



**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 November 2015 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:**

C Taylor (Chair)      A Hogg      K Dalton      J Dobie  
D Graham              P Hedley      M Robinson

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Town Clerk: S Young

3 members of the public in attendance.

**S063/15 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members of the Committee were present.

**S064/15 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 22 October 2015 are approved.**

**S065/15 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from minutes of 22 October 2015.

**S066/15 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Hogg declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 - Allotments.

**S067/15 – 5. ALLOTMENTS**

The Chair provided a verbal update to the Committee. The Chair was able to report that both Allotment Associations had in principle agreed the wording of the new leases. Assignment of the leases would be subject to the Allotment Association members' formal agreement and further negotiations between the Council and the Allotment Associations in relation to boundary fencing.

**S068/15 – 6. ATTLEE PARK TOILETS**

The Clerk advised that the architect was on behalf of the Council to submit a planning application in respect of the refurbishment. Further the architect is to submit a schedule of works together with an estimate of the related costs for consideration at budget setting meetings.

**Resolved - The Clerk is to contact Northumberland County Council again with regard to the condition of services / utilities going into the building and to ascertain any information relating to running costs.**

Chairman's initials

### **S069/15 - 7. BUS SHELTERS**

**Resolved – B&C Shelter Solutions are the Councils preferred supplier of bus shelters for the renewal project.**

**Resolved – that the initial phase of the renewal project should be:**

**Replacement of the 2 shelters outside Watson's newsagents with 1 large enclosed shelter**

**Replacement of shelters at Glebe Road (both sides of road), Front Street (Outside NCC offices and Front Street (outside Sun Inn) with 3 bay enclosed shelters.**

**Replacement of the shelter at Ridge Terrace with a 2 bay (3 sided) shelter.**

**Installation of 2 new 3 bay enclosed shelters at North Ridge / Ridge Villas.**

**All installations are subject to the relevant permissions.**

### **S070/15 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS**

The Clerk advised that the relocation of the existing seat at Willow Vale and the installation of a new replacement seat are scheduled for week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

Councillor Hogg advised the Committee about damage to the seat at Westlea playarea.

### **S071/15 - 9. 20 ACRE FIELD**

**Resolved to provide 2 new litter bins at each end of the pathway alongside 20 acre field (subject to relevant permissions).**

**Resolved to investigate funding possibilities for the provision of interactive play facilities at 20 Acre field.**

Councillor Hogg informed the Committee that there was already 3 vacant public seat bases available for siting seats in the future and these could be considered within next year's budget provision.

### **S072/15 – 10. LITTER BINS**

**Resolved to remove the existing post mounted bin at North Terrace and to provide a larger post mounted bin on the opposite side of the road. (The replacement bin is to be moved from outside Meadowdale Academy where it is surplus to requirements.**

**Resolved to provide a new litter bin in the area close to Eden Court / Whitely Memorial School.**

**Resolved not to relocate a litter bin currently behind the bus shelters near Chic Hairdressers to outside Watsons Newsagents.**

**Recorded vote requested by the Chair – For the resolution to relocate the bin Councillors Taylor and Robinson, Against the resolution to relocate the bin Councillors Dalton, Dobie, Hedley and Hogg.**

**Resolved – In respect of litter bins at 20 Acres see S071/15**

**Deferred – The Committee deferred a decision to provide a new litter bin at Nedderton Village in order to seek clarity from the resident with regard to their request.**

### **S073/15 - 11. GRIT BINS**

**Resolved to provide a Grit Bin at William Allan Homes Nedderton Lane Bedlington if both the application to Northumberland County Council and funding request to area County Councillor are unsuccessful.**

Chairman's initials

### **S074/15 – 12. PLAY AREAS**

Resolved to adopt the Play Area Risk Assessment.

Resolved to pay for NCC to open and lock the gates at Meadowdale playarea.

### **S075/15 – 13. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Resolved to accept the financial report provided by the Clerk.

### **S076/15 – 14. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES FROM NCC**

Resolved not to pay for any further additional services.

### **S077/15 – 15. PLANNING**

Applications received for comment by the Committee

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Response Due</b>
15/02868/TREECA	Works to trees St Cuthberts Church Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DT	8 <sup>TH</sup> Dec 2015
15/02982/FUL	Construction of a two storey side extension 11 Link Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6DN	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015
15/03687/HPA	A small infill extension to form a sun room 5 Beech Grove Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DA	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015
15/03697/CLPROP	Certificate of Lawfulness Property he Old Ging Gang Stable Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5RT	na
15/03726/MISC	Utility Services works to protected tree West Farm Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AR	na
15/03741/DISCON	Discharge of conditions The Old Vicarage Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DT	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015
15/03790/MISC	Replace 3no. existing antennas with 3no. Bedlington Telephone Exchange NE22 6JX	na

**Resolved – not to comment on the applications listed.**

### **S078/15 - 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Advance notice of any items to be brought forward to the next Services Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Councillor Robinson – Labelling of Council fixed assets.

Councillor Hogg – for information only – advised that the mapping of Council fixed assets was about 50% complete.

### **S079/15 – 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

**Approved by the Chair** .....

**17 December 2015**

Chairman's initials