

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

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

Councillors Not Present: P Hedley, V Thompson, J Tyler.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Steven Young, Four (4) member of the public.

S001/20 – 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillors Hedley, Thompson and Tyler.

RESOLVED to note the apologies received.

S002/20 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 28th November 2019 are approved as a true record of the meeting.

S003/20 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the approved minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 28th November 2019.

S004/20 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Taylor disclosed an interest in Agenda item 11 Planning – Application Ref 19/02116/OUT

S005/20 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

a. **CCTV - Westlea Cemetery Gates.** The committee **RESOLVED** in line with the Councils approved policy to forward the request to Northumbria Police to obtain a summary of reported crime together with their opinion as to the effectiveness of installing CCTV in the requested location. Upon receipt of a reply the proposal will be added to a future meeting agenda.

b. **Grit Bins.** The Committee **RESOLVED to APPROVE** a residents request for the provision of a grit bin at Swinside Gardens, Bedlington.

c. **War Memorial.** The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve a quote to fill eroded gaps in the steps leading to the War Memorial. The quote for the repairs is £90.

d. **Church Lane / 20 Acre Play Area.** The Committee **RESOLVED to APPROVE** (subject to satisfactory quotes) improvements to:

- i. The safety surface(s). To install soft pour safety surface.
- ii. Access and exit pathways. Tarmac or soft pour safety surface.
- iii. Entrance/ exit gates.
- iv. Litter bin provision.
- v. Seating. Play area specific seating.
- vi. Increase in the size of the mini football pitch and its perimeter fencing.
- vii. Install mini goal posts.

S006/20 - 6. BUS SHELTERS

No further update for this meeting.

S007/20 - 7. PUBLIC SEATS

The Clerk confirmed 3 new public seats had been installed in Millfield South, Bedlington.

Chairman's initials

S008/20 - 8. LITTER BINS

Councillor Henderson reported that a litter bin located on the Black Path / Westmoreland Avenue had come away from its footings. The Clerk confirmed he will arrange a repair.

S009/20 – 9. PLAY AREAS

The Clerk confirmed that with regard to the new play area at Church Lane (20 Acre Playing Field) the Council had been advised that it had discharge its planning condition in relation to a noise management plan.

Councillor Henderson reported a missing bolt on one of the climbing frames at Meadowdale Play Area. The Clerk confirmed he will arrange a repair.

S010/20 - 10. ENVIROMENTAL

- I. **NOTED** the report of the Environmental Enforcement Officer.
- II. Councillor Trimming asked if indiscriminate parking on Church Lane could be reported to Northumberland County Councils Parking Enforcement Team. The Clerk confirmed he would alert the County Council parking enforcement team.

S011/20 - 11. PLANNING

a. Applications received for comment by the Council.

| Ref. | Description | Response Due |
|--------------|--|--------------------|
| 19/02116/OUT | Removal of existing works storage building and construction of 2no. bungalows with parking (as amended 08.01.2020)Location Land To The Rear Of High Ridge Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6EF | 30th January 2020. |

RESOLVED not to comment on the application.

b. Other Applications / Consultations.

None for this meeting.

- c. **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 |
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| 19/04899/REM | Reserved matters application for site layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for Phase A of the Bedlington town centre regeneration scheme as shown on the Phasing Plan pursuant to planning permission 17/00444/OUT as amended by 19/04216/VARYCO Location Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN | 5th February 2020. |

RESOLVED not to comment on the application.

S012/20 – 12. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

No further update for this meeting.

S013/20 – 13. SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS

No further update for this meeting.

S014/19 – 14. SCHOOL ART IN BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk advised that he had signed off the art work designs and installation was weather dependant but would commence as soon as possible.

S015/20 – 15. CCTV

No further update for this meeting.

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S016/20 – 16. LAMPPOST PAINTING PROJECT

No further update for this meeting.

S017/20 - 17. WAR MEMORIAL UPLIGHTS AND FLAGPOLE

No further update for this meeting.

S018/20 – 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None for this meeting.

S019/20 – 19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 6.00pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

S020/20 – 20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 7.43pm.

Approved by the Chair

Date 27th February 2020

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