

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2016 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors Present: C Taylor (Chair), K Dalton, J Dobie, D Graham, P Hedley, A Hogg, M Robinson.

Councillors Not Present: J Tyler.

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Clerk Steven Young, Ray Wealleans NCC Area Manager Neighbourhood Services and 2 members of the public.

Ahead of the meeting the Committee directed a number of questions and matters of concern to Mr Wealleans the NCC Area Manager Neighbourhood Services including:

Hedge cutting at Hartford Hall, Repair to hand rail in Bedlington Market Place, Repair to hand rail at Church Lane Bedlington, Street Cleansing generally and specifically under public seats, Bedlington Thursday Market, Parking on Bedlington Market Place, Repair to wooden barrier at Glebe Road parking bays, Hedge cutting around public seat on the approach to Nedderton Village, Weed cutting at the public seat through Nedderton Village towards the garage, Parking bay markings in car park near library, hedge cutting near Chester Court nursing home, Curb stone repair at the war memorial, Arrangements for rubbish collection following Bedfest, Meadowdale Play Area.

Mr Weallean was able to provide the committee with ways forward to resolve many of the issues but advised that he would come back to members on those issues he was unable to deal with himself. The Committee thanked Mr Weallean for his time and assistance.

With the Committees approval Mr Weallean left ahead of the meeting agenda starting.

S119/16 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

S120/16 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 28th July 2016 are approved.

S121/16 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Services Committee minutes held on 28th July 2016.

S122/16 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

S123/16 - 5. RESOLUTION TO ALLOW ANY OFFICER OF NCC PRESENT TO SPEAK FREELY AT THE MEETING.

Not needed – the officer addressed questions ahead of the meeting.

S124/16 - 6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

1) a. Councillor Hogg asked for an update in relation to CCTV in Bedlington.

Resolved to await the outcome of a recent enquiry made to County Councillor Wallace on this matter.

b. Councillor Graham asked for an update on the Thursday Market in Bedlington.

Resolved – to invite NCC Markets Manager to the next committee meeting.

2) Resolved to provide a new litter bin near Willow Vale bus stop. Installation to be part of the Councils "litter bin replacement project".

3) Deferred a decision in relation to the procurement of a grass collection service on Front Street Bedlington until an exact price for the service is quoted.

Chairman's initials

S125/16. – 7 ATTLEE PARK

Councillor Robinson advised the Committee that a revised quote for the work was expected shortly.

S126/16 - 8. BUS SHELTERS

No further update

S127/16 - 9. PUBLIC SEATS

No further update.

S128/16 - 10. LITTER BINS

Councillor Robinson advised the Committee that funding assistance from County Councillor Johnstone was to be completed shortly.

S129/16 – 11. PLAY AREAS

The Chair Councillor Taylor provided an update in relation to the tender process.

Matter for urgent attention not included on agenda

Resolved to accept Bedlington Development Trust offer of undertake a funding bid to raise funds for dedicated disabled play equipment.

S130/16 – 12. ENVIROMENTAL

The Clerk advised the Committee work had started on painting the litter bins on Front Street Bedlington and the railings around the Market Place.

Councillor Hogg reported banners on the railings at West End School – The Clerk will report the matter.

Councillor Robinson reported a change to the footpath at the corner of Front Street / Church Row Bedlington as a result of the development work been undertaken – Councillor Taylor confirmed she would investigate the matter with the Planning Authority.

Councillor Robinson requested the railings around the Red Lion roundabout are repainted where paint has been removed through illegal banner hanging. – The Clerk will instruct the painter.

S131/16 – 13. PLANNING

Resolved in respect of application 16/02623 (Shutters on front elevation - Location Astons Late Bar 34 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB) to raise an objection on the basis that the application is contrary to the Bedlington Conservation Area Management Strategy Adopted May 2011 and also the Bedlington and Newbiggin-by-the-sea Shopfront Design Guide of October 2007.

Resolved in respect of application 16/02625/FUL (Change of use from offices to 2 bedroom flat. Location Lion Garage (Bedlington) Ltd First Floor Offices Coulson House 15 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TZ) to comment to the effect that all materials and specifically windows should be in keeping the remainder of the conservation area.

Resolved in respect of application 16/02863/FUL (Proposed Two Storey Rear Extension to provide Lounge on Ground Level with Bedrooms Above Location 32 Featherstone Grove Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6NU) not to comment on the application.

S132/16 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Taylor – advised the Committee of her invite on 6th September 2016 to the Institution and Induction of Rev. Ian James Hennerbry.

Councillor Robinson – Requested an update on the Allotment lease.

S133/16 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 22nd September 2016 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

Approved by the Chair
Chairman's initials

22nd September 2016