the effect of easing traffic congestion on the entire length of the M6 through Staffordshire and the West Midlands and will take pressure off key trunk roads such as the A5 and A34. It will also have the effect of reducing the financial burden on hauliers and keeping transport costs down for them and members of the general public"*

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority calling for appropriate action. It was also determined that the matter should be drawn to the attention of all Staffordshire MP and made the subject of discussions with Staffordshire County Council.

f) Library Update

At the time of writing no further information has been received from the County Council

g) Staffordshire County Council Review of Future Management of Countryside Parks and Green Spaces

To consider a consultation from the County Council Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport (closing date for responses is 24 January) (enclosed agenda page 13)

h) Hednesford Dementia Friendly Community Process Update 2015

As part of retaining dementia friendly status a regular update has to be prepared and submitted (enclosed agenda pages 14 to 22)

i) CCTV Monitoring

To consider the monitoring statements for October and November 2015 (enclosed agenda pages 23 to 26)

j) The Future of Audit Procurement and the Sector Led Body

To agree to opt in to Sector Led Body Audit procurement arrangements (enclosed agenda page numbers 27 to 31)

k) Finance

To note income received and confirm payments made up to 30 November 2015 (enclosed agenda pages 32 to 34)

8. Items for Information and next agenda

9. To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (if necessary)