

**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Councillors Not Present:** P Hedley, K Roach.

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

**S001/18 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Resolved that the apologies for absence received are noted.**

**S002/18 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

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

**S003/18 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minute of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.

**S004/18 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

**S005/18 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.**

- a. **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the request to revise the opening times at Meadowdale Play Area to 9am on school days only. Initially this revision will be for a trial period of one full school term.
- b. **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the proposal to make some initial purchases in preparation for "Operation London Bridge". The Clerk will purchase black arm bands and three books of condolence.
- c. **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the proposal to request Northumberland County Council to demolish the closed public toilets in the car part at the rear of Front Street West, Bedlington.
- d. **RESOLVED** not to take any further action in this matter at this time. The completed repairs to the litter bin lock at Acorn Avenue / Hotspur Avenue will be reviewed to ensure that the repair has successfully prevented further occurrences of misuse.

**S006/18. - 6. ALLOTMENTS**

No further update in respect of allotments.

**S007/18 - 7. BUS SHELTERS**

No further update in respect of bus shelters.

**S008/18 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS**

No further update in respect of public seats.

**S009/18 - 9. LITTER BINS**

The Clerk advised that the locks on the litter bins along "Black Path" are to be repaired the repairer is awaiting on parts.

Councillor Hogg reported the litter bin between Meadowdale and Hazelmere estates (on B1331) was once again displaced. The Clerk is to arrange a repair.

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**S010/18 - 10. PLAY AREAS**

No further update in respect of Play Areas.

**S011/18 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL**

Councillor Thompson reported that the path beside the river between Humford and Attlee Park had fallen away. The Clerk will notify Northumberland County Council of the issue.

**S012/18 - 12. PLANNING**

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
18/00002/FUL	Refurbishment of an existing stone cottage to include a rear extension and new roof Location 19 Hartford Road East Bedlington NE22 6HZ	31st January 2018

**RESOLVED not to comment on this planning application.**

**S013/18 – 13. PUBLIC SUN DIAL**

The Clerk reported that he would be able to issue Purchase Orders to all suppliers in the forthcoming week. A request would be made to Royal Mail to relocate the post box and to BT to close or relocate the phone kiosk.

**S014/18 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Hogg asked if The Council could investigate the cost of an online fault reporting system. The Clerk reminded the Committee that he was still to affix identification labels to all of the Councils fixed assets and that it would be appropriate to see how successful / useful these were before looking at any other options.

**S015/18 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 6.00pm in Bedlington Community Centre.**

**S016/18 – 16. CLOSE OF MEETING**

**The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 6.58pm.**

Approved by the Chair .....

Date 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

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