

**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 23rd November 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.

S154/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

S155/17 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 26th October 2017 are approved.

S156/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Minute S149/17 Environmental – Councillor Taylor advised that she had surveyed the additional lampposts to be painted to provide an accurate estimate of costs.

S157/17 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

S158/17 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

- a. **RESOLVED TO APPROVE the request from Bedlington Salvation Army to use Bedlington Market Place for a Community Christmas Sing event on 10th December 2017.**
- b. **DEFERRED TO A FUTURE MEETING (for further information) a decision to revise the opening times at Meadowdale play area.** The Clerk will invite Meadowdale School to meet the Council.

S159/17. - 6. ALLOTMENTS

No further update in respect of allotments.

S160/17 - 7. BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk reports that a panel had been removed from the shelter outside Centenary Cottages Bedlington and that he had arranged for its repair.

S161/17 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS

Councillor Thompson asked about a public seat at the former site of "The Budge" on the corner of Front Street West and Church Lane. The Clerk advised that the present seat had been removed by the building developer and was being kept in safe storage and would be replaced once the construction work at that location had been completed.

Councillor Taylor added that she had been advised by Bedlington in Bloom residents group that it was their intention to add some floral planting to the area around the seat once it has been returned to its former location.

S162/17 - 9. LITTER BINS

The Clerk advised that the damaged bin at Northumberland Avenue (Minute SS147/17 was beyond repair and that he would arrange for either a replacement liner or complete new bin as appropriate.

Chairman's initials

S163/17 - 10. PLAY AREAS

The Clerk advised that some of the repairs at Westlea had been undertaken. The final repair to the safety surface would be completed in December 2017.

S164/17 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL

No further update in respect of environmental.

S165/17 - 12. PLANNING

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
17/04018/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing garage and conservatory; construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension Location 6 Chipchase Close Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ND	28th November 2017

RESOLVED not to comment on this planning application.

S166/17 – 13. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

The designer is awaiting an updated quote for the construction on the sun dial base.

S167/17 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Henderson would like the Committee to consider an additional grass cut for the town.

S168/17 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 28th December 2017 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the meeting on Thursday 28th December 2017 will only convene to consider any urgent planning matters. (All other matters will be carried forward to the January 2018 Committee meeting).

RESOLVED that future Service Committee meetings will revert back to a 6pm start time.

CLOSE OF MEETING 7.06pm.

Approved by the Chair

Date

Chairman's initials