

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



PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Town Clerk: S Young

0 members of the public in attendance.

S052/16 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies for absence were received. All committee members were present.

S053/16 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 31 March 2016 are approved.

Councillors Dalton, Dobie, Graham, Robinson and Taylor voted to approve the first amendment.

Councillors Hedley and Hogg voted against the first amendment.

S054/16 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Item 14 CCTV - Councillor Hogg sort permission from the Committee to make enquiries to ascertain costings for CCTV.

Item 14 CCTV – Councillor Robinson provided a verbal update of a meeting he and the Clerk attended with Northumberland County Council in relation to the County Councils current CCTV replacement project.

Resolved that at the next meeting the Committee will determine locations for the siting of two new CCTV cameras provided by Northumberland County Council.

Resolved that the provision of permanent CCTV will be deferred until the September 2016 meeting.

S055/16 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

Councillor Graham requested confirmation from Councillor Hogg that he had no disclosure in relation to Allotments and he reaffirmed that he did not have a disclosure to make. Following discussions during which the chair and other committee members voiced their concerns at this statement a decision was taken to seek clarification on Councillor Hogg's stance.

S056/16 – 5. ALLOTMENTS

No further update at this time.

The Clerk advised that he is in the process of convening a meeting to hear the recent complaints from Dr Pit Allotment Association.

S057/16. – 6 ATTLEE PARK

No further update at this time.

Resolved that the Clerk is instructed to contact the Architect for a progress report.

S058/16 - 7. BUS SHELTERS

The Chair confirmed the remaining new bus shelters have now been installed and that she was happy with the workmanship and appearance of the new shelters.

Councillor Dalton informed the committee that he had received several complimentary comments from residents about the new bus shelters.

The Clerk confirmed that the existing bus shelters were in the process of being repainted.

Chairman's initials

S059/16 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS

The Clerk confirmed that the re-staining of slats on the seats previously agreed was underway.

Resolved to re –stain the memorial seat North of W L Straughan on the red ash path.

Resolved to remove the seat near the changing rooms at Westlea and replace it with the seat currently within The Grange play area and repaint in “town” colours.

Resolved to make a payment to a resident for damage to a coat as a result of the re-staining of seat slats.

S060/16 - 9. LITTER BINS

Resolved that the Clerk is instructed to contact Northumberland County Council with regard to the replacement of lamppost mounted litter bins that have been removed as part of the street lighting renewal project.

Resolved not to provide a new bin at the rear of Forum Court at the present time. There is already a post mounted bin within the vicinity. However consideration will be given to providing a larger floor mounted bin next to the public seat in the future.

Resolved to forward the resident request for bins at Westlea Cemetery to Northumberland County Council who are responsible for the cemetery.

Resolved to relocate a current post mounted bin at North Ridge to a location adjacent to the bus shelter at the junction of Link Avenue / Netherton Lane.

S061/16 – 10. PLAY AREAS

Resolved that the Play Area Renewal Working Group will comprise of Councillor Dalton, Hedley, Hogg, Robinson and Taylor.

S062/16 – 11. FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the financial report provided by the Clerk.

S063/16 – 12. ASSET MANAGEMENT

No further update at this time.

S064/16 – 13. ENVIRONMENTAL

Committee members reported issues with street cleansing particularly at weekends.

Resolved that the Council will facilitate a community meeting on Wednesday 4th May 2016.

Resolved to report to Northumberland County Council for enforcement action the level of litter left at Astons Bar on a weekend.

Resolved to instruct the painter to “touch up” the areas of the railings damaged by the hanging of banners at The Red Lion and Carlton House.

Resolved to request payment for the remedial work undertaken from Weatherspoons and Northumbria Water.

S065/16 – 15. PLANNING

There were no planning applications to consider for this meeting.

S066/16 – 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk will ahead of the next committee meeting forward to all committee members details of CCTV “Code of Practice – 12 Principles”.

S067/16 – 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 26th May 2016 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre

Approved by the Chair

26 May 2016

Chairman’s initials