

**Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at
Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington.
on Thursday 28th October 2021 at 6.30pm.**



PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
S21/96		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed, Taylor, and R Wallace. Town Clerk Steven Young and 3 (Three) members of the public.
S21/97	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. Apologies for absence were NOTED for Councillors Thompson, Todd and D Wallace. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
S21/98	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. Councillor Hogg made a declarations of interest in relation to Agenda Item Part B2c 5. Public Accessible Defibrillators 5. Willow Vale. 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
S21/99	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Meeting held on 23rd September 2021.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee held on 23rd September 2021 are APPROVED as a true record.
S21/100	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 23rd September 2021.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
S21/101	a.	<p>Bedding Plants – Red Lion Roundabout. The Committee are requested to discuss and decide upon a request from Northumberland County Councils Neighbourhood Services Team to reduce the overall size of the bedding planting on The Red Lion Roundabout and to use the excess plants in another Bedlington location – to be determined by this Committee. (Request distributed to members).</p>	DEFERED a decision in lieu of obtaining additional information.
S21/102	b.	<p>Litter Bins. The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon the following proposals in relation to existing litter bins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Millfield South – replace existing post mounted bin with a larger capacity ground mounted bin – Councillor Hogg ii. Beaufront Park (allotment path) - remove two post mounted bins - replace with a single ground mounted bin. – NCC Neighbourhood Services Team. iii. West Lea - remove post mounted bin (no longer required since the installation of the large ground mount bin) – NCC Neighbourhood Services Team <p>Atlee Bank - remove post mounted bin (hardly used) – NCC Neighbourhood Services Team.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. RESOLVED to replace existing post mounted bin with a larger capacity ground mounted bin. ii. RESOLVED to remove two post mounted bins - replace with a single ground mounted bin. iii. RESOLVED to remove post mounted bin (no longer required since the installation of the large ground mount bin).
S21/103	c.	<p>Public Accessible Defibrillator Finance Options The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The provision of Publically Accessible Defibrillators at the following locations (all proprietors have expressed a positive interest to host a defibrillator. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Netherton Social Club 2. Plessey Woods County Park 3. Bedlingtonshire Golf Club, 4. Bedlington Terriers FC, 5. Willow Vale Choppington Road. ii. A preferred finance option to fund the provision of the defibrillators and their cabinets. (Background paper distributed to members). iii. The provision of a defibrillator at Bedlington Community Centre (only accessible whilst the building is open). Note no cabinet required for this defibrillator. iv. Whether or not to explore an option to sell the Councils existing defibrillators to the lease company and have those defibrillators replaced with new lease defibrillators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. RESOLVED to provide publically Accessible Defibrillators at the following locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Netherton Social Club 2. Plessey Woods County Park 3. Bedlingtonshire Golf Club, 4. Bedlington Terriers FC, 5. Willow Vale Choppington Road ii. RESOLVED to lease defibrillators and cabinets. iii. RESOLVED to lease a defibrillator for use within Bedlington Community Centre. iv. RESOLVED to explore an option to sell the Councils existing defibrillators to the lease company and have those defibrillators replaced with new lease defibrillators.
S21/104	d.	<p>Sun Dial – Inauguration The Committee are asked to discuss and approve a spending budget for the inauguration of the public sun dial. The inauguration will involve a brief ceremony followed by a small reception in Bedlington Community Centre for the Sun Dial designer and his guests. (The inauguration is scheduled for Saturday 4th December 2021).</p>	RESOLVED to set aside a budget of £400 to provide a fitting and appropriate reception.

S21/105	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Planning Working Group Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested.</p> <p>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" data-bbox="296 300 1023 792"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="296 300 488 360">Ref.</th> <th data-bbox="488 300 860 360">Description</th> <th data-bbox="860 300 1023 360">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="296 360 488 495">21/03369/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="488 360 860 495">1 Windmill Farm Smallholdings Choppington Road Choppington Northumberland NE62 5TJ</td> <td data-bbox="860 360 1023 495">2nd November 2021.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="296 495 488 595">21/04021/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="488 495 860 595">86 - 88 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB</td> <td data-bbox="860 495 1023 595">5th November 2021.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="296 595 488 792">21/03422/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="488 595 860 792">Retrospective: Construction of wooden bike shed with attached wheelie bin shelter Location 217 North Ridge Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6DG</td> <td data-bbox="860 595 1023 792">10th November 2021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	21/03369/FUL	1 Windmill Farm Smallholdings Choppington Road Choppington Northumberland NE62 5TJ	2nd November 2021.	21/04021/FUL	86 - 88 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	5th November 2021.	21/03422/FUL	Retrospective: Construction of wooden bike shed with attached wheelie bin shelter Location 217 North Ridge Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6DG	10th November 2021	<p>RESOLVED as per determinations below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1050 300 1503 792"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1050 300 1503 360">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 360 1503 495">OBJECT – Highways considerations</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 495 1503 622">OBJECT – Numerous material considerations</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 622 1503 792">No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	OBJECT – Highways considerations	OBJECT – Numerous material considerations	No Comment
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PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)				
S21/106	a.	Bus Shelters		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	O Waiting on replacement panel for Market Place bus shelter.
		2	Any member updates.	No Members Update
S21/107	b.	Defibrillators		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o On current meeting agenda. o The supply of replacement batteries and pads continues to be a worldwide problem –with significant delays to orders
		2	Any Member Updates.	No Members Update
S21/108	c.	CCTV		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	O Waiting on response from Northumbria Police re their use of current CCTV provision
		2	Any member updates	No Members Update
S21/109	d.	Environmental		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Tree planting protocol currently been developed and to be considered at next full Council meeting.
		2	Any member updates	Reminder to all members from Councillor Hogg to respond to the draft protocol ahead of the meeting agenda been issued.
S21/110	e.	Litter Bins		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o In addition to items on current meeting agenda the Clerk has ordered 2 (two) replacement bins for those vandalised along the Black Path, Bedlington.
		2	Any member updates	Councillor Hedley advised that the bin on Hasop Way was regularly overflowing – The Clerk to contact NCC.
S21/111	f.	Play Areas		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o No further update from the Clerk.
		2	Any member updates	No Members Update
S21/112	g.	Public Seats		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o The “Terrier” style bench (donated by a resident) has now been installed next to the bus shelter on Hartford Road, Bedlington
		2	Any member updates	No Members Update
S21/113	h.	Public Sun Dial.		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Still waiting on a response re the deterioration of resin base. The Clerk will send a reminder.
		2	Any Member Updates.	No Members Update
S21/114	i.	School Art in Bus Shelters.		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o All schools have confirmed their participation in the project. Waiting on schools to submit their art work. Overall cost of the project is likely to be £1,800 (if installation for all bus shelters can be done at the same time).
		2	Any Member Updates.	No Members Update
S21/115	j.	Speed Reduction Signs.		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Awaiting fault log reports on Church Lane and Nedderton Village signs. Clerk.
		2	Any Member Updates.	No Members Update

S21/116	k.	War Memorial.		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Painting of the railings is underway and will be completed ahead of Remembrance
		2	Any Member Updates.	No Members Update
		Items a. to k - All updates NOTED		
S21/117	l.	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Councillor Taylor – advised that Christmas Light Motifs had been installed to the vicinity of the War memorial ahead of Remembrance Sunday (which should not have happened) The Clerk will instruct NCC to dismantle the offending Light Motifs. o The Clerk advised that the recently purchased “Tommie Silhouettes” were best suited to temporary display rather than been fixed in a permanent location. The Clerk will arrange for the “Tommie Silhouettes” to be displayed during daylight hours outside Bedlington Community Centre. 		
S21/118	m.	<p>Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED The next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 25th November 2021 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. Agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 17th November 2021.</p>		
S21/119		Meeting Closed by the Chair at 6.57pm.		

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