



**WEST BEDLINGTON**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31 March 2016 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** C Taylor (Chair), K Dalton, D Graham, P Hedley, A Hogg, M Robinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Town Clerk: S Young

3 members of the public in attendance.

**S034/16** – In advance of the commencement of the meeting the Chair requested a revision to the order of the agenda.

**Resolved that Agenda Item 5 Allotments be moved to the end of the agenda.**

**S035/16 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dobie.

**Resolved to accept the apologies received.**

**S036/16 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 25 February 2016 are approved.**

**S037/16 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Robinson asked re (S025/16) when the new full end panels would be fitted to the new shelters currently with only half end panels. The Clerk was able to confirm the work is scheduled for the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Councillor Robinson was able to confirm that re (S028/16) Northumberland County Council had confirmed that the play equipment could be removed from The Grange Play Area.

Councillor Hogg asked if the Council had received any reply to its request to the owner to tidy up the land at the rear of 4 Market Place Bedlington Northumberland. The Clerk was able to confirm that to date no reply had been received.

**S038/16 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

Chairman's initials

#### **S039/16 – 6. ATTLEE PARK**

The Committee are still awaiting completion of Building Regulations drawings to enable it to seek refurbishment quotes.

Northumberland County Council Street Lighting team have agreed to look at the use of the current street lighting columns to supply power to the toilet block.

#### **S040/16 - 7. BUS SHELTERS**

**Resolved to order 11 (eleven) further bus shelters in accordance with the schedule distributed.**

**Resolved to paint the existing bus shelters on Hartford Road (x2) and opposite the entrance to Hartford Hall (x1).**

**Resolved to replace the existing panel with a viewing gap with a full size Perspex panel at the bus shelter at North Ridge (outbound).**

The Committee are still awaiting a reply to its request that the County Council improve the ground conditions at the shelters on Netherton Lane and Ridge Terrace.

**Resolved to place “No Smoking” signs in all of the new bus shelters.**

Councillor Robinson advised the Committee that a request for a new bus shelter at Johnny Johnson Homes Front Street East Bedlington (top of Atlee Bank) and he was currently discussing the positioning of the shelter with the property owner.

**Resolved - The Committee agreed to follow up an initial enquiry to Lidl Supermarkets from Bedlington Forum in relation to the provision of new bus shelters near the site of the proposed new store.**

#### **S041/16 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS**

**Resolved to purchase and install a “Chichester Style” public seat at Hartford Bridge.**

**Resolved to re-stain 16 public seats (8 in Market Place, 6 at the top of Atlee Bank, 1 on Hasop Way, Gallagher Park Entrance and 1 on Front Street East outside NCC Offices.**

#### **S042/16 - 9. LITTER BINS**

**Resolved to remove the post mounted dog waste bin at 20 Acre Field and transfer it to a location at the junction of Nedderton Lane / Peter House.**

**Resolved to provide a schedule of lamppost mounted litter bins to Northumberland County Council to ensure all existing bins are replaced following the current Street Lighting project.**

#### **S043/16 – 10. PLAY AREAS**

**Resolved that the Chair will invite all Committee members to an initial project meeting to discuss and plan for the refurbishment of the Councils play areas.**

#### **S044/16 – 11. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Resolved to accept the financial report provided by the Clerk.**

#### **S045/16 – 12. ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Councillor Hogg provided a detailed summary of Council assets including a RAG report indicating the current condition of assets. The summary included details of litter bin rationalising and removal of unused existing bins.

The Chair thanked Councillor Hogg for all the work he had undertaken to provide such a comprehensive report for the Committee.

#### **S046/16 – 13. STREET LIGHTING RENEWAL**

Councillors Hogg and Robinson reported on a meeting they had attended together with the Clerk and a representative of Northumberland County Council in relation to the issues the Committee had raised previously about the current Street Lighting Project.

The meeting was very positive and the Council received assurances that its concerns would be addressed.

Chairman's initials

**S047/16 – 14. CCTV**

Councillor Dalton provided details and an estimate of cost associated with the provision of a CCTV system to protect the Councils assets.

**Resolved that within the current financial year the cost were prohibitive but consideration would be given to a scheme in future budget planning.**

**S048/16 – 15. PLANNING**

Ref.	Description	Response Due
16/00643/FUL	Side extension to an existing house to form two bedroom house. Existing market housing is four bedroom. Proposed market housing to be one number two bedroom and one number three bedroom Location - 47 Alfred Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AZ	12th April 2016.

**Resolved not to comment on this application.**

**S049/16 – 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**S050/16 – 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre**

At this point members of the public were asked to leave the meeting.

**S051/16 – 5 ALLOTMENTS**

The committee through the Chair requested clarity on Councillor Hogg’s declaration of interest in relation to the allotments. Councillor Hogg stated that he felt he no longer had an interest in the allotments now that the lease with Ridge Terrace allotments had been finalised. The committee felt otherwise.

The Chair initiated a discussion around a letter Councillor Hogg had submitted to the Clerk concerning the Dr Pit allotment negotiations and as a result of his response the Committee felt that Councillor Hogg should review his lack of declaration and should consider maintaining his declared interest in the allotments.

Following this suggestion Councillor Hogg refused to change his stance and left the meeting.

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

**28 April 2016**

Chairman’s initials