

Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

ATTENDANCE:

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

Councillors Not Present: J Tyler.

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

S207/19 – 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillor Tyler.

RESOLVED to note the apologies received.

S208/19 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 24th October 2019 are approved as a true record of the meeting.

S209/19 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

- Councillor Trimming asked in relation to Minute S169/19 and Minute S189 3. Matters Arising - Play Areas – Mini Football Goals at 20 Acre Playing Field if any progress had been made with regard to obtaining a new quote. The Clerk responded that a supplier had been contacted and that the supplier has requested additional information and some photographs in relation to proposed the location of the mini goal posts.
- Councillor Trimming asked in relation to Minute S191/19 5d. Car Parking Town Centre Development Site if the Council had received a reply to its enquiry. The replied that an initial “holding” reply had been received (and distributed to members) and a fuller reply was promised.

S210/19 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

S211/19 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.

- a. **CCTV. RESOLVED** to adopt the draft policy / procedure / guidelines (distributed) to determine any requests from third parties for the provision of additional CCTV installations within Bedlington, subject to minor punctuation amendments.
- b. **Environmental - Wildflower Meadow at Hartford Bridge. DEFERED** indefinitely to allow members an opportunity to put forward alternative proposals.
- c. **Administration - what3words – RESOLVED** that the use of the system was subject to the personal choice of members themselves and not a system that the Council wished use at this time.
- d. **Communication and Publicity. RESOLVED** to record and broadcast on Oxygen Radio a Christmas message from the Council at a cost of £50.
- e. **Remembrance Day Emergency First Aid Provision. RESOLVED** in principle (subject to obtaining specific costs) to provide an Emergency First Aid Provision at future Remembrance Day Parades and Services.
- f. **Gallagher Park Live 2020.** In relation to an invitation from East Bedlington Parish Council.
 - i. **Enter into a full 50/50 event partnership between the two respective councils. RESOLVED** not to enter into a full 50/50 partnership at this time.
 - ii. **Contribute financially to the 2020 event. RESOLVED** not to provide any financial contribution to the 2020 event.

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S212/19 - 6. BUS SHELTERS

No further update for this meeting.

S213/19 - 7. PUBLIC SEATS

No further update for this meeting.

S214/19 - 8. LITTER BINS

No further update for this meeting.

S215/19 – 9. PLAY AREAS

The Clerk confirmed that the new play area at Church Lane (20 Acre Playing Field) was complete but would remain closed until CCTV had been installed. A letter to residents in the immediate vicinity had been drafted to provide an update and was to be delivered without delay. Public notices to be fixed to the play area fence advising of the reason for the closer had also been prepared.

S216/19 - 10. ENVIROMENTAL

- I. **NOTED** the report of the Environmental Enforcement Officer.
- II. Councillor Thompson asked if Northumberland County Council could be alerted to an area of flooding in Dr Pit Park. The Clerk confirmed he would make the County Council aware of the area concerned which had previously been the site of Lime trees before they were removed.

S217/19 - 11. PLANNING**a. Applications Received for comment by the Council.**

None for This Meeting

b. Other Applications / Consultations.

Ref.	Description	Response Due	Councils Previous Comment
18/03529/FUL	TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 Proposed new dwelling & associated works Location Blue House Farm Cottages, Land To North West Of Blue House Farm Road Netherton Colliery NE22 6BB	The appeal commenced on 13th November 2019. All representations must be received within 5 weeks of this date	Comment previously submitted re proposed development been outside of the settlement boundary.

RESOLVED not to provide any further comment in relation to the planning appeal.

- c. **Other Planning Matters - Response to Councils planning application objection – Bedlingtonshire Golf Club Ltd.**
The Committee **RESOLVED** that Council Hogg is to prepare a draft response for distribution to the Committee ahead of sending.
- d. **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

S218/19 – 12. PUBLIC SUN DIAL

No further update for this meeting.

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S219/19 – 13. SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS

No further update for this meeting.

S220/19 – 14. SCHOOL ART IN BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk advised that three schools had now returned their art work and a reminder sent to the final school.

S221/19 – 15. CCTV

The installation of new camera at Church Lane, 20 Acre Playing Field had been ordered and is ongoing.

S222/19 – 16. LAMPPOST PAINTING PROJECT

No further update for this meeting.

S223/19 - 17. WAR MEMORIAL UPLIGHTS AND FLAGPOLE

No further update for this meeting.

S224/19 – 19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Taylor – 20 Acre Playing Field Play Area.

S225/19 – 20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 23rd January 2019 at 6.00pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

Any urgent planning matters will require the convening of a special meeting if they cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting. The Clerk will arrange as is necessary.

S226/19 – 21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 7.48pm.

Approved by the Chair

Date 23rd January 2020

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