

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

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

Councillors Not Present: D Crosby, M Trimming, J Tyler.

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

S021/20 – 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillors Crosby, Trimming and Tyler.

RESOLVED to note the apologies received.

S022/20 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2020 are approved as a true record of the meeting.

S023/20 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Min Ref s005/20 Church Lane Play Area – Councillor Thompson asked if the newly planted trees would impact on the proposed plans to extend and fence the mini football pitch. Councillor Taylor advised that she had met a representative from Northumberland County Council and they had agreed to relocate them.

The committee agreed that Northumberland County Council should be requested to relocate the trees at the other end of the 20 Acre Playing Field and to incorporate these additional trees into the newly planted tree plantation at the Hartford Road end of the playing field. The Clerk will action the request.

S024/20 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest declared for the meeting.

S025/20 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

- a. **War Memorial.** The Committee **DEFERED** a decision on the design a handrail at the War Memorial. The Committee would like the design to incorporate Poppies within it. The Clerk will request an additional design for consideration at a future meeting.
- b. **Church Lane / 20 Acre Play Area.** **RESOLVED to ACCEPT** a quote for the supply and installation of further bow topped fencing (To extend the size of the mini football pitch), subject to a revision to the number of self-closing gates (only 2 additional gates required) and the number of dog grates required (4 in total required for all 4 gates).
- c. **Consultation – Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) – Alcohol Consumption in Public Spaces.** The Committee **RESOLVED** to respond Northumberland County Councils consultation and specifically respond to the following questions:
 1. Do you consider that a PSPO in respect of the consumption of alcohol in public spaces is necessary?
RESOLVED to respond Yes
 2. If you believe that a PSPO should be made, which area do you consider needs such controls (this may be one of the areas listed in the enclosed Notice, or it may be some other area not previously identified)? **RESOLVED** to request PSPO at Bedlington Market Place, Front Street East, Front Street West, Dr Pit Park, Church Lane Play Area, 20 Acre Playing Field, Meadowdale Play Area, Westlea Play Area, Black Path Bedlington (between Meadowdale School and Glebe Bank, Bedlington County Park (riverside path between Attlee Park and Humford Dam, Attlee Park, Bedlington. All Town Centre Car Parks.

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3. Are you able to provide any evidence or information to support your view that a PSPO should be made? **RESOLVED** – Numerous occurrences of anti-social behaviour involving the consumption of alcohol usually but not exclusively involving youths have been reported in all of the area requested. There are additional concerns that result from events on Front Street such as Bed Rock and Bed Fest where drinking of alcohol falls out into Front Street.

- d. **Litter Bins. RESOLVED** to replace an existing post mounted bin with a larger ground mounted litter bin at Link Avenue / Netherton Lane, Bedlington.
- e. **CCTV. RESOLVED** to approve the request from Friends of Westlea Cemetery and provide CCTV provision at Westlea Cemetery gates.
- f. **2020 Residents Gardening Competition.** The Committee are requested to review, amend as appropriate and approve the following documents in relation to 2020 Residents Gardening Competition.
 - 1. Poster / Flyer to advertise the competition. **APPROVED** poster design with the addition of competition categories for Childs Garden Pot or Box and Best Floral Display by a Bedlington Business.
 - 2. Entry Form. **APPROVED** subject to including the additional competition categories.
 - 3. Text for inclusion in residents' newsletter. **APPROVED** subject to adding the additional competition categories and an invitation to Bedlington schools to participate in a best school garden competition.

S026/20 - 6. BUS SHELTERS

No further update for this meeting.

S027/20 - 7. PUBLIC SEATS

No further update for this meeting.

S028/20 - 8. LITTER BINS

The Clerk advised that the litter bin at Burdon Terrace had been removed temporarily for repair.

S029/20 – 9. PLAY AREAS

No further update for this meeting.

S030/20 - 10. ENVIROMENTAL

- I. **NOTED** the report of the Environmental Enforcement Officer.
- II. Councillor Thompson – proposed removal of trees at former Tesco Town Centre Development site. The Committee **RESOLVED** to contact Advance Northumberland immediately to check the validity of the planning conditions and to ask if the removal of the trees could be reconsidered.
Councillor Hogg – Black Path, Bedlington – request Northumberland County Council to cut the grass which is hindering volunteer's attempts to litter pick in the area.
Councillor Hogg – report to Northumberland County Council pathway opposite Chahals Glebe Road, Bedlington has dropped and is in need of repair.

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S031/20 - 11. PLANNING

a. Applications received for comment by the Council.

RESOLVED to comment on the application as indicated.

Ref.	Description	Response Due	Response
20/00241/FUL	Alteration of site levels and minor variation to previously approved boundary planting location. Location Quarry House Netherton Road Nedderton Village NE22 6AS	3rd March 2020.	No Comment
20/00381/FUL	Change of use of land for the creation of three car parking spaces and landscaped area Location Car Park Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DN	10th March 2020.	No Comment
20/00393/FUL	Demolition of existing garage and proposed 2 storey extension in same footprint Location 6 Nether Riggs Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5SJ	10th March 2020	No Comment
20/00397/FUL	Construction of new dwelling and associated works. Location Land To North West Of Blue House Farm Cottages Netherton Colliery Northumberland	10th March 2020	OBJECTION The proposed developments is outside of the settlement boundary

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.

None for this meeting.

S032/20 – 12. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

No further update for this meeting.

S033/20 – 13. SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS

No further update for this meeting.

S034/19 – 14. SCHOOL ART IN BUS SHELTERS

Councillor Taylor advised the committee that she had received lots of positive feedback about the newly installed School Art work.

S035/20 – 15. CCTV

No further update for this meeting.

S036/20 – 16. LAMPPOST PAINTING PROJECT

Councillor Hogg advised that road traffic management arrangements were in force for Glebe Road, Bedlington between 24th February 2020 and 6th March 2020.

S037/20 - 17. WAR MEMORIAL UPLIGHTS AND FLAGPOLE

No further update for this meeting.

S038/20 – 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Taylor – Bedlington Market Place and lack of effective traffic enforcement – to be taken up with Northumberland County Councils Highways Manager.

Councillor Taylor – For Information – Coastal Mitigation Fund and cost to developers.

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Councillor Henderson – Relocation of Grit Bin at Briardale, Bedlington. Councillor Taylor to contact Northumberland County Council.

Councillor Hogg – Bedlington Market Place.

Clerk – Next meeting to discuss Youth Development Worker funding is scheduled for Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 5.30pm in The Council Office.

S039/20 – 19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 26th March 2020 at 6.00pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

S040/20 – 20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 8.17pm.

Approved by the Chair

Date 26th March 2020

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