



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: C Taylor (Chair), D Graham, P Hedley, C Henderson, A Hogg, V Thompson, M Trimming, J Tyler.

COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT: K Roach.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk S Young, County Councillors Crosby, Robinson and Wallace and 6 (Six) members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations for this meeting.

OPEN SESSION

- A resident asked if any progress had been made with regard to cutting the hedge at Choppington Lane, Bedlington. The Chair replied that the Town Council had made numerous representations to the County Council on this matter already, and would contact them once again on the issue.
- A resident notified the Council that the bus stop sign and bus timetable had been removed from the bus stop near the Meadowdale Estate entrance. The Chair advised that the Council, through The Town Clerk would make enquiries to see who could provide replacements.

C022/18 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED to note the apologies for absence received.

C023/18 - 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting of 11th January 2018 are approved as a true record.

C024/18 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Hogg asked in relation to the "Open Session" minute if the Baedling Manor Manager had been contacted. The Town Clerk advised that the Manager had been contacted and that a memo had been sent to the staff from the Baedling Manor Manager.

C025/18 – 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Thompson declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 Community Chest Fund Application.

C026/18 - 5. CHAIRS UPDATE

The Chair provided updates on the matters summarised in Appendix E.

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C027/18 - 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES

County Councillors Crosby, Robinson and Wallace provided brief verbal updates on some of the matters they have been dealing with over the last month. The Chair thanked them for their attendance.

C028/18 -7. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS

- a. Finance and Governance - Councillor Taylor. No meeting to report upon.
- b. Events and Communication Working group – Councillor Graham gave brief verbal update on the planning for the event year.
- c. Services Committee – Councillor Trimming – Draft minutes were distributed to members.
- d. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – Councillor Hogg. No meeting to report upon.

RESOLVED to accept all committee / working group reports and updates.

C029/18 - 8. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

- a. **RESOLVED to ACCEPT and APPROVE the Financial Governance Statement for 2017 – 2018.**
- b. **DEFERED (to await additional information and costings) a decision in relation to a Community Arts project for the subway at Glebe Road subway Bedlington.**
- c. **DEFERED (to await additional information) a decision in relation to the Maintenance / Service of Speed Warning Signs.**
- d. **RESOLVED to APPROVE the proposal to procure a “Bedlington Fallen WW2 Poppy Remembrance Map” at a cost of approximately £500.**
- e. **RESOLVED to include cover for The War Memorial within future asset insurance provision.**

C030/18 – 9. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that all Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations (Appendix A) has been properly received and actioned.

C031/18 - 10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

i. Reports from Councillor Representatives

- a. Town / Parish Liaison Committee (Councillor Taylor) – Councillor Graham deputised for the Chair at the meeting, provided a brief verbal update.
- b. NALC – (Councillor Hogg) – Councillor Hogg provided a brief verbal update.
- c. LMAPS now Community Safety Hub– (Councillor Hedley) – distributed a written report.
- d. Gallagher Park Steering Group – (Councillor Graham) – no meeting to report upon.
- e. Dr Pit Stakeholder Meetings – (Councillor Trimming) – no meeting to report upon.
- f. Humford Dam – (Councillor Hogg) – distributed email updates from Northumberland Rivers Trust and The Environment Agency.
- g. Bedlington In Bloom – (Councillor Hedley) – no meeting to report upon.

RESOLVED to accept all reports and updates.

ii. Election of Councillor Representative To Bedlington Live Steering Group

RESOLVED Councillor Taylor was elected as The Councils representative on the Bedlington Live Steering Group

C032/18 - 11. CLERKS REPORT

RESOLVED to accept the Clerks report (details shown in Appendix B).

C033/18 - 12. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments and receipts (Appendix C).

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C034/18 - 13. PLANNING

- a. **RESOLVED not to make any comment in relation to any of the applications contained within the schedule for the meeting (Appendix D).**
Planning decisions are shown in Appendix F for information only.
- b. **RESOLVED to submit an OBJECTION** to Planning application 17/04451/OUT (Outline permission with some matters reserved for the development of 11no. detached 2 storey dwellings with associated access works and removal of trees. Location Land North West of Blue House Farm Netherton Colliery Northumberland) on the grounds that the proposed development is outside of the settlement boundary.

C035/18 - 14. COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND APPLICATIONS

The Council **DECLINED** the Community Chest Application of the Football Factory.

C036/18 - 15. RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

Members were reminded to submit any articles for publication without delay.

C037/18 - 16. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN

- **RESOLVED to APPROVE the draft invitations and introductions to potential contributors to the Annual Meeting of The Town 2018. (Distributed to members).**
- **RESOLVED that members submit to the Town Clerk the contact details of any potential contributors to the meeting by close of business on Friday 15th February 2018.**

C038/18 – 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Hogg – Video recording and distribution on U Tube of Town Council meetings.

Councillor Taylor – Reminder to Councillors to submit any suggestions for any large scale local heritage based projects for the consideration of “Big Things”.

Town Clerk – Insurance Renewal.

C039/18 - 20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

C040/18 – 21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.59pm

Signed by the Chair

8th March 2018

Appendix A, B, C, D, E and G only form part of these minutes.

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Appendix A – Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations. (Agenda Item 9).

a) Correspondence

Ref	From	Summary	Action
27/18	NALC	Request to Promote and Complete Cromer Town Council Second Homes Survey	Noted and Circulated
28/18	Cllr Sanderson NCC Cabinet Member	Car Parking studies for Alnwick, Morpeth, Hexham and Berwick.	Noted and Circulated
29/18	NALC	NALC Enews 9 January 2018	Noted and Circulated
30/18	NALC	Message from The national Chair	Noted and Circulated
31/18	NCC	Area Meeting 17 th Jan 2017 Agenda	Noted and Circulated
32/18	Northumbria Police	Motorist Jailed After Hit and Run - Blyth	Noted and Circulated
33/18	Northumberland CVA	NCC Voluntary and Community Sector Consultation	Noted and Circulated
34/18	Brain Tumour Research UK	Awareness Letter	Noted and Circulated
35/18	NCC Planning	Parish Council Planning Training Workshops	Noted and Circulated
36/18	NALC	NALC Enews 16 January 2018	Noted and Circulated
37/18	Mr W K Dalton	Letter re Handyman Project	Noted, Circulated and Replied
38/18	Northumbria Police	Campaign Mobile Phone Use Whilst Driving	Noted and Circulated
39/18	The Creation Station	Letter of Introduction	Noted, Circulated and Invited to Informal Meeting
40/18	NCC Streetworks	EMTTRO 104499245 Horton Road - Plessey Checks	Noted and Circulated
41/18	Ann Pattison	Copy Letter from Environmental Agency of Humford Dam Update	Noted and Circulated
42/18	NCC Streetworks	EMTTRO 104653240 Spine Road Cambois Slip Rd.	Noted and Circulated
43/18	NCC Streetworks	EMTTRO 104661944 Horton Road - Plessey Checks	Noted and Circulated
44/18	NCC Streetworks	TTRO 104661018 Barrington Road Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
45/18	NALC	NALC Enews 23 January 2018	Noted and Circulated
46/18	Northumberland CVA	E-bulletin – Issue 92	Noted and Circulated
47/18	NCC Streetworks	TTRO 104681128 St Johns Road Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
48/18	Big Things (banijay uk)	Community Landmark	Noted and Circulated
49/18	NCC Streetworks	TTRO 104661018 (Amend) Barrington Road	Noted and Circulated
50/18	Northumberland CVA	Northumberland Funding Fair @ Newbiggin	Noted and Circulated
51/18	Community Action Northumberland	CAN E news 31 st January 2018	Noted and Circulated
52/18	NCC	Funding eBulletin 30 th January 2018	Noted and Circulated
53/18	NALC	NALC Enews 30 th	Noted and Circulated
54/18	NALC	100 Years of The Representation Of The People Act	Noted and Circulated

b) Consultations - None for this meeting.

Owner	Description	Where and When
DCLG	Park Homes Consultation	chrisborg@nalc.gov.uk by 26 th Jan 2018
NCC	Voluntary and Community Sector	Online surveys@northumberland.gov.uk by 2 nd March 2018
Com on Standards in Public Life	Review Of Local Government Ethical Standards	To NALC by 1 st March 2018
NCC	Consultation for Netherton Road & Netherton Land Bedlington Parking Restrictions.	Online http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/ By 22 nd February 2018

c) Invitations – None for this meeting.

Date	From	Description	Comments
		None For This Meeting	

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Appendix B – Clerks Report (Agenda Item 11).

Finance

The Council Tax precept was submitted on time ahead of the 29th Jan 2018 deadline.

The Councils Financial position remains strong and in line with planned spending and budget.

Again the current agenda includes some statutory reviews of the Councils financial arrangements which will enable the Council to complete its statutory requirements when completing the annual return of accounts in April 2018.

Services

I have arranged for a repair to be undertaken to a swing at West Lea play area (a bolt had worked loose)

New signs for the revised opening times at Meadowdale play area have been ordered. I have already advised the school of the Councils positive response to their request for revised opening times on school days. The trial of revised times will start once the sign has been fitted.

Events and Communications

I have made a request to the website designer to incorporate an “Archive of Council meeting agendas and minutes” – the current display is far too lengthy.

I have received a number of articles for inclusion within the next residents’ newsletter – please let me have any others without delay.

The next meeting of the Events and Communications group will be on Friday 23rd February 2018 at 4pm.

Projects

The Sun Dial project continues to throw up unexpected issues, the latest been the proximity of the highway to the revised location? I have made a request to the planners to see if the change will impact on the planning permission previously obtained.

Admin

The office will closed tomorrow Friday 9th February 2018 AND Monday 12th February 2018 as a consequence draft minutes of this evenings meeting will be a little later than usual.

Appendix C - Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 13) Payment 1st January 2018 to 31st January 2018.

All payment GROSS of VAT.

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Dr Pit	Description
Viking Payments	12.91				Stationary
Talk Talk Business	37.12				Telephone + Internet
Bedlington Community Centre	3,750.00				Office Rent
DL Maintenance & Repair	177.00				Bus Shelter Repair
Amazon	15.87				Black Arm Bands
Amazon	28.32				Books of Condolence

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Appendix D – Planning Applications Received for Comment. (Agenda Item 13).

Applications Received for comment by the Council from the Planning Authority

Ref.	Description	Response Due
18/00193/FUL	Proposal to install two rapid electric vehicle charging stations; an existing area will become two EV charging bays, along with associated equipment Location Bedlington Service Station Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TZ	14th February 2018
18/00270/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order - Fell 1no. Ash tree Location 2 South Farm Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BH	15th February 2018

Other Applications.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
18/00373/HPA	Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling (4.89m, 3.60m, 2.60m). 2 Conway Close Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6NJ	20 Feb 2018

Any applications / Consultations received after the issue date of this agenda, where the expiry date for observations would not allow the Council to wait to consider and submit any observations at its next scheduled meeting - None

Appendix E – Chairs Update (Agenda Item 5).

Mayor's update 8th February 2018

January has seemed like a long month, with a smaller than usual number of meetings, Steven and I met with Steve Bucknall for the quarterly meeting, This meeting gives us the opportunity to raise issues with Steve and he's really good he always gets back to Steven with prompt replies, they aren't always what we want to hear.

I met Tony Gribben who is our new Ray Whellans, we have agreed to touch base monthly so I can again speak to him about things we are thinking about, work we want done and one of the points I raised was about bespoke work, Tony has agreed to take this forward, he covers Bedlington, Cramlington and Seaton Valley so has quite a big area, there may be some work we would like done that other areas want as well which will lower costs for us, so I propose to put this on the agenda of the next Services meeting, so we can start and list work we would like to take forward.

We have held a Communications and Events meeting and outlined all our events for this year, I'll let David take you through our proposed list during his update.

I also attended the inaugural meeting of the Northumberland Live in Bedlington Group along with our 4 County Councillors and representatives from East Bedlington, it was great to see the enthusiasm and support for the event from everyone, it was at this meeting we agreed that representation should be made up of the 4 County councillors and the Chair's from East and West with delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the respective Councils, I have this on our agenda for further discussion later.

Due to the recent snow and ice I've heard a lot of discussion around the lack of gritting in our area, while NCC do carry our precautionary gritting of all our main roads there just isn't the resource to grit each and every byway, so I had a little idea and while in the office Steven and I had a chat about it, my thought was to place our own grit bins at strategic points on estates and roads, it would give people access to grit but would mean that they would have to grit them themselves, I worked out we would need 14 additional bins and Steven has put a request in to County, they may help but we may get some push back, if we do I know a number of people who may help us with the cost of providing them in time for next winter.

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There was a Town and Parish Liaison Group meeting but unfortunately I was in London and unable to attend so David very kindly deputised for me.

Apologies to all who attended but I also missed out on the planning event in Choppington, this week due to my severe bout of flu, I would like it noted I haven't missed a day of work but have been tucked up in bed by 7 every night for nearly 3 weeks!!

Christine

Appendix F - Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC - Information Only

Ref.	Description	Decision
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	GRANTED
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. Location Land West Of North Ridge Netherton Lane Bedlington Northumberland	GRANTED
17/04318/VARYCO	Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 17/02815/CCD to include an entrance ramp to early years centre as well as alterations to approved elevations Location Bedlington West End First School Ridge Terrace Bedlington NE22 6EB	GRANTED
17/04161/FUL	Extension of existing double garages to accommodate a utility inside the garages with an access door in the south west side of the house, construction of a porch to the front and installation of roof lights to the rear and front of the house to provide more daylight and provision of rear patio area Location La Chene West Court Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington NE22 6AG	GRANTED

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