

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 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, J Tyler.

Councillors Not Present: M Robinson

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Clerk Steven Young, and 2 members of the public.

S016/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Resolved to accept the apologies for absence received.

S017/17 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 26th January 2017 are approved.

S018/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Hogg confirmed that work had been completed to repair the barrier at Glebe Road and relocate the litter bin at the main car park. Additional The Clerk confirmed the public seat at The Red Lion had also been repositioned as requested.

S019/17 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Dalton disclosed an interest in relation to agenda item 5 for this meeting.

S020/17 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

1. **RESOLVED not to renew a Service Level Agreement with Bedlington in Bloom and support the group in other ways. It was further RESOLVED that any unspent budget in relation to Bedlington In Bloom for the current financial year would be ring-fenced for future drawn down by the group.**
2. **RESOLVED to enter Northumbria in Bloom and pay the appropriate entry fee.**
3. **In respect of requests from Mr W E Brown:**
 - i. **Council has already resolved to provide a bin in the requested location**
 - ii. **RESOLVED to provide an additional bin adjacent to 20 Acre Field – on Red Ash Path alongside The Hartlands.**
 - iii. **The location of this requested bins lies within the boundary of the country park which is the responsibility of Northumberland County Council.**
 - iv. **Parking enforcement is the responsibility of Northumberland County Council. West Bedlington Town Council have no plans at this time to install a flower planter in the requested location and accordingly the request was REJECTED.**
4. **In relation to a proposal to renew panels at the follow bus shelters**
 - i. **RESOLVED to replace bus shelter panels at the bus stop near William Allan Homes.**
 - ii. **RESOLVED to replace bus shelter panels at bus shelters on Glebe Road (x2).**
 - iii. **RESOLVED to replace bus shelter panels at the bus stop near Chester Court Choppington Lane.**
5. **RESOLVED to accept the proposal from Vets 4 Pets Bedlington to advertise on some of the Councils litter bins.**
6. **RESOLVED to ask Bedlington Community Centre to sign up to Northumberland County Councils "Your Welcome Community Toilet Scheme".**

Chairman's initials

S021/17. - 6 ALLOTMENTS

No further update in relation to Allotments.

S022/17 - 7. BUS SHELTERS

Councillor Hogg advised about the dirty condition of the bus shelter on B1331 near the site entrance to the new development.

The Clerk will ask for the shelter to be cleaned under the Councils Service Level Agreement with Northumberland County Council.

S023/17 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS

No further update in relation to Public Seats.

S024/17 - 9. LITTER BINS

No further update in relation to Litter Bins.

S025/17 - 10. PLAY AREAS

Councillor Taylor advised of attempted vandalism to contractors’ site compound at Westlea play area and that poor weather conditions had held up the completion of the project. Further site visits with the contractor were planned for Friday 24th and Tuesday 28th February 2017.

S026/17 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL

Councillor Dalton advised the Committee that he had received a number of compliments and positive feedback after the recently installed “Gateway Features”.

S027/17 - 12. PLANNING

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due	Outcome
17/00287/FUL	Side two storey extension. Location 13 Millfield Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DY	3rd March 2017	Resolved not to comment on this application.

S028/17 - 13. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED to accept the Financial Report submitted by The Clerk.

S029/17 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Hogg – construction of path near Red Ash path / Hartlands

Councillor Hedley – litter bin at Hartford Bridge.

S030/17 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

Approved by the Chair

23rd March 2017

Chairman’s initials