

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28th September 2017 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors Present: M Trimming (Chair), D Graham, P Hedley, C Henderson, A Hogg, C Taylor, V Thompson.

Councillors Not Present: K Roach.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Steven Young and 2 (two) members of the public.

S124/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Resolved to note the apologies for absence received.

S125/17 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 24th August 2017 are approved.

S126/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Henderson in respect of Min S113/17 Remedial Repairs at Westlea and Meadowdale play areas - informed the Committee that the repair / adjustment to the gates has resulted in eliminating the excessive sound.

Councillor Thompson in respect of Min S117/17 Litter Bins – asked if any progress had been made with regard to our request for an additional bin at the recycle point to dispose of discarded containers used to carry glass for recycling – The Clerk will send a reminder to Northumberland County Council.

Councillor Taylor in respect of Min S119/17 Environmental – asked if any progress had been made with regard to the removal of banners around Red Lion roundabout. The Clerk will send a reminder to Northumberland County Council.

S127/17 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

S128/17 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

- a. **DEFERRED** a decision in respect of repairs to the damaged safety surface at Westlea play area.
- b. **DEFERRED** a decision to set aside a financial contributions for a memorial for the late Emma Evans until the Council has details of any memorial that may be considered by Northumberland County Council.

S129/17. - 6. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk advised that agreement had been reached between the Dr Pit Allotment Association and Barchester Homes in relation to tree felling / pruning on the allotment perimeter. The Allotment Associations share of the cost will be offset from the funds set aside by The Council in accordance with the new lease assignment.

Councillor Hedley suggested that the Council should consider extending its current Allotment provision.

S130/17 - 7. BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk advised that a spate of vandalism has led to a number of Bus Shelters panels been smashed. Arrangements had already been made for the repair / replacement.

Councillor Taylor suggested that the Council should consider procuring CCTV to protect its assets and requested that the matter be formally considered at the next full Council meeting.

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S131/17 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS

The Clerk advised that the work on the new seating area and war memorial seats had been unavoidably delayed and would now start on 10th October 2017.

Councillor Hogg informed the Committee that he was aware of some residents' concerns about the location of the new "Terrier" style seat close to the Coat of Arms Gateway Feature on the B1331.

S132/17 - 9. LITTER BINS

Councillor Thompson asked if the County Council could empty litter bins more regularly.

Councillor Hedley advised that he was aware of occasions when bin covers were being removed.

Councillor Hogg asked if any progress had been made in relation to the "resetting / straightening" of the litter bin on the B1331 - The Clerk advised he would remind the contractor.

S133/17 - 10. PLAY AREAS

Councillor Henderson advised that some hypodermic needles had been found at Meadowdale play area and that she had taken steps for their safe removal.

S134/17 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL

Councillor Thompson commented that the seat plinths on the Attlee Park path were overgrown and asked if the shrubbery could be cut back. The Clerk will obtain a quote for the cost of the work involved.

Councillor Hedley commented that the planted flower troughs are not watered.

S135/17 - 12. PLANNING

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
17/03113/FUL	Proposed motor cycle garage Location 10 Brook Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DF	2nd October 2017
17/03158/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order: Fell 1 no. Oak tree (T23), Crown thin by 10% and Crown lift 1 no. Beech tree (T26), Crown lift 1 no. Wellingtonia tree (T28) and Crown lift 1 no. Cedar of Lebanon tree (T30) Location Greenside Fairway Rise Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	3rd October 2017
17/03108/FUL	Proposed side and rear garage/kitchenette extension. Location 41 Skipton Close Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6NP	4th October 2017
17/03238/FUL	Proposed erection of a single story, gabled extension to rear of property, flanked by two flat roofed sections. Location 2 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village NE22 6BG	9th October 2017
17/03357/FUL	Retrospective extension and conversion to existing attached garage inc new roof. Location 27 Bonchester Close The Chesters Bedlington NE22 6JW	11th October 2017
17/03381/FUL	Proposed first floor extension above attached garage Location 4 Horton Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TA	11th October 2017
17/03378/FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension Location 11 Netherton Road Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6AU	12th October 2017

RESOLVED not to comment on any of these planning applications.

S136/17 – 13. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

The Clerk advised that he was awaiting quotes for both the construction and installation of the Pubic Sun Dial.

S137/17 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

S138/17 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 26th October 2017 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

CLOSE OF MEETING 7.27pm.

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Approved by the Chair

Date

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