

Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington on Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 6.30pm.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
S21/72		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed, Taylor, Todd, Thompson, D Wallace, and R Wallace. And 3 (Three) members of the public.
S21/73	a.	Apologies for Absence. i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.	i. There were no apologies for absence, all members were present. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
S21/74	b.	Declaration of Interests. 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
S21/75	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Meeting held on 26th August 2021.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee held on 26th August 2021 are APPROVED as a true record.
S21/76	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 26th August 2021.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination												
S21/77	a.	<p>Matter of Urgent Business – Youth Support Programme. The Committee are asked to consider proposals for inclusion in a programme of Youth Support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A programme of “out of school clubs and activities” provision provided by Physical Education & Active Kids (PEAK) at an annual cost of £13k - Councillor Thompson. Proposal distributed to members. ii. A drama programme to create a PANTO group for young people aged 10-18 at an estimated cost of £5k – Councillor D Wallace. Proposal distributed to members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. RESOLVED to enter into a Service Level Agreement with PEAK at the cost of £13k per annum for the provision of out of school clubs and activities. ii. RESOLVED to support the creation of a Theatre Group. 												
S21/78	b.	<p>Tree Planting – Residents Request The Committee is requested to discuss and decide upon a residents request to provide tree planting throughout Bedlington.</p>	RESOLVED to contact NCC to see what options (and costs) can be explored to bring this about.												
S21/79	c.	<p>Public Accessible Defibrillator Finance Options The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon its preferred finance option for any expansion of its current Public Accessible Defibrillator network. (Background paper distributed to members).</p>	DEFERRED until responses from potential Defibrillator host have been received.												
S21/80	d.	<p>School Art in Bus Shelters - Further installations. The Committee are requested to discuss and decide how they would like to progress the next installations of school art for Bus Shelters.</p>	RESOLVED to restart the project with twenty (20) new works of art created by Bedlington first schools to replace existing bus shelter art pieces throughout the town.												
S21/81	e.	<p>War Memorial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon the quotes distributed for the repainting of the railings around the perimeter of the War Memorial. Quotes distributed to members. ii. The Committee are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to purchase (£650 each) and display a “Tommy” Silhouette statue at or close to the War Memorial or other location agreed by the Committee. Proposal distributed to members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. RESOLVED to procure DL Maintenance for the repainting of the railing around the perimeter of the War Memorial.) ii. RESOLVED to purchase two (2) “Tommy” silhouette statues (£650 each) for permanent display. 												
S21/82		<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Planning Working Group Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested. After considering any recommendation of its Planning Working Group, 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" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Ref.</th> <th style="width: 55%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21/03285/FUL</td> <td>Proposed erection of rear and front extensions. External alterations to existing elevations including proposed materials. Erection of new garage. Location 59 Augustus Drive The Chesters Bedlington NE22 6LF</td> <td>22nd September 2021.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/03471/FUL</td> <td>Single and double storey side extensions plus single storey rear Location 80 Windsor Gardens Bedlington NE22 5SY</td> <td>5th October 2021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	21/03285/FUL	Proposed erection of rear and front extensions. External alterations to existing elevations including proposed materials. Erection of new garage. Location 59 Augustus Drive The Chesters Bedlington NE22 6LF	22nd September 2021.	21/03471/FUL	Single and double storey side extensions plus single storey rear Location 80 Windsor Gardens Bedlington NE22 5SY	5th October 2021	<p>RESOLVED to NOTE the verbal update provided</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 100%;">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; height: 100px;">No Comment</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; height: 100px;">No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	No Comment	No Comment
Ref.	Description	Response Due Date													
21/03285/FUL	Proposed erection of rear and front extensions. External alterations to existing elevations including proposed materials. Erection of new garage. Location 59 Augustus Drive The Chesters Bedlington NE22 6LF	22nd September 2021.													
21/03471/FUL	Single and double storey side extensions plus single storey rear Location 80 Windsor Gardens Bedlington NE22 5SY	5th October 2021													
Determination															
No Comment															
No Comment															

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)			
S21/83	a.	Bus Shelters	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	No further update from The Clerk
		2 Any member updates.	No Members Update
S21/84	b.	Defibrillators	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Clerk has written to potential new hosts and is awaiting replies from, The Proprietor Esso Garage Nedderton, Chairman - Netherton Working man’s Club, Chairman Bedlington Terriers FC, Chairman - Bedlingtonshire Golf Club. ○ Northumberland County Council for Plessy Woods and Bernicia for Willow Vale have both expressed an interest in meeting to find out more about hosting. <p>The supply of replacement batteries and pads continues to be a worldwide problem – the replacement pads ordered on 2nd July are not expected to be delivered for a further 12 weeks.</p>
		2 Any Member Updates.	No Members Update
S21/85	c.	CCTV	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	No further update from The Clerk.
		2 Any member updates	No Members Update
S21/86	d.	Environmental	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	○ The grass verge alongside the Attlee Park path (Millfield to Car Park) has had its annual cut
		2 Any member updates	No Members Update
S21/87	e.	Litter Bins	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	○ The new litter bin (Hartlands) has been delivered and scheduled for installation as soon as possible
		2 Any member updates	Councillor Hogg requested for the next agenda – members to consider replacing a post mounted bin at Millfield South with a larger capacity ground mounted bin. The Clerk to investigate the cost of repair / replacement of the cast iron bins along Front Street, Bedlington.
S21/88	f.	Play Areas	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20 Acre Play Area – still awaiting the replacement part for the swing. ○ West Lea – a replacement safety bar for the Sprung Rocker has been ordered.
		2 Any member updates	No Members Update
S21/89	g.	Public Seats	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	○ The “Terrier” style bench (donated by a resident) will be installed imminently next to the bus shelter on Hartford Road, Bedlington.
		2 Any member updates	No Members Update
S21/90	h.	Public Sun Dial.	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	○ Waiting on a response re the deterioration of resin base.
		2 Any Member Updates.	No Members Update

S21/91	i.	School Art in Bus Shelters.		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Schools Competition included on agenda.
		2	Any Member Updates.	No Members Update
S21/92	j.	Speed Reduction Signs.		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o No further update from The Clerk.
		2	Any Member Updates.	Councillor Thompson reported that the speed indicator signs at Church Lane, Bedlington may not be working correctly. The Clerk will contact the supplier for a check.
S21/93	k.	War Memorial.		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Quotes included on the agenda.
		2	Any Member Updates.	No Members Update
Items a. to k - All updates NOTED				
S21/94	i.	Any other information in relation to Services (not covered on agenda) Any matters that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only no proposals or voting on these matters. Councillor R Wallace – updated members on the plans for this year’s Spooktacular event.		
S21/95	m.	Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED The next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 28th October 2021 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. Agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 20 th October 2021.		

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Adam Hogg, Wendy Reed, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jayne Todd, Di Wallace, and Russ Wallace.

Signed by Chair

Date