

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE:

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

Councillors Not Present: D Graham, M Robinson, J Tyler.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

S031/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors Graham and Robinson.

Resolved to accept the apologies for absence received.

S032/17 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2017 are approved.

S033/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the approved minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2017.

S034/17 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosed interests for this meeting.

S035/17 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

1. DEFERRED a decision on a proposal to construct a new footpath between Hartlands and the Red Ash Path to a future meeting.

Councillor Hogg to provide a map showing the position of the proposed path for members to consider and The Clerk is obtain permission from the land owner and an indicative quote for the cost of the path before bringing the proposal back to a future meeting for consideration.

2. RESOLVED to provide a new litter bin at Hartford Bridge (Next to the new public seat).

3. RESOLVED to provide a new litter bin at the Hirst Head entrance to the public footpath / cut along the rear of Birtley Crescent near to Gallagher Park, subject to a request to East Bedlington Parish Council to provide a second bin at the Gallagher Park end of the public footpath / cut. Unless the footpath falls within the boundary of Gallagher Park itself – in which case a request will be made to Northumberland County Council to provide both bins.

4. RESOLVED to respond to Northumberland County Councils proposals to introduce “No waiting at any time parking restrictions” at Windsor Gardens Bedlington to the effect that there will be no parking (including disabled parking) provision for users and visitors to Bedlington Community Centre.

S036/17. - 6 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk confirmed registration of both Allotment leases was ongoing with the Councils Solicitor and that Barchester Homes had responded positively to the Councils enquiry in relation to overhanging trees at Dr Pit Allotments (The Allotment Secretary has been informed).

S036/17 - 7. BUS SHELTERS

Councillor Dalton advised about a “burn hole” in the bus shelter on North Ridge. The Clerk confirmed he was aware of the damage and it was under constant review to check if the condition deteriorates.

Chairman's initials

S037/17 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS

The Clerk is to arrange the installation of the new seat on 20 Acre Field as previously resolved.

S038/17 - 9. LITTER BINS

No further update in relation to Litter Bins.

S039/17 - 10. PLAY AREAS

Councillor Taylor advised the Committee of a meeting she, and The Clerk attended at Meadowdale School. The School have requested the play area opens at 9am during school days and have offered to open the park gates on those mornings free of charge. The Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor have scheduled a meeting with Northumberland County Council for Friday 31st March 2017 to discuss the opening / locking of the park gates and a further update will be provide at a future meeting.

The Clerk circulated a copy of a response he made to a member of the public who had expressed a safety concern about a specific piece of play equipment at Meadowdale play area.

S040/17 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL

Councillor Hogg advised the Committee that he had been contacted by a member of the public in relation to damage caused to floral planting along North Ridge as a result of drainage work undertaken by the new development contractor (photographs circulated). The Clerk confirmed that he was already aware of the damage and damage caused to the newly laid concrete pad to facilitate the Councils new public seat. The Mayor has already contacted the developer and received an apology and an assurance that all the damage caused would be made good once the drainage work was complete.

S041/17 - 12. PLANNING

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due	Outcome
17/00416/FUL	Proposed conversion of garage to habitable room with mezzanine floor and raised ridge line Location 14 South Farm Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BH	23rd March 2017	No Comment
17/00584/FUL	Installation of a public sun dial Location Land East Of The Cross Market Place Bedlington Northumberland	27th March 2017	No Comment
17/00609/FUL	Conversion of former social club and public house into a hotel, with restaurant and bar with external alterations including new conservation roof lights to front, steel gate and railings, and to the rear new dormer windows, rear extension to include office, lobby, dining area and kitchen with two storey off-shot for recreation room and cinema Location Lairds House 40 Front Street West Bedlington NE22 5UB	28th March 2017	No Comment
17/00588/LBC	Listed building consent for sympathetic restoration including masonry repointing and essential repairs and, in addition, the footway and carriageway will be resurfaced Location Hartford Bridge Bedlington Northumberland	28th March 2017	No Comment

S042/17 - 13. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED to accept the Financial Report submitted by The Clerk.

S043/17 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business for this meeting

S044/17 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 27th April 2017 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

Approved by the Chair

27th April 2017

Chairman's initials