



Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28 January 2016 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

C Taylor (Chair), A Hogg, K Dalton, J Dobie, P Hedley, M Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Town Clerk: S Young

3 members of the public in attendance.

S001/16 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham

Resolved to accept the apologies received.

S002/16 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 17 December 2015 are approved.

S003/16 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Robinson asked if the site visit (S088/15) had taken place.

Councillor Robinson and Councillor Hogg will undertake a site visit on Monday 1st Feb 2016 to determine the location of new litter bins at North Ridge / Link Avenue and Eden Court Bedlington.

S004/16 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

S005/16 – 5 ALLOTMENTS

In accordance with his declaration of interest Councillor Hogg left the meeting for this agenda item.

The Chair Councillor Taylor provided a verbal update to the Committee about a further meeting she held with both Allotment Associations with regard to the assignment of new leases.

In view of the pressing need for repairs to the fence at Ridge Terrace Allotments a resolution for an urgent matter was tabled.

Resolved to provide financial support to both allotment associations in consideration of their assignment to new leases and making the required repairs.

Chairman's initials

The exact financial support is subject to appropriate quotes and an upper limited of £3,000 for Ridge Terrace Allotment Association and £6,000 for Dr Pit Allotment Association.

S006/16 – 6. ATTLEE PARK

The Clerk confirmed that the planning application had now approved. The Architect is now progressing a building regulations package.

S007/16 - 7. BUS SHELTERS

The Chair Councillor Taylor provided a verbal update of a meeting and site visits that she, Councillor Hogg and the Clerk had with the Councils preferred supplier. Councillor Taylor outlined the purchase options available to maximise available discounts and to ensure spending remained within previously agreed budget levels.

Resolved to order 9 new shelters within the current financial year and a further 11 new shelters in April 2016 to be paid from the approved 2016/17 budget.

Resolved that subject to County Council approval to reposition the existing shelter at Choppington Lane near Chester Court Nursing Home to a new position set back from the footpath against the boundary fence of Chester Court as requested by residents.

S008/16 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS

Resolved to supply a new public seat at Hartford Bridge adjacent the current bus stop. The cost of purchase and installation to be met from the 2016/17 budget.

S009/16 - 9. LITTER BINS

Resolved to remove 3 post mounted bins in the area of St Cuthbert's Terrace Bedlington and replace with 1 ground mounted litter bin adjacent to the existing bus shelter.

Resolved to replace the existing open style litter bin with a new closed style litter bin at Nedderton Village following a resident's request.

S010/16 - 10. GRIT BINS

The Grit Bin at William Allan Homes Nedderton Lane Bedlington has been installed.

S011/16 – 11. PLAY AREAS

Nothing to report regarding Play Areas.

S012/16 – 12. FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the financial report provided by the Clerk.

S013/16 – 13. ASSET MANAGEMENT

Councillor Hogg provided a verbal update with regard to amendments to the fixed asset register.

S014/16 – 14. STREET LIGHTING RENEWAL

Resolved for The Clerk is to contact Northumberland County Council for a third time and request an urgent meeting to discuss amongst other issues the lack of consultation with the Town Council during the street lighting renewal project, the position of post mounted litter bins and requirements for CCTV on lamps and requirements for Christmas lighting displays.

Chairman's initials

S015/16 – 15. PLANNING

Ref.	Description	Response Due
16/00032/ PRUTPO	Works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order: Pollard 1no. large oak tree at Land North West Of The Haven Florin Court Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland	2nd February 2016.

The Committee had no comments to make with regard to the application.

S016/16 - 16. CCTV

Councillor Hogg provided an example and cost for the purchase of CCTV equipment.

S017/17 - 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

For information only The Clerk distributed copies of the new Northumberland County Council Street Cleansing Program.

S018/16 – 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 25th February 2016 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

Approved by the Chair

25 February 2016

Chairman's initials