

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

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

Councillors Not Present: C Henderson, K Roach, M Trimming.

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

S017/18 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillors Henderson and Trimming.

Resolved that the apologies for absence received are noted.

S018/18 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 25th January 2018 are approved as a true record of the meeting.

S019/18 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Thompson in respect of Minute S05/18 "Operation London Bridge" confirmed that St Cuthbert's Church had agreed to the use of the church as a possible location for a book of condolence.

Councillor Thompson in respect of Minute S011/18 "Environmental" confirmed that Northumberland County Council had been out to look at the damaged footpath.

S020/18 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

S021/18 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

- a. **RESOLVED TO DEFER a decision in relation to the procurement of a dog fowling officer to obtain additional information about specific hours, duties and how an enhanced service would effect the service already been provided.**

S022/18. - 6. ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Hogg advised the committee that the planning application to fence the Ridge Terrace Allotment had been refused by the planning department.

The Clerk advised that in relation to the delay in the registration of the leases for both Allotments that The Land Registry was currently experiencing severe administration delays of up to 18 weeks.

S023/18 - 7. BUS SHELTERS

Councillor Hogg reported a broken panel at the bus shelter near to Willow Vale Choppington Road Bedlington. The Clerk will arrange a repair.

S024/18 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS

Councillor Hedley made a request to paint the metal work to some of the "older" public seats.

The Clerk suggested that the number and location of the specific seats in need of painting must be identified to allow the Committee to make an informed determination. A list of seats will be provided by Councillor Hedley for a future meeting.

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S025/18 - 9. LITTER BINS

Councillor Hogg asked if any progress had been made in relation to the displaced litter bin between Meadowdale and Hazelmere estates (on B1331) was once again displaced. The Clerk is to investigate and arrange a further repair, if required.

S026/18 - 10. PLAY AREAS

No further update in respect of Play Areas.

S027/18 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL

Councillor Thompson reported that some of the concrete bases under the seats along the path to Attlee Park were worn away. The Clerk is to investigate the issue and report back to the committee.

S028/18 - 12. PLANNING

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
18/00142/FUL	Proposed conversion from single dwelling to 2 no dwellings with proposed extensions to both Location The Glass House Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	27th February 2018
18/00438/FUL	Proposed first floor extension to front of property. Location 10 Corchester Road The Chesters Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6LB	1st March 2018

RESOLVED not to comment on this planning application.

S029/18 – 13. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

The Clerk reported that a change to the proposed location at Bedlington market Place may require a new planning application. The Council is currently awaiting some further advice from Northumberland County Councils planning team.

S030/18 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Taylor provided a brief outline of a proposal to be determined at the next Council meeting. The proposal is to support a joint project with County Councillor Robinson in relation to the provision of initial investigative work to determine ground conditions at Westlea for an improved recreation facility.

Councillor Taylor also advised the Committee that the Council had received copies of submitted proposals for the event management of Bedlington Live 2018. The documents are commercially sensitive and cannot be distributed, however Councillor Taylor invited all members to read through the paper document (available from the Clerk – no copies may be taken) and to submit any comments in relation to the proposals.

S031/18 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

S032/18 – 16. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 6.35pm.

Approved by the Chair

Date 22nd March 2018

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