

**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th May 2018 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillors Present:** D Graham, C Henderson, A Hogg (Chair) for agenda items 2 and onwards, P Hedley, C Taylor, M Trimming (Chair) for agenda item 1 only, V Thompson.

**Councillors Not Present:** K Roach.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk Steven Young and no (0) members of the public.

**S065/18 - 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**Having been proposed and seconded Councillor Hogg was elected Chair of the committee.**

Councillor Hogg took the Chair.

**S066/17 - 2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

**Having been proposed and seconded Councillor Trimming was elected Deputy Chair of the committee.**

**C067/18 – 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

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

**S068/18 - 4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 26th April 2018 are approved as a true record of the meeting.**

**S069/18 - 5. MATTERS ARISING**

Min 055/18 Bus Shelters – Councillor Trimming asked if The Clerk had made any progress with obtaining quotes for 2 (two) new bus shelters on Shaulksmuhle Road, Bedlington. The Clerk advised that he was still to request quotes.

Min 059/18 Environmental – Councillor Trimming asked if an update was available in relation to the “Bedlington Terrier Mosaic” at Attlee Park Bedlington. The Clerk advised that Northumberland County Council had responded to the effect that they would look to tidy up the area concerned.

Min 059/18 Environmental – Councillor Taylor informed the committee that she had spoken to Northumberland County Council’s Neighbourhood Services Manager in relation to dog fouling at Catholic Row Bedlington.

**S070/18 - 6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

**S071/18 - 7. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.**

- a. **RESOLVED to provide a litter bin at Burdon Terrace Bedlington. The exact location and type of bin to be determined at a site meeting with Northumberland County Council.**
- b. **RESOLVED to obtain quotes for the repair of 3 (three) public seats on the Red House Farm Estate.**
- c. **RESOLVED to submit comments to Northumberland County Council outlining that The Council did NOT SUPPORT a proposed event at 20 Acre Field, Bedlington on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

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#### **S072/18. - 8. ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk advised that the re-execution of both Allotment leases had been completed and forwarded to the Councils solicitor.

#### **S073/18 - 9. BUS SHELTERS**

The Clerk reported that repairs to bus shelter panels along North Ridge and Front Street West Bedlington were in progress.

#### **S074/18 - 10. PUBLIC SEATS**

Councillor Taylor proposed that the Committee seek quotes for the painting of the public seats on Front Street Bedlington. The Clerk is requested to arrange quotes for the Committee's determination.

#### **S075/18 - 11. LITTER BINS**

The Clerk reported that replacement litter bin locks for 4 (four) litter bins along "The Black Path" had been delivered and that their installation was to be arranged.

Councillor Henderson advised that a bin at the junction of Northumberland Avenue / Black Path was cracked. The Clerk will request the bin lock installer to make an assessment about a repair or replacement.

#### **S076/18 – 12. PLAY AREAS**

The Clerk informed the Committee that the latest weekly play area inspection report had highlighted some uneven ground at Westlea play area. The annual ROSPA safety inspection for the play area is scheduled for June 2018 and the Clerk advised that he would await the outcome of that safety report before making any recommendations in relation to the reported ground.

Councillor Henderson reported damage to the fence around Meadowdale Play Area. The Clerk is requested to arrange repair quotes for the Committee's determination.

#### **S077/18 - 13. ENVIROMENTAL**

The Clerk highlighted some correspondence from residents in relation to the standard of grass cutting and reported that the matter had already been discussed with Northumberland County Council.

The Clerk provided information in relation to a funding request for information boards at Humford County Park and advised the Committee of his intended reply.

#### **S078/18 - 14. PLANNING**

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Response Due</b>
18/01545/FUL	Construction of ground floor extension to rear of dwelling Location 4 Hollymount Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AL	31st May 2018

Other Applications / Consultations.

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Response Due</b>
18/01458/CLPROP	Certificate of lawful development for construction of a single storey extension to rear of the property   3 Edinburgh Drive Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6NY	NA

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.

**RESOLVED not to comment on any of these planning applications.**

#### **S079/18 – 15. PUBLIC SUN DIAL**

The Clerk confirmed he was still to make a start on a resubmission of a full planning application following the agreed change to the Sun Dials location.

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**S080/18 – 16. SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS (NEDDERTON VILLAGE)**

The Clerk was requested to seek advice from Northumberland County Council’s Road Safety Officer with a view to determine in the first instance what type of signs (if any) could be permitted.

**S081/18 – 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk advised that he had received an enquiry from Northumberland County Council in relation to the removal of a concrete litter bin at the entrance to the old Tesco car park. The Committee confirmed that the litter bin is not the responsibility of West Bedlington Town Council and that the County Council would be advised accordingly.

Councillor Taylor submitted a proposal under urgent business which was accepted by The Chair and Committee.

**RESOLVED to fund the provision of litter bins during the weekend’s BEDROCK event for event use and avoid any excessive littering of Front Street at a cost of £360.**

**S082/18 – 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee is to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6.00pm in Bedlington Community Centre.**

**S083/18 – 19. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 7.13pm.

Approved by the Chair .....

Date 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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