

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017 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, and 2 members of the public.

**S001/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Tyler.

**Resolved to accept the apologies for absence received.**

**S002/17 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 22nd December 2016 are approved.**

**S003/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Hedley confirmed that work had commenced on the groundwork for the new public seat at Hartford Bridge.

**S004/17 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

**S005/17 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.**

- a. **RESOLVED to approve the purchase and installation of a new "Terrier Style" bench in a location close to the new "Gateway Feature" at Netherton Lane / B1331 junction.**  
The Clerk will make enquiries with regard to the viability of reusing the existing bench.
- b. **A decision was DEFERRED to the next meeting with regard to the purchase and installation of a new litter bin for Hartford Bridge.**
- c. **RESOLVED to relocate the litter bin currently sited at the entrance to the main car park to a new position further away from the curb edge and closer to the grass verge.**
- d. **RESOLVED to hold opening events for the new play areas at Meadowdale and Westlea on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**  
The Clerk will ask the play area supplier for further details.
- e. **RESOLVED to enter into negotiations with NCC with regard to a revised short Service Level Agreement for the opening and closing of Meadowdale play area gates.**
- f. **The proposal to be included with the "Coops Community Support Scheme" was WITHDRAWN.**  
THE Coop have advised that Councils are not eligible to participate in the scheme.
- g. **RESOLVED to set aside £3,000 as a financial contribution to Dr Pit Allotment Association to discharge the cost of fencing / fencing repairs. The payment is conditional upon the completion of the work and full payment of any invoice associated with the repairs undertaken.**
- h. **RESOLVED to put in place provision for addition costs and procedures for the safe opening of Bedlington Community Centre toilets for public use.**  
The Clerk will make an application to register the Community Centre under the "Your Welcome" Scheme provided by Northumberland County Council.
- i. **A decision was DEFERRED to the next meeting with regard to the review of the Service Level Agreement with Bedlington in Bloom.**  
The Clerk is to convene an informal meeting with the residents group and Councillors Hedley, Hogg and Robinson ahead of the next Services Committee.

Chairman's initials

**S006/17. - 6 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Taylor informed the Committee that she had been invited to and would be attending the AGM of Northern Region Allotments Association in Durham on Saturday 28th January 2017.

**S007/17 - 7. BUS SHELTERS**

Councillor Robinson informed the Committee of obscene graffiti on the bus shelter on Netherton Lane near William Allan Homes. The Clerk is to arrange for its removal.

**S008/17 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS**

No further update in relation to Public Seats.

**S009/17 - 9. LITTER BINS**

No further update in relation to Litter Bins.

**S010/17 - 10. PLAY AREAS**

Public notices to alert play area users of the impending closures of the play areas are to be put up at the play areas this week. Work is scheduled to commence after the current school holiday period.

**S011/17 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL**

Councillor Hogg advised the Committee of damage to the barrier at the parking areas on Glebe Bank. The Clerk has already requested for the repair to be carried out and will contact the repairer again.

**S012/17 - 12. PLANNING**

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due	Outcome
16/04731/OUT	Construction of approximately 500 new dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping, all matters reserved except access. Location Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland	3rd February 2017	Resolved to comment in relation to: Adverse Ground Conditions Previous Flooding at site Poor Site Access Insufficient infrastructure – highways, schools and doctors etc.

**S013/17 - 13. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**RESOLVED to accept the Financial Report submitted by The Clerk.**

**S014/17 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Robinson – Safety Inspection / report for completed refurbished play areas.

Councillor Robinson – Enquiry to Clerk re Police investigation into vandalism to the bus shelter in Bedlington Market Place. The Clerk provided a verbal update and agreed to forward to Councillors the latest update from the Police.

**S015/17 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre.**

Approved by the Chair .....

23rd February 2017

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