



**PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
S23/185		<b>In Attendance</b>	Councillors Henderson, Hogg (Chair), Thompson and Taylor. 0 (zero) member of the public in attendance.
S23/186	a.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors. ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.	i. Apologies for absence from Councillor Hedley were <b>NOTED</b> . ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
S23/187	b.	<b>Declaration of Interests.</b> i. Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 12th July 2012. ii. To consider any requests for dispensations.	i. There were no Declarations of Interest for this meeting.  ii. No dispensations for this meeting.

**PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS / SUMMARY OF DELEGATED DECISIONS**

		Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions	Determination
S23/188	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on 24th August 2023.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee held on 24th August 2023 are <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.
S23/189	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items	There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2023.

**2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION**

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S23/190	a.	<b>Play Areas Residents Enquiry re Play Area for Hazelmere Estate, Bedlington.</b> The Committee are asked to discuss and decide (if appropriate) upon an enquiry from a resident re a Childrens Play Area for Hazelmere Estate, Bedlington. Enquiry distributed to members.	<b>RESOLVED</b> not to provide a Childrens Play Area for Hazelmere Estate, Bedlington at this time. In making its determination the Committee considered the strength of support for the play area, the need to acquire land and access there to, the requirement for a public consultation, the proximity of existing play areas and the current proposals (via planning application) for three additional play areas at the Greendale Park development which could potentially also serve Hazelmere estate.

S23/191	b.	<p><b>Front Street Flower Pots, Troughs and Planters.</b> The Committee are asked to discuss and decide (if appropriate) upon future plans for the planting of flower pots, troughs and planter on Front Street, Bedlington. An additional quote together with suggestions distributed to members.</p>	<p><b>Deferred</b> to develop a longer term strategy – to include (but not restricted to) the provision of better, larger new planters in strategic locations, the amount of seasonal planting and the possible use of shrubs to provide all year interest and reduce the amount of annual planting required, watering and on-going care of any plants. Committee to have an initial site visit on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p>								
S23/192	c.	<p><b>Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested.</b> The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the Planning applications received for comment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 465 898 1473"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="293 465 531 533">Ref.</th> <th data-bbox="536 465 746 533">Description</th> <th data-bbox="751 465 898 533">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="293 539 531 1473">23/03292/PRUTPO</td> <td data-bbox="536 539 746 1473">Tree Preservation Order Application - T1 - Sycamore - Reduce West side of canopy by up to 3m to reduce the weight of the branches, T2 - Remove lowest to branches on the west side of the crown to clear the property roof and T3 - Reduce the crown of the tree by up to 2m to clear parking area. Location 3 The Croft Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BA.</td> <td data-bbox="751 539 898 1473">28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	23/03292/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application - T1 - Sycamore - Reduce West side of canopy by up to 3m to reduce the weight of the branches, T2 - Remove lowest to branches on the west side of the crown to clear the property roof and T3 - Reduce the crown of the tree by up to 2m to clear parking area. Location 3 The Croft Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BA.	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023	<table border="1" data-bbox="919 465 1548 1473"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="919 465 1548 533">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="919 539 1548 1473">No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	No Comment
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**PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED**

<b>Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)</b>			
S23/193	a.	<b>Bus Shelters</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Damaged panel at bus shelter on Front Street West (Old Council Offices) replaced.
		2 Any member updates.	o Councillor Hogg advised that the repainting of the “old style” shelters had commenced and asked that the shelter near 23 North Ridge be added to the repainting schedule.
S23/194	b.	<b>Defibrillators</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Defibrillator at Coffin Chapel scheduled for installation on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 and free training session arranged.
		2 Any Member Updates.	o Nothing for this meeting.
S23/195	c.	<b>CCTV</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Clerk has contacted potential suppliers for an informal invitation to present / discuss to the Council re their services ahead of the current contract expiry in March 2024.
		2 Any member updates	o Clerk to arrange site visit to potential supplier on a Friday for members.
S23/196	d.	<b>Environmental</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Front Street Planters etc. on current agenda.
		2 Any member updates	o Councillor Taylor advised the Committee that she was discussing the provision of addition bollards to prevent illegal parking on Bedlington Market Place with NCC Highways and had agreed to fund the same with her County Council Small Schemes Funding. o Councillor Hogg advised that the planters outside Birkenshaw Manor were in a poor start and needed a refurbish.
S23/197	e.	<b>Litter Bins</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Litter bin on Hassop Way (removed) replacement ordered and new bin cover (removed) for Cherrytree Drive ordered. Litter bins on the Attlee Park path retrieved and refitted.
		2 Any member updates	o Nothing for this meeting.
S23/198	f.	<b>Play Areas</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Damaged unsafe swing at Church Lane play area previously removed to be repaired and replaced imminently. o Enquiry re play area for Hazelmere Estate on current agenda.
		2 Any member updates	o Nothing for this meeting.
S23/199	g.	<b>Public Seats</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Nothing for this meeting.
		2 Any member updates	o Nothing for this meeting.
S23/200	h.	<b>School Art in Bus</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o All four schools have confirmed their support – installation has been agreed – waiting on schools to supply art work.
		2 Any Member Updates.	o Nothing For This Meeting
S23/201	i.	<b>Speed Reduction Signs.</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Nothing To Report

		2	Any Member Updates.	o Councillor Hogg reported that the speed on Hartford Road was intermittent because of tree growth obstructing the solar panel power unit. Clerk was instructed to ask NCC to cut back the growth.
S23/202	j.	<b>War Memorial.</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Displaced curb stone replaced. o Inscriptions to be undertaken asap (cost £1000) The Clerk has applied for funding from the War Memorials Trust to cover some of the costs.
		2	Any Member Updates.	o Nothing For This Meeting
S23/203	k.	<b>Bedlington Community Centre.</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o The Trustees have taken on additional paid support to provide greater resilience and accessibility to the centre.
		2	Any Member Updates.	o Nothing For This Meeting.
S23/204		Items a. to k - <b>All updates NOTED</b>		
S23/205	i.	<b>RESOLVED</b> The next scheduled meeting of the Services Committee is on Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. Please note the agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023.		
S23/206		The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm		

#### PART D – EXEMPT BUSINESS.

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

		<b>Matters for Discussion / Decision</b>	<b>Determination</b>
S23/207		Nothing For This Meeting	

#### WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson.

Signed by Chair

Date