

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th October 2019 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

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

Councillors Not Present: J Tyler.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Steven Young, one (2) member of the public.

S187/19 – 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED to note the apologies received.

S188/19 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 26th September 2019 are approved as a true record of the meeting.

S189/19 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

- Councillor Trimming asked in relation to Minute S169/19 3. Matters Arising - Play Areas – Mini Football Goals at 20 Acre Playing Field if any progress had been made with regard to obtaining a new quote. The Clerk responded that he had not had an opportunity to seek further quotes to date.
- Councillor Hogg asked in relation to Minute S171/19 Public Access Defibrillators if there was any response to the Councils enquiry from the potential hosts of additional defibrillators. The Clerk replied that regrettably he had not had an opportunity to write to the identified organisations to date but would do so.
- Councillor Hogg asked in relation to Minute S182/19 Lamppost painting project if the escalation of the Councils outstanding enquiries at the Annual Parish and Town Council Conference had resulted in any positive action from Northumberland County Council. The Clerk was pleased to advise that nearly all of the outstanding enquires had either already been dealt with or arrangements were in place for them to be completed in the near future.

S190/19 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

S191/19 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

- a. **CCTV.**
 - i. The committee **DEFERED** its decision upon a draft policy / procedure / guidelines to determine any requests from third parties for the provision of additional CCTV installations within Bedlington until the next schedule meeting. The Clerk will distribute a revised draft policy ahead of the issue of the meeting agenda to allow all members to contribute to the outcome of the revised policy.
 - ii. A request from Friends of Westlea Cemetery to provide CCTV at Westlea Cemetery was **DEFERED** until the draft policy at agenda item a. i. above is agreed.
 - iii. **RESOLVED** that the consideration of funding for any additional CCTV installations from third party requests would be determined on an application by application basis and included within the policy at agenda item a. i. above.
- b. **Litter Bins.** The Committee **RESOLVED to APPROVE** a residents request for an additional litter bin “on the footpath from the Hartlands estate next to Lane Farm leading up to West Lea play area. Installation of the bin and its exact location will be with the agreement of Northumberland County Council.

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- c. **War Memorial. APPROVED** to obtain a quote(s) for the repair of damage to the steps on the approach to The War Memorial and refer back to a future scheduled committee meeting.
- d. **Car Parking Town Centre Development Site.** The Committee **RESOLVED** to write a letter to Advance Northumberland with a request to ask them to look at ways of improving parking provision at the site of the town centre development whilst no construction work is taking place.
- e. **Remembrance - Poppies on Lamppost's.** The Committee **RESOLVED** in principle to purchase and affix approximately 50 (Fifty) remembrance poppies to lamppost's in Bedlington ahead of Remembrance Day 2020. The Clerk will seek costs for the purchase of the poppies and any costs for their fixing to lamp columns along Front Street, Bedlington.
- f. **Public Seats.** The Committee **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** a quote for the repair of three (3) public seats at Millfield South, Bedlington subject to a review and comparison of the costs associated with the replacement of the seats with brand new seats. The Clerk will distribute estimates of the costs associated with the purchase and installation of any new seats for members to review, compare and approve a preferred option.
- g. **Gallagher Park - BMX Track Upgrade.** The Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Councils committed level of financial support of £5k to contribute to the Gallagher Park BMX Track Upgrade – Barnesbury Cycling Club.

S192/19 - 6. BUS SHELTERS

No further update for this meeting.

S193/19 - 7. PUBLIC SEATS

No further update for this meeting.

S194/19 - 8. LITTER BINS

No further update for this meeting.

S195/19 – 9. PLAY AREAS

No further update for this meeting.

S196/19 - 10. ENVIROMENTAL

- I. **NOTED** the report of the Environmental Enforcement Officer.
- II. No further update for this meeting.

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S197/19 - 11. PLANNING

Applications Received for comment by the Council.

Ref.	Description	Response Due	Decision
19/03954/VARYCO	Variation of condition 1 (time constraint) pursuant to planning permission 17/03463/VARYCO in order to change the opening and closing times for shutters. Location Astons Late Bar 34 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB	25th October 2019.	Objection Lodged
19/04030/VARYCO	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) relating to approved planning application 18/02677/FUL to incorporate single storey side and first floor front extension. Location 15 Shields Road Hartford Bridge Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AN	25th October 2019.	No Comment
19/02870/FUL	Erection of 47 dwellings on site of former driving range, relocation and construction of 24 bay, floodlit, all weather driving range and visitor facility, creating 'Centre of Excellence', Clubhouse refurbishment/extension and new community function room. Location Bedlingtonshire Golf Club Hartford Road Bedlington NE22 6AA	28th October 2019.	Objection Lodged
19/04074/VARYCO	Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 18/01658/REM in order to allow operator requirements Location Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN	1st November 2019.	No Comment
19/04121/FUL	Porch to front and new roofs over garage and lounge Location 17 Nottingham Court Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6PE	1st November 2019.	No Comment
19/04165/FUL	RESUBMISSION - Conversion of existing building to the south of the main dwelling to annex accommodation associated with the main dwelling Location Meadow View Farm Choppington Road Choppington NE62 5TJ	7th November 2019.	No Comment
19/04149/FUL	Construction of single storey rear extension Location 7 Skipton Close Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6NP	7th November 2019.	No Comment

Other Applications / Consultations.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
19/04019/DISCON	Discharge of conditions : 11 (demolition/construction method statement), and 13 (archaeological mitigation work) pursuant to planning application 17/02932/FUL 86-90 Front Street East Bedlington NE22 5AB	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.

Ref.	Description	Response Due	Decision
19/04154/FUL	Proposed first floor extension over the garage Location 9 Towers Close Bedlington NE22 5ER	12th November 2019	No Comment

S198/19 – 12. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

No further update for this meeting.

S199/19 – 13. SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS

No further update for this meeting.

S200/19 – 14. SCHOOL ART IN BUS SHELTERS

No further update for this meeting.

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S201/19 – 15. CCTV

No further update for this meeting.

S202/19 – 16. LAMPPOST PAINTING PROJECT

No further update for this meeting.

S203/19 - 17. WAR MEMORIAL UPLIGHTS AND FLAGPOLE

No further update for this meeting.

S204/19 – 19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business for this meeting.

S205/19 – 20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 6.00pm in Bedlington Community Centre

S206/19 – 21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 7.41pm.

Approved by the Chair

Date 28th November 2019

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