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Member Emails

The Chairmen and Clerks have been sent a number of emails

- Pay Award - 1 May 2018
- Neighbourhood Planning Workshop - 1 May 2018
- Cemeteries - 2 May 2018
- Building Control & Development Control - 8 May 2018

If your Council has not received any of these, please let me know.

Data Protection Bill

This is currently scheduled to have its remaining stages in the House of Commons on 9 May. The Bill then "ping-pongs" between the Commons and the Lords until there is an agreed version. There are already a large number of Government amendments scheduled and I suspect there will be more to come.

Of immediate interest is a letter from the Minister to the Opposition Spokesman, page 2 of which has a section on Parish Councils and why the Govt are removing the need for our sector to appoint data protection

officers. Interestingly the section also has a reference to FoI, confirming it still applies.

The letter is at

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/80f5a497-7170-40ac-9783-81c831ce0ba3/eCase_06043_Byrne.pdf

Local Democracy Reporter

The BBC and local media organisations are joining together to have Local Democracy Reporters.

In Northumberland, the reporter is Ben O'Connell.

Although mainly concerned with principal council matters, he is interested in parish, town and community council news. He has asked that if your council is sending out a press release, then please send a copy to him as well at

ben.oconnell@northeast-press.co.uk

Restated End of Year Accounts

A Member Council kindly shared their response from PKF Littlejohn on how to show restated accounts

"We can confirm that it is acceptable to handwrite the word 'restated' after printing. This amendment does not have to be initialled. In regards to whether or not an explanation is required; this really depends on the nature of the restatement. If it is obvious from the prior year external auditor's report the reason for the change then no further explanation would be required. However, if it relates to something other than a matter identified by the external auditor, it would be sensible to include an explanation. This could be given either in the covering email or alternatively as part of the explanation of variances detail."

Flood Friday Videos

The latest Environment Agency video is at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8cZKPOsR1Q&list=PLfQeDt_9dLX0rgRp75hG8HTQWpyPVdeVz&index=3

Planning

There's a legal article on how a parish council recently enjoyed success in a legal challenge over a purported exercise of delegated authority.

https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=35128%3Aexercising-delegated-authority-in-planning&catid=63&Itemid=31

CPALC

Some subscribers may have used this independent organisation for an alternative view on parish council's law and procedure.

During April I noticed an announcement that the site was being discontinued.

When I have tried again this month, the entire site seems to have been removed from the web.



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