

Correspondence List for meeting dated 9 October 2019

Ref	Date received	From	Subject	Note/comment
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1	06/09/2019	CDALC	Request to share information about PCs' preferred accounts packages — for a Cleveland member.	
2	09/09/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 7 September. Nothing new to report.	
3	09/09/2019	CDALC	Note that NALC will be making further revisions to Disciplinary and Grievance policies (ref item 38 above), so hold fire on making any revisions.	
4	09/09/2019	CDALC	NALC Chief Executive's bulletin: Princess Royal to attend national conference in October, news (mostly for primary authorities) on Spending Round 2019, encouragement to take part in Communities Week (9-13 September).	
5	09/09/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 8 September. No new applications to report.	
6	10/09/2019	CDALC	Request to share information about use of slug pellets in allotment rules - for Sedgfield PC	
7	10/09/2019	CDALC	Information about Durham Savers and Switchaid — aimed at tackling poverty and changing the debt culture into a savings culture. Durham Savers helps businesses (and parish councils) set up savings schemes within the workplace where staff save directly from their wages, through working with a credit union partner. Switchaid is a not-for-profit organisation which can help residents, charities and businesses to save money by switching their energy provider.	
8	10/09/2019	Ludus Leisure Ltd	Play equipment provider sales approach. Filed.	
9	10/09/2019	CDALC	Details of CDALC AGM - County Hall, Saturday 12 October, 10am. Two representatives per council are invited, to be booked by 30 September. Agenda and Annual Report for 2018-19 can be forwarded on request to Clerk.	Clerk will attend. Any councillor interested?
10	11/09/2019	Carnegie UK Trust	News bulletin: funding for libraries, Living Wage Town campaign, digital safeguarding and kindness, productivity research, new report 'The Enabling State - review of policy developments 2013-18'.	
11	11/09/2019	Resident A	Request for information on location of WW2 POW camp in Cotherstone.	Taken to meeting 11/9/19.
12	11/09/2019	SLCC	2020 Prospectus for Community Governance - the advanced qualification for local council officers, all over 2 years, distance learning with residential study days. Level 4 (Certificate of Higher Education), Level 5 (Foundation degree) and Level 6 (Honours degree). Fee £5,880.	Clerk would be interested were it not for the cost.
13	11/09/2019	Resident B	Letter, dated 30 August, re concern about future rollout of 5G. Full letter circulated to all councillors 13/9/19.	
14	13/09/2019	SLCC	News bulletin: Children's Funeral Fund details and links to claim form, call for expression of interest in studying for a Masters Degree with SLCC, support for Information Commissioner's Office draft new Data Sharing Code, call for nominations for vacancies on the ALCC Trade Union governing body, conclusion of principal sponsorship deal with Came & Company, implications of National Planning Policy Framework change on fracking, declaration of end of national austerity, and failure due to prorogation of parliament of the new law removing business rates from public toilets.	
15	16/09/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 15 September. No new applications to report.	
16	16/09/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 14 September. Nothing new to report.	

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17	17/09/2019	CDALC	Legal updates on: Involvement of under 18s (can only be as non-councillor members of committee or through public participation at full council meetings); Quoracy (confirmation that this is at least one-third of the whole number of seats of a council, rather than number of current filled seats); confirmation that parish councillors are not entitled to claim a carer's allowance under Local Authorities (Members' Allowances); urging caution in the use of stock images on websites etc, but to use only copyright free images; and the NALC view that parish councils DO NOT have powers to provide vehicular activated speed signs (either for traffic calming, for warning of a danger or for preventing crime.	
18	17/09/2019	Durham Community Action	Link to their Autumn Training brochure - covering fully-funded introductory one-day courses, practical community development workshops, bespoke training and accredited training - funding applications, finances, using social media, trustee responsibilities, GDPR, managing risk and managing volunteers. Please ask Clerk if you'd like to browse this.	
19	17/09/2019	Yorkshire Devolution Movement	Copy of letter sent by Yorkshire Devolution Movement to DCC re signage to mark Yorkshire's traditional county boundaries, and response from Simon Henig, Leader of DCC stating "The Council have no plans at this time to introduce this initiative on the roads crossing the River Tees. However if the respective Parish Councils covering villages to the south of the River Tees wish to embrace this initiative and celebrate traditional ties and community history, then we would be happy to work with them to develop this further."	
20	17/09/2019	Robin Road	Promotion for a mobile app platform (£150 set-up, no ongoing subscription) as a way of communicating and engaging with residents, businesses, members, stakeholders and contacts and to fundraise.	Filed an unsubscribed.
21	19/09/2019	Durham Community Action	September news bulletin: award of £200k for Community Hubs project (practical help to build resilience in communities through well run and well used community spaces), Village Halls celebration week (January 20-26 2020), ACRE village hall grants scheme; County Durham Single-Use Plastics Pledge.	
22	19/09/2019	CDALC	Request to share information about any experience of using Unity Trust Bank - for Great Lumley PC	
23	20/09/2019	CDALC	Publication of revised Local Councils Charter (sets out key elements of relationship between parish councils and Durham County Council); Launch of consultation on Climate Emergency (proposals for making County Durham carbon-neutral by 2050), consultation closes 31 October.	
24	23/09/2019	CDALC	Chairmanship Training information, Peterlee, 22 October. Email forwarded to all councillors 23/9/19.	
25	23/09/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 21 September. Nothing new to report.	
26	24/09/2019	Durham Community Action / DCC	Invitation to comment on DCC's Climate Emergency Update Report in preparation for an Action Plan to make the county carbon neutral by 2050. Thoughts are invited on: Council Emissions, Countywide Emissions Target, Countywide Emissions, What Other Can do and How Others are Already Responding to the Climate Emergency. Link can be provided to the online survey.	Does the PC wish to respond?
27	26/09/2019	SLCC	Reminder about branch meeting 4 October, Trimdon. Clerk booked to attend.	
28	26/09/2019	Durham County Council Resources	Commons Registration Act - amendment of the Register confirmation (entries 120 and 121 Unit CL1075.	Filed with Cllr Hunter
29	27/09/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 26 September. No new applications to report.	
30	30/09/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 28 September. Nothing new to report.	

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31	30/09/2019	SLCC	News: publication of 2019 edition of 'The Clerk's Manual' - fully updated comprehensive reference manual (£47.50); new fund revealed for historic town centres; new report from Local Government Association warns that changes in planning rules mean that barns in rural areas can be converted into up to five dwellings without planning approval, leading to them sometimes being not built to high standards with the necessary infrastructure in place; crackdown on illegal building on Green Belt; NALC supports Plunkett Foundation, Locality and ACRE, as part of Esmée Fairbairn Foundation-funded programme that encourages parish councils to use their powers to support the creation of community businesses.	Suggest that PC pays 10% of 'The Clerk's Manual' purchase.
32	30/09/2019	Trees for Cotherstone group	Letter objecting to Parish Council's application to fell multi-stemmed sycamore at Klondyke Allotments boundary, and suggesting alternative treatment.	Letter circulated to all councillors 2/10 for discussion at meeting 9/10.
33	01/10/2019	CDALC	News of forthcoming health-related consultations launching on 7 October for nine weeks - Stroke rehabilitation services and Ward 6 of Bishop Auckland General Hospital. Closest public consultation events are: for Stroke Rehabilitation - Thursday 21 November, 10am-12noon at The Witham; for Ward 6 BAGH - Saturday 9 November, 10am-12noon at The Witham.	