



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Robinson (Chair), K Dalton, J Dobie, P Hedley, A Hogg, C Taylor, J Tyler.

COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT: D Graham, S Tyler.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk S Young and 14 (Fourteen) members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS

Ahead of the meeting Arch: The Northumberland Development Company made a presentation to The Council and approximately 40 (Forty) members of the public.

OPEN SESSION

- A resident made a request for additional litter bins and off set bars to slow the progress of horses. The Chair advised that he believed the suggested location for the requests was outside of West Bedlington Town Councils area, and that he would make further enquiries to provide a definitive answer.
- A resident updated The Council and explained their objections to Northumberland County Councils proposed "No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions at Windsor Gardens, Bedlington. The Chair replied that the scheme was solely the responsibility of Northumberland County Council and that West Bedlington Town Council had not been consulted on the matter as a Town / Parish Council, but would however be responding to the proposals as an occupier effected by the proposals.
- A resident asked if The Council was able to help with the introduction of time limited parking restriction for users of the disabled parking bays at Bedlington Market Place. The Chair advised that parking enforcement was the responsibility of Northumberland County Council. The Clerk provided contact details for the Highways Manager of Northumberland County Council to enable the resident to make a direct enquiry.

C035/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham and S Tyler.

RESOLVED to accept the apologies of absence received.

C036/17 - 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting of 9th February 2017 are approved.

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C037/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Hogg asked with regard to min C025/17 7c if any contact had taken place with Bedlington Community Centre Trustees.

Councillor Taylor confirmed that a meeting had taken place with the Chair of Bedlington Community Centre and provided a brief update.

C038/17 – 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

C039/17 - 5. CHAIRS UPDATE

The Chair provided updates on the matters summarised as follows

He had attended a Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting at County Hall.....written report in tonight's papers.

Attended a site visit at the Ridge Terrace entrance to St Bennets School. NCC said they have effectively reached the 'end of the road' with any safety improvements at this location. Staff from St Bennets said there is no longer any problems here. Councillor Hogg who had also been present confirmed this report.

The Chair said he had that day attended a request from young people to take part in their BBC Schools Report about how Town and Parish Councils work. He gave the presentation the clerk had given at an Annual Town Meeting and then taken 2 hours of questions!

C040/17 - 6. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS

- a. Finance and Governance – No further meeting.
- b. Events and Communication working group – No further meeting.
- c. Services Committee – Councillor Taylor provided a verbal update in support of the previously distributed draft minutes from the Services Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2017.

RESOLVED to accept all committee / working group reports

C041/17 - 7. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

- a. **RESOLVED to make an enquiry to Northumberland County Council Highways Department in relation to the temporary road signs and road markings at the new mini roundabout adjacent to Morrison's Bedlington.**
- b. **DEFERRED a decision in relation to Netherton Lane site traffic until the outcome of a similar enquiry from Northumberland County Council to the site developer was known.**
- c. **RESOLVED to accept a quote (circulated) and ask the supplier to turf part of Meadowdale play area.**
- d. **RESOLVED to accept a quote (circulated) and renew Public Liability Insurance invite.**
- e. **RESOLVED to accept and approve the current Internal Auditors report.**
- f. **RESOLVED to accept a quote for a "first spring boxed / collected grass cut" along Front Street West, Bedlington.**

C042/17 – 8. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that all Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations (Appendix A) has been properly received and actioned.

C043/17 - 9. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- I. Town / Parish Liaison Committee (Councillor Robinson) – report circulated.
- II. NALC – (Councillor Dalton) – no meeting to report upon.

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- III. LMAPS now Community Safety Hub– (Councillor Hedley) – report circulated and verbal update provided.
- IV. Northumberland In Bloom – (Councillor Hedley) – no meeting to report upon.
- V. Gallagher Park Steering Group – (Councillor Dalton) – no meeting to report upon.
- VI. Dr Pit Stakeholder Meetings – (Councillor Dalton) – no meeting to report upon.
- VII. Bedlington Partnership – (Councillor Robinson) – verbal update provided.

RESOLVED to accept all reports provided.

C044/17 - 10. CLERKS REPORT

RESOLVED to accept the Clerks report (Appendix B).

C045/17 - 11. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments and receipts (Appendix C).

C046/17- 12. PLANNING

RESOLVED not to make any comment in relation to any of the applications contained within the schedule for the meeting (Appendix D).

RESOLVED to register an interest in Pre Planning Application Ref 17/00082/PREAPP

Planning decisions are shown in Appendix E for information only.

C047/17 - 13. COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND APPLICATIONS

No funding applications for this meeting.

C048/17 - 14. RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

The Clerk advised that the latest edition of the Residents Newsletter was currently been delivered and a copy was available on the Councils website.

C049/17 – 15. FINANCIAL UPDATE

RESOLVED to accept and approve the Financial Report submitted.

C050/17 – 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Dobie – For Information only – Advised that he had received numerous comments about the siting of the new gateway feature at Attlee Park behind existing litter and grit bins.

The Chair was able to confirm that he had already arranged for the removal of the bins in advance of the installation of the gateway feature and that despite reminders we are still waiting for the bins to be removed by Northumberland County Council.

C051/17 – 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 6.30pm at Bedlington Community Centre

The meeting closed at 7.42pm

Signed by the Chair

6th April 2017

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Appendix A, B, C, D only Form Part of these minutes.

Appendix A – Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations. (Agenda Item 8).

a) Correspondence

Ref	From	Summary	Action
67/17	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 89415	Noted and Circulated
68/17	Northumberland CVA	European Funding Opportunities Workshop 13 th February 2017	Noted and Circulated
69/17	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 89264	Noted and Circulated
70/17	NALC	Northumberland County Council Draft Core Strategy	Noted and Circulated
71/17	County Councillor V Tyler	Traffic Signal Update	Noted and Circulated
72/17	NALC	NALC Enews – Housing White Paper	Noted and Circulated
73/17	NALC	Chief Executives Bulletin 4	Noted and Circulated
74/17	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 103262	Noted and Circulated
75/17	Northumberland CVA	Ebulletin – Issue 68	Noted and Circulated
76/17	Barry Elliott	Copy of email To NCC re Protection of Bats and Birds	Noted and Circulated
77/17	Northumberland County Council	Safe Sleeping Week	Noted and Circulated
78/17	NALC	NCC Budget Docs Discretionary Business Rate Relied	Noted and Circulated
79/17	NCC Highways	Copy of email to County Councillor V Tyler re Temporary Lights At Ridge Tce Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
80/17	NCC Highways	New Mini Roundabout at Morrison's	Noted and Circulated
81/17	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 105231	Noted and Circulated
82/17	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 101360	Noted and Circulated
83/17	W L Straughan & Son Ltd	Monthly Bulletin	Noted and Circulated
84/17	Northumberland CVA	Volunteer Opportunity Promotion	Noted and Circulated
85/17	Northumberland CVA	Ebulletin – Issue 69	Noted and Circulated
86/17	National Plant Monitoring Scheme	The National Plant Monitoring Scheme	Noted and Circulated
87/17	Northumberland County Council	Nomination Info For Parish Clerks	Noted, Circulated and
88/17	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	Forthcoming Events	Noted and Circulated
89/17	Northumberland CAN	Threats To Local Services	Noted and Circulated
90/17	Northumberland Vanguard	Ebulletin – Unlocking Integrated Care In Northumberland	Noted and Circulated
91/17	NALC	NALC Enews 28 Feb 2017	Noted and Circulated
92/17	Rape Crisis Tyneside & Northumberland	Million Woman Rise Event	Noted and Circulated
93/17	NALC	NALC Enews 7 Feb 2017	Noted and Circulated

b) Consultations - None for this meeting

c) Invitations

Date	From	Description	Comments
18 th /19 th Feb 17	Bedlington Creatives	Festival Launch	Invite to All
23rd Feb 17	Lidl	Official Store Opening	To Mayor for formal opening ceremony
30 th March 17	NCC	Freedom of Information Workshop	Open only to those who registered for the cancelled workshop as part of the Town & Parish Council Conference
10 th April 17	Doxford Youth Project	AGM	Invite to All
14 th Feb 17	NCC	Gallagher Park Pavilion Opening	Invite to All

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Appendix B – Clerks Report (Agenda Item 10).

Finance

As per Finance update spending remains on target with the agreed budgets and use of reserves. We may have to transfer a sum of money from the Deposit Account to the Current Account depending on receipt of bills before 31st March 2017 (this is not unexpected).

In addition to the balance shown on the financial statement the Council will receive approx. £23.5K from its successful S106 application.

The Councils financial position remains strong and in line with all budgets and planned use of reserves.

Services

Play areas are now open

A “snagging list” includes the removal of the old signage at both parks and some labels to attach to the new equipment.

We hope to organise an opening event very soon – pupils at Meadowdale School have accepted my invite to attend an opening evening at the Meadowdale play area.

I intend to have litter bins and the old seats reinstalled as soon as possible.

I’m told lots of children are using both play areas and the improvements are proving to be very popular.

I’m meeting NCC on Friday morning to agree the locations of new bins in relation to the bin replacement programme.

Events and Communications

The residents newsletter is currently been delivered and should be complete by the weekend it is also available online on the Councils website. I have already received some feedback from residents.

General

I plan to work on Thursday 13th April and Tuesday 25th April to complete the annual accounts, annual return and arrange a sign off with the internal auditor.

The office will be closed over Easter – Good Friday 14th April 2017 to Monday 24th April 2017.

Appendix C – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 11) Payment 1st Jan 2017 to 31st Jan 2017.

All payment GROSS of VAT.

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Description
DL Maintenance & Repair	112.00			Bus Shelter Repairs
Smart Office Systems Ltd	48.59			Printer Costs
Broxap Limited	747.60			New Seat @ Hartford Bridge
Talk Talk Business	34.74			Telephone + Internet
Northumberland County Council	10,610.24			Festive Lighting Costs
Emily Wallace	806.00			Funding Award
St Bedes RCVA Primary School	1,503.80			Pupils Fund Award
Viking Payments	7.52			Stationary
Northumbria in Bloom	200.00			Entry Fee
MW Design	1,895.00			Newsletter Design + Printing Costs
Bedlington Community Centre	30.00			Room Hire
WL Straughan & Son Ltd	432.00			Hartford Bridge Seat Installation Costs

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Appendix D – Planning Applications Received for Comment. (Agenda Item 12).

Applications Received for comment by the Council from the Planning Authority.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
17/00444/OUT	Demolition of existing structures and erection of buildings in Class A1 (retail) and/or Class A2 (financial and professional services) and/or Class A3 (restaurants and cafes) and/or Class A4 (drinking establishments) and/or A5 (hot food takeaways) and/or Class C3 (dwellinghouses) and/or Class B1 (business) and/or Class D1 (nonresidential institutions) and/or Class D2 (assembly and leisure) and/or betting office (Sui Generis) uses, with associated parking, landscaping and access (with all matters reserved). Location Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN	9th March 2017
17/00292/MAST	Proposed installation of 25 metre high lattice telecommunication tower on concrete base with 1 No. dish and 2 No. 12 element yagi antennas Location Land South West Of Hirst Head Cricket Ground Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland	14th March 2017
17/00082/PREAPP	Re-construction of the two bungalows on the same location following the treatment of shallow mine workings Location 33 Augustus Drive And 32 Centurion Way Bedlington Northumberland	17th March 2017
17/00488/ADE	Advertisement consent for re-branding external sign work Location Morrisons Choppington Road Bedlington NE22 6LA	20th March 2017
17/00484/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and reconstruction of single storey extension to the rear and with additional works to the front of the property by extending the lounge Location 46 Featherstone Grove Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6NU	21st March 2017

Other Applications.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
17/00461/DISCON	Discharge of conditions 5 (acoustic fence) 22 (car park use) and 28 (surface water disposal) on approved planning application 15/03266/FUL. Lidl Schalksmuhle Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BP	20 Mar 2017

Appendix E - Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC - Information Only

Ref.	Description	Decision
16/04501/TREECA	Works to trees in a conservation area - Removal of lower limbs overhanging Vicarage roof along with removal of deadwood within the crown (T1), Fell one Horse Chestnut (Pollard to approximately 2m and leave as a habitat pole) (T2), Fell one Cherry (Pollard to approximately 2m and leave as a habitat pole) (T3) and to a group of 7 Sycamore and 1 Ash remove dead wood overhanging the adjacent Church Lane and churchyard along with removal of a section of Ivy from trees (T4s) Location St Cuthberts Church Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EL	GRANTED
16/04244/PRUTPO	Tree preservation order application to reduce Hornbeam in rear garden by 15% and thinning by 10% Location 3 South Farm Nedderton Village NE22 6BH	GRANTED
17/00190/ADE	Advertisement Consent - replacement signage Location Bedlington Library Glebe Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6JX	GRANTED

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