

**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 26th September 2019 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington
Community Centre, Bedlington.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors Present: D Crosby, D Graham, P Hedley,
A Hogg (Chair), C Taylor, M Trimming,

Councillors Not Present: C Henderson, V Thompson, J Tyler.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Steven Young, one (1) member of the public.

S167/19 – 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillor's Henderson, Thompson and Tyler.

RESOLVED to note the apologies received.

S168/19 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 22nd August 2019 are approved as a true record of the meeting.

S169/19 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

- Councillor Trimming asked in relation to Minute S151/19 d. Play Areas – Mini Football Goals at 20 Acre Playing Field if a new quote had been received for the supply and installation of mini goal posts. The Clerk responded that supplier had indicated that they had no other specification of mini goal posts and were therefore unable to help any further.
- Councillor Trimming advised in relation to Minute S164/19 Any Other Business d. St Cuthbert's Graveyard that the restoration work to The Longbridge Memorial Gravestone has been completed. The Clerk confirmed that he had recently paid an invoice for the Council's contribution towards the cost of the restoration work.
- Councillor Hedley advised in relation to S164/19 Any Other Business b. Bedlington In Bloom that the residents group had been successful in recruiting some new members.

S170/19 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

S171/19 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

- a. **Environmental - Wildflower Meadow at Hartford Bridge.** The Committee **DEFERRED** its decision upon a proposal and quote for the creation of a Wildflower Meadow at Hartford Bridge. The Clerk is instructed to contact Northumberland County Council to enquire if they have any proposal / intention in relation to improving the area.
- b. **Public Sun Dial.** The Committee **RESOLVED to APPROVE** payment for a reception to celebrate the unveiling of the Public Sun Dial and the final project of its designer. The cost of the informal reception to be capped at £200. The reception and possible exhibition of the designers work is to be referred to the Council's Events Working Group to determine the exact format of the event.
- c. **Public Access Defibrillators.**
 - i. The Committee **RESOLVED to APPROVE** an expansion of its current Public Access Defibrillator provision.
 - ii. **RESOLVED to INSTRUCT** The Clerk to contact the following premises owners to enquire into the possibility of arranging the "hosting" of new defibrillators. Coop Ridge Farm, Glentons Bakery and Chester Court all Bedlington.

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Also **RESOLVED** not to make an application to the “adopt a phone box scheme” with regard to the soon to be removed North Ridge Phone Box.

iii. **RESOLVED** to finance the purchase and installation of any new defibrillators from non-specific Reserves if costs are payable within the current financial year or if payment of costs falls due within the next financial year then provision will be made from next year’s precept requirement.

d. **Friends of Westlea Cemetery.** The Committee **RESOLVED** to fund room hire costs (at Bedlington Community Centre) for a newly established resident group (Friends of Westlea Cemetery) for its initial meetings.

e. **2019 Youth Leisure Provision.** The Committee **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the proposal from Jill Milburn to provide a Pilates class for families during the October half term school holidays.

S172/19 - 6. BUS SHELTERS

No further update for this meeting.

S173/19 - 7. PUBLIC SEATS

Councillor Taylor confirmed the installation of 2 (two) new seats for Westlea Park approach path.

S174/19 - 8. LITTER BINS

- Councillor Hedley reported that the lock to a litter bin on Front Street East (along St Cuthbert’s Church wall) was damaged. The Clerk will arrange a repair.
- The Clerk confirmed a new cover had been installed at the bin outside Westlea Play Area.

S175/19 – 9. PLAY AREAS

- 20 Acre Playing Field Play Area Planning Application likely to be determined at October’s Local Area Council Meeting.
- Confirmation that the new owner of the property adjacent to the old play area land at The Grange, Nedderton has agreed to maintain the site as part of their garden.

S176/19 - 10. ENVIROMENTAL

- I. No further update for this meeting.
- II. NOTED the report of the Environmental Enforcement Officer. Agreed to highlight Westlea Cemetery as a dog fouling trouble spot.

S177/19 - 11. PLANNING

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

None for this meeting.

Other Applications / Consultations.

None for this meeting.

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 for this meeting.

S178/19 – 12. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

No further update for this meeting.

S179/19 – 13. SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS

No further update for this meeting.

S180/19 – 14. SCHOOL ART IN BUS SHELTERS

No further update for this meeting.

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S181/19 – 15. CCTV

Councillor Hogg confirmed that the removed lamppost and CCTV equipment at Glebe Road had been replaced. Councillor Hogg advised that he had received a request from Friends of Westlea Cemetery for the installation of a CCTV camera at the cemetery gates. The Clerk advised that it would be prevalent to have an agreed policy in place before considering such requests. Councillor Hogg agreed to draft a policy for future consideration.

S182/19 – 16. LAMPPOST PAINTING PROJECT

No further update for this meeting.

RESOLVED to pursue this and other Northumberland County Council “no action” job requests through The Annual Town and Parish Council Conference on 3rd October 2019. Further **RESOLVED** that should this approach be unsuccessful the next escalation will be to write a letter of complaint to the responsible County Councillor Portfolio Holder.

S183/19 - 17. WAR MEMORIAL UPLIGHTS AND FLAGPOLE

Councillor Hogg reported that the steps on the approach to The War Memorial were in need of repair. The Clerk will add the matter to the next meeting agenda.

S184/19 – 19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Barnesbury Cycling Club – BMX Track Upgrade.** **RESOLVED** to attend the meeting of potential supporters on 8th October 2019. Councillor Trimming is the elected Council representative for this project and confirmed his availability to attend. Further **RESOLVED** to support the track improvements project and to pledge an equal sum to that of the other invited contributors up to a maximum of £5k.
- b. **NALC AGM Meeting Invitation.** **RESOLVED** Councillor Hedley will attend the meeting on behalf of West Bedlington Town Council.

S185/19 – 20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 24th October 2019 at 6.00pm in Bedlington Community Centre

S186/19 – 21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 7.42pm.

Approved by the Chair

Date 24th October 2019

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