

**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27th April 2017 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Councillors Not Present:** J Dobie.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Town Clerk Steven Young, and 3 members of the public.

**S045/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor J Dobie.

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

**S046/17 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

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

**S047/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Robinson asked for a progress report in relation to Min S035/17 Litter Bins at Gallagher Park. The Clerk advised that he was awaiting a reply from Northumberland County Council before making any additional approach.

**S048/17 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosed interests for this meeting.

**S049/17 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.**

1. **RESOLVED to continue with "boxed grass cuts" for Front Street Bedlington, until further notice at a price of £200 per cut.**
2. **RESOLVED to provide sound mufflers for the gates at Meadowdale Play Area.**
3. **RESOLVED (for a trial basis until school summer holidays 2017) to permit Meadowdale School to open Meadowdale Play Area gates at 9am on school days. On non-school days provision for opening the play area gates will be unchanged. Closing times will be changed to 7.30pm in summertime.**
4. **RESOLVED that Northumberland County Council will continue with the current arrangements for all non-school days and that Meadowdale School will be responsible for the opening of the gates on school days only.**

**S050/17. - 6 ALLOTMENTS**

The Chair advised the Committee that she had recently attended the AGM of the North of England Allotment Association in Durham.

**S051/17 - 7. BUS SHELTERS**

Councillor Hogg advised that there was graffiti on a bus shelter on Red House Farm estate. The Chair advised she would inspect the shelter to see the extent of the problem and include it within a future scheduled maintenance programme.

**S052/17 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS**

Councillor Hogg asked if arrangements could be made to cut grass underneath seats near Nedderton Village and Red House Farm Estate. The Clerk confirmed he will make a request to the County Council.

The Clerk advised that the new seat on 20 Acre Field had recently been installed.

Chairman's initials

**S053/17 - 9. LITTER BINS**

Various members reported that they had observed the installation of the newly purchased ground mounted litter bins at several locations around the town.

**S054/17 - 10. PLAY AREAS**

The Clerk advised that he has made arrangements to replace removed bolts from another piece of play equipment at Westlea play area at have it made safe.

**S055/17 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL**

Councillor Dalton provided information about a new road sweeper currently been used in Ashington

**S056/17 - 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

**S057/17 – 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business for this meeting

**S058/17 – 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be determined by the newly formed West Bedlington Town Council at its initial meeting on Thursday 11th May 2017.

Approved by the Chair .....

Date to be determined

Chairman's initials