

Correspondence List for meeting dated 8 January 2020

Ref	Date received	From	Subject	Note/comment
<i>Note: CDALC = County Durham Association of Local Councils NALC = National Association of Local Councils SLCC = Society of Local Council Clerks</i>				
1	04/12/2019	CDALC	Request to share information for supplier of festive LED lights on a net/to cover a tubular metal cone / cover with poppies for Remembrance Day — for Slatley Parish Council	
2	06/12/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 5 December. No new applications to report.	
3	07/12/2019	Resident	Query about why there isn't a Christmas Tree lit up at The Close. Clerk liaised with Alan Thorn and sent a reply to Resident 11/12/19.	
3	10/12/2019	CDALC	Notice of Barnard Castle Town Clerk vacancy	
4	10/12/2019	CDALC	Note from NALC Senior Solicitor regarding parish councils being asked to contribute or provide funding for parish churches. Contrary to a recent publication 'ChurchCare', NALC's strong view is that the Local Government Act 1894 still stops a parish council from providing support for property relating to affairs of the church or held for an ecclesiastical charity. Legal Note LO1-18 Financial Assistance to the Church attached.	Information filed for future reference.
5	10/12/2019	CDALC	Notice of Whorlton & Westwick Parish Council Clerk vacancy	
6	10/12/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 7 December. Nothing new to report.	
7	10/12/2019	CDALC	Advice re 'The Local Electricity Bill' (see item 19) - the Bill fell before the General Election was announced. NALC's Policy Committee will consider this in January and then arrive at a view.	
8	10/12/2019	CDALC	Following NALC's revision of its Disciplinary and Grievance Legal Topic Note (LTN22) in the light of the Ledbury decision, new Disciplinary and Grievance guidance and policy templates are provided.	Guidance and template filed - and will be used at next review of policies unless councillors decide otherwise
9	11/12/2019	Play@Cotherstone	Letter of thanks for donation of £150.	
10	12/12/2019	CDALC	Vacancy notice for Whorlton & Westwick PC	
11	12/12/2019	Teesdale Action Partnership	Winter e-bulletin: board vacancy for a public representative, TAP Upskilling, Employability and Discretionary Project and Supportive Transport Scheme (for vulnerable over 50s - and volunteer drivers needed,	
12	12/12/2019	CDALC	NALC reminder about the need to report the minutes of confidential agenda items, and guidance on how to do this.	
13	13/12/2019	CDALC	Request to share information about suppliers of wind vanes — for Ouston Parish Council	
14	16/12/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 15 December. No new applications to report.	
15	16/12/2019	CDALC	Link to 'The Purple Guide' which aims to help those who organise events so that they can be run as safely as possible. Accessible via subscription of £25 per year. CDALC are planning to provide an Event Management training day in September 2020.	Does the PC wish to subscribe?
16	16/12/2019	CDALC	Call for participation in 3-question survey by NALC on the new government, for article in next issue of LCR magazine.	
17	16/12/2019	CDALC	Reminder that nominations for Royal Garden Party in May 2020 close on 23 January.	
18	16/12/2019	SLCC	Ebulletin: flagging up The Clerk feature on Tackling Climate Change, 2020 Street Design Awards and deadline for applying for Community Governance course.	

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19	17/12/2019	Teesdale Action Partnership	Notice of Public Representative Board vacancy: keen interest in local community, need to attend Board meeting every two months and preferably have input to one of the Task & Finish Groups, but most importantly about sharing valuable local knowledge and being passionate the community - helping to make a difference. Closing date: 24 January, interviews early February.	
20	19/12/2019	Durham Community Action	December newsletter: Volunteering Kitemark successes - Family Action and Blind Life in Durham, training opportunities, High Sheriff awards nominations open.	
21	23/12/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 21 December. Nothing new to report.	
22	23/12/2019	CDALC	Notice of change in employer contribution rates for employees in the Local Government Pension Scheme administered by DCC.	Not relevant to this PC
23	24/12/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 23 December. Email sent to all cllrs 24/12/19.	
24	24/12/2019	CDALC	Notice that CDALC has entered into arrangements with two companies to provide advice to member councils: Parkinson Partnership for all VAT-related issues; and Wellers Hedley for legal advice (free of charge 15 minute telephone consultation per enquiry with follow-up email to confirm advice provided. Both services are being trialled during 2020 to gauge demand. Both services accessed through CDALC.	