

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2017 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

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

Councillors Not Present: C Henderson, K Roach, V Thompson.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Steven Young and 3 (three) members of the public.

S139/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors Henderson, Roach, and Thompson.

Resolved to note the apologies for absence received.

S140/17 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 28th September 2017 are approved.

S141/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2017.

S142/17 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

S143/17 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

- a. **RESOLVED TO APPROVE the quote received to carry out repairs to the damaged safety surface at Westlea play area.** The Clerk advised that the work was scheduled for 15th November 2017.
- b. **RESOLVED TO APPROVE the request for a more suitable litter bin at Hirst Head Bedlington.** The Clerk will arrange for a new ground mounted bin to be installed.
- c. **RESOLVED TO APPROVE the quote received for the cutting back of vegetation along the Attlee Park footpath.**

S144/17 - 6. ALLOTMENTS

No further update in respect of allotments.

S145/17 - 7. BUS SHELTERS

No further update in respect of bus shelters.

S146/17 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS

No further update in respect of public seats.

S147/17 - 9. LITTER BINS

Councillor Taylor highlighted a bin in need of repair at Northumberland Avenue Bedlington. The Clerk will arrange for the repair.

Councillor Hogg advised that the litter bin on the B1331 between the entrances to the Meadowdale and Hazelmere estates was overflowing and had not been emptied. The Clerk will ask Northumberland County Council to empty the bin as soon as possible.

S148/17 - 10. PLAY AREAS

No further update in relation to play areas.

Chairman's initials

S149/17 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL

The Clerk advised that he had received and answered a request from Northumberland County Council to identify the additional lamppost columns that the Council wished to have painted to extend the town centre colour scheme to the new gateway features. A quote for the cost of the additional columns will be available for member’s consideration ahead of budget preparations.

The Clerk further advised that Northumberland County Council would provide a quote for the painting of the railings along Glebe Road Bedlington.

The Clerk confirmed that he has arranged for the repair and cleaning of steps at the War Memorial ahead of Remembrance Day.

The Clerk advised that he would request a meeting with Bedlington in Bloom to discuss ongoing partnership arrangements. A draft letter was circulated to members for information.

S150/17 - 12. PLANNING

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
17/03622/FUL	New detached outbuilding within existing garden Location 4 Meadow Court The Chesters Bedlington NE22 6HT	30th October 2017
17/03588/VARYCO	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 17/01787/VARYCO to add dormers to roof on north and south elevations to allow light into accommodation at second floor. Location Four Acres Hartford Road Bedlington NE22 6AQ	31st October 2017
17/03690/FUL	Change of use from agriculture to informal public open space and rear gardens. Location Land West Of North Ridge Netherton Lane Bedlington Northumberland	2nd November 2017
17/03689/VARYCO	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 14/01656/FUL to allow revised site layout for proposed house types	3rd November 2017
17/03691/VARYCO	Removal of condition 7 (Renewable Energy) relating to planning permission 14/01656/FUL, allowed under appeal reference APP/P2935/W/15/300593 Location Land West Of North Ridge Netherton Lane Bedlington Northumberland	3rd November 2017
17/03656/FUL	Proposed Kitchen/Utility/Garage Extension with Bedroom and Ensuite at 1st floor level Location 87 Hartlands Bedlington NE22 6JF	6th November 2017

RESOLVED not to comment on any of these planning applications.

Councillor Hogg provided information to the committee in relation to a residents objections in relation to the planning applications at Land North West of North Ridge, Netherton Lane, Bedlington.

S151/17 – 13. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

The Clerk advised that he had received quotes for two elements of the project but was still awaiting a quote for the final element of the construction and installation of the Pubic Sun Dial.

S152/17 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Taylor provided advance information for Council meeting agenda items in relation to The Trotter Memorial and The Schools Art / bus shelter project.

S153/17 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 23rd November 2017 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

CLOSE OF MEETING 7.08pm.

Approved by the Chair

Date

Chairman’s initials