



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2016 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

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

COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT: J Tyler, S Tyler.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Town Clerk S Young and 10 Members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations for this meeting.

OPEN SESSION

- A resident asked who the best person would be to contact with regard to the maintenance and upkeep of the path leading to Gallagher Park from Slaley Court.
The Chair advised that the path was the responsibility of Northumberland County Council and The Clerk provided the resident with a contact number for the Countryside Officer of Northumberland County Council.
- A resident provided details of the outcome of the recent planning applications at Humford Mill and along with another resident thanked the Council and its members for its support in opposing the application.
- A resident kindly provided an update in relation to the ongoing planning for the community picnic event to be held on 9th July 2016.
The Chair thanked the resident for her update and continued work and commitment to bring this community event to Bedlington.

C0069/16 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

C070/16 - 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting of 12th May 2016 are approved.

C071/16 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Hedley commented in relation to Minute C066/16 Residents Newsletter that some addresses in Hartford Bridge had not received their copy of the residents' newsletter.

C072/16 – 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

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C073/16 - 5. CHAIRS UPDATE

The Chair provided updates on the matters detailed in Appendix D – Chairs Update

C074/16 - 6. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS

- a. Finance and Governance – Councillor Robinson provided a verbal update in support of his written report (previously submitted).
- b. Events and Communication working group – Councillor Graham provided a verbal update in relation to the up and coming Bedlington Picnic and Street Fair.
- c. Services Committee – The Committee Chair Councillor Taylor provided a verbal update in support of the previously distributed draft copy of the minutes from the Services Committee meeting held on 31st March 2016.

Resolved to accept all committee / working group reports

C075/16 - 7. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

- a. **Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Finance and Governance Working Group in relation to extend The Clerks working hours from 30 hours per week to 32 hours per week.**
- b. **Resolved to renew the Councils annual subscription to the Northumberland Association of Local Councils at a cost of £1,287.17**

C076/16 – 8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council were informed of the following correspondence:

Ref	From	Summary	Action
77/16	Northumberland CVA	Volunteers Week	Noted and Circulated
78/16	CAN	April 2016 Enews	Noted and Circulated
79/16	Northumbria Healthcare	Stakeholder Update	Noted and Circulated
80/16	Caring for Rothbury Action Group	Demonstration Update	Noted and Circulated
81/16	Public Health Northumberland	Love Northumberland Hate Litter 2016	Noted and Circulated
82/16	NALC	Enews 11 May 2016	Noted and Circulated
83/16	Democratic Services NCC	Councillor Declaration of Interests	Noted and Circulated
84/16	Leading Link	Look North Debate	Noted and Circulated
85/16	Bryn Owen	Thanks for Planning Review Update	Noted and Circulated
86/16	NALC	Enews 17 May 2016	Noted and Circulated
87/16	NALC	Housing and Planning Bill Update	Noted and Circulated
88/16	Northumberland County Council	Household Recovery Centres Review	Noted and Circulated
89/16	Northumberland County Council	Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan	Noted and Circulated
90/16	Hayley Livingstone	Thanks for making Annual Meeting of Town special for children too.	Noted and Circulated
91/16	NALC	Enews 24 May 2016	Noted and Circulated
92/16	Northumberland County Council	Bogus Caller Scam	Noted and Circulated
93/16	Arch	News Release	Noted and Circulated Noted and Circulated
94/16	Bedlington Forum	AGM and Meeting 13 th June 2016	Noted and Circulated
94/16	Arch	Letter to residents effected by Tesco demolition	Noted and Circulated

West Bedlington Town Council has been requested to give their opinion on the following consultations:

Owner	Description	Where and When
	No consultations this meeting	

The following invitations have been received:

Date	From	Description	Comments
14 th May 16	Caring for Rothbury Action Group	Mass Gathering	Circulated

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Various	Highways England	A1 Northumberland Improvement Programme	Circulated
5 th June 16	Bedlington Terrier Association	Annual Meeting and Fun Day	Circulated

Resolved that all correspondence, consultations and invitations have been properly received and actioned.

C077/16 - 9. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Feedback from Councillor Representatives on external committees

- Town / Parish Liaison Committee (Councillor Robinson) – written report circulated and accepted.
- NALC – (Councillor Dalton) – no meeting to report upon.
- LMAPS now Community Safety Hub– (Councillor Hedley) – written report circulated and accepted.
- Northumberland In Bloom – (Councillor Taylor) – no meeting to report upon.
- Red House Farm residents Group – (Councillor Hogg) – no meeting to report upon.
- Joint Meetings with East Bedlington Parish Council – no meeting to report upon.
- Gallagher Park Steering Group – (Councillor Dalton) – written report circulated and accepted.
- Dr Pit Stakeholder Meetings – (Councillor Dalton) – no meeting to report upon.
- Bedlington Steering Group – (Councillor Graham) – no meeting to report upon.

Resolved to accept all reports provided.

C078/16 - 10. CLERKS REPORT

Resolved to accept the Clerks written report and verbal update (Appendix A).

C079/16 - 11. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments and receipts (Appendix B).

C080/16 - 12. PLANNING

Ref.	Description	Response Due
16/01477/FUL	Proposed front porch to house Location 9 South Farm Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BH	15th June 2016
16/01516/FUL	Proposed 2 storey extension plus roof; Single storey garage; Change flat roof to quad pitch slated roof to match existing Location 17 Rosalind Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5BA	21st June 2016

Resolved not to make any comment on these applications.

Planning decisions are shown in Appendix C for information only.

C081/16 - 13. COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND APPLICATIONS

- **Resolved to award £298.51 to Bedlington Juniors Football Club.**
- **Resolved to award £200.00 to Morpeth and District Caged Birds Society.**

C082/16 - 14. RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

Noted that some addresses in Hartford Bridge had not received the resident's newsletter. The Clerk will determine deadline dates with the printer and distributor to facilitate an Autumn Edition delivery of the end of October 2016 and provide details to members.

C083/16 – 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Hedley provided information about the planned commemoration of the battle of the Somme and requested members to respond to their invitations to the event.

Councillor Hogg requested that the following items be included within the next meeting agenda – Police report, and a Review of Community Chest application maximum award limit.

C089/16 – 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved the next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 6.30pm at Bedlington Community Centre

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Signed by the Chair

14th July 2016

Appendix A, B and D Form Part of these minutes.

Appendix A – Clerks Report (Agenda Item 10).

West Bedlington Town Council - Council Meeting Thursday 9th June 2016 - **Clerk Report**

Services

Litter Bins – The 8 new bins have all been installed and any associated post mounted litter bins have been removed or transferred to new locations as previously agreed.

The new bin for 20 Acre field is to be ordered.

Allotments - I met with Mr David Banks from the National Association of Allotments again yesterday in relation to Dr Pit Allotment Associations, David has prepared a new lease for both parties to consider.

The Council heard the complaints from Dr Pit Allotment Association on 1st June 2016. The Allotment Association agreed to withdraw one complaint. The Committee hearing the complaint found that there was no or insufficient evidence to uphold the complaint and accordingly it was dismissed. The Allotment Association was notified of the decision on the day and that was confirmed in writing with information on how to appeal the decision if appropriate.

Bus Shelters - still to do – apply name transfers to the repainted bus shelters and to provide an extension to the concrete foundation pad to provide better access to the shelter near Chester Court – a quote has been requested.

War Memorial - We have been assured by NCC that they will in future include grass collection when cutting the grass at the War Memorial.

Communications

The new website has experienced some hosting issues – the problem has been resolved but the website was down over a whole weekend. One of the mitigating reasons for the delay in resolving the issue was that the website developer was prevented from accessing the website by the web host. The website developer has offered to host the website in future to help remove this issue. A costed proposal will be available for Council consideration in time for the next Council meeting.

The resident's newsletter has been delivered throughout the town (though I am aware of one area of the town that was missed) very promptly and at a considerable lower cost than budgeted for. The newsletter has been very well received by residents and the office has recorded several notes of appreciation and thanks. Unfortunately the Councils request for suggestions within the newsletter has not been very successful with only limited responses.

General

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The office has received lots of positive comments and thanks from residents, parents of children and organisations in relation to The Annual Meeting of The Town held on 18th May 2016.

Clerks Holidays to next Council Meeting.

The office will be closed due to the Clerks leave:

PM Friday 10th June 2016.

PM Wednesday 15th June 2016.

ALL DAY Friday 17th June 2016.

Appendix B – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 12) Payment 1st March 2016 to 31st March 2016 – All payment GROSS of VAT.

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Description
Viking Payments	49.92			Stationary
Talk Talk Business	33.00			Telephone + Internet
Kaspersky	24.99			Internet Security
Michael Doherty	776.00			Painting of Council Assets
Steven Matlocks	79.99			Replacement Jacket
Northumberland County Council	336.00			Building Regulations Application Fee
Bizzy Bees	200.00			Meeting Buffet
Smart Office Systems Ltd	105.54			Printer Costs
Sports Direct	24.99			Certificate Frames
R&L Keenleyside Ltd	505.07			Paint
Zen Internet Ltd	4.79			Internet Hosting
MW Design	2,175.00			Newsletter Printing + Design
Viking Payments	215.86			Postage Stamps + No Smoking Signs
Northumberland County Council	2,531.90			Payroll Costs
ThruYorDoor	202.50			Newsletter Delivery
HMRC	(10,969.02)			VAT Refund
Viking Payments	78.50			Postage Stamps + Stationary
Sleekburn Welding Ltd	1,500.00			Disposal of Play Equipment
Sleekburn Welding Ltd	294.00			Disposal of Litter Bins

Appendix C - Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC - Information Only

Ref.	Description	Decision
16/00445/FUL	Demolition of rear of existing Tesco store Location Former Tesco Market Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TN	Granted
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	Withdrawn
15/01080/OUT	Outline permission: Residential development for up to 180 dwellings Location Land East And South East Of Blue House Farm Netherton Road Bedlington Northumberland	Granted
16/00962/FUL	Erection of Artwork Location Land North Of 33 Netherton Lane Bedlington Northumberland	Granted
16/00963/FUL	Erection of artwork Location Proposed Site Of For Erection Of Art Work Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6LA	Granted
16/00960/FUL	Proposed erection of artwork Location Attlee Park Bedlington Bank Bedlington Northumberland	Granted

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16/00961/FUL	Proposed erection of artwork Location Land At Hartford Road Bedlington Northumberland	Granted
16/00566/FUL	Construction of single detached dwelling on land west of existing house Location Land West Of Humford Mill Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5RT	Refused
16/00565/FUL	Construction of single detached dwelling on grass paddock Location Humford Mill Country Park Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5RT	Refused
No 2 of 2016	Tree Preservation Order – Land at Netherton Hall, Netherton Road Nedderton Village Bedlington	1 st Feb 2016

APPENDIX D – Chairs Update (Agenda Item 5)

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