

**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23 June 2016 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** C Taylor (Chair), K Dalton, J Dobie, P Hedley, A Hogg (6.35pm), M Robinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Town Clerk: S Young

3 members of the public in attendance.

**S090/16 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Graham and J Tyler.

**Resolved to accept the apologies received.**

**S091/16 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 26 May 2016 are approved.**

**S092/16 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Services Committee minutes held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**S093/16 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Taylor declared an interest in relation to Pre Planning Application 16/00242/PREAPP.

**S094/16 – 5. ALLOTMENTS**

- I. **Resolved to amend errors and request clarification on some specific points in the draft proposed lease for Dr Pit and await the revised edition from the National Association of Allotments.**
- II. Deferred a decision on the assignment to the lease to a future meeting.
- III. Councillor Robinson provided information in relation to the completed refurbishment of the fence at Ridge Terrace Allotments.

**S095/16. – 6 ATTLEE PARK**

- I. **Resolved to accept quote from W L Straughan for the clearing of the footpath to Attlee Park in readiness for the Bedlington Community Picnic on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**
- II. Northumberland County Council (GB) have confirmed that they will try one more time to identify the source of the power supply to the toilet block.

**Approved that Councillor Robinson can progress quotes for the refurbishment of the toilet block.**

**S096/16 - 7. BUS SHELTERS**

**Resolved that the clerk contact Lidl again with a view of receiving a contribution towards the cost of providing two new bus shelters on Schalksmuhle Road.**

Councillor Robinson advised that he had secured permission from the land owner to position a new bus shelter outside Wansbeck Court subject to the Council receiving funding for the project.

The Clerk confirmed that the concrete surround to the newly installed bus shelter at Chester Court had been completed.

**S097/16 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS**

No update in relation to public seats.

**S098/16 - 9. LITTER BINS**

The Chair updated the Committee in relation to a recent meeting she, The Council Chair and the Clerk had Chairman's initials

with representatives from Northumberland County Council. Subject to the availability of appropriate funding it may be possible to bring forward the replacement post mounted litter bin project into the current financial year.

Councillor Hogg joined the meeting at 6.30pm

**S099/16 – 10. PLAY AREAS**

**Resolved to make immediate contact with Northumberland County Council to bring about an end to the recent issues around the opening and closing of the gates at Meadowdale play area.**

**Resolved to close the Meadowdale play area unless a satisfactory arrangement could be put in place immediately.**

**Resolved to issue a mail shot questionnaire to commence consultation on the play area renewal project, initially to homes close to the existing play areas and the Councils Youth Council.**

**Resolved to pay the cost of the Youth Council consultation to Leading Link.**

**S100/16 – 11. FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**S101/16 – 12. ENVIROMENTAL**

**Resolved to request a quote for the painting of litter bins along Front Street Bedlington.**

**Resolved to request a quote for the painting of railings in Bedlington Market Place.**

Councillor Robinson advised that Northumberland County Council had confirmed their intention to paint all the new lampposts within the conversation area "Green" as previously requested.

**S102/16 – 13. PLANNING**

**Resolved not to make any comments in relation to applications 16/0184/CCD and 16/01878/FUL**

**Resolved to comment on application 16/01798/ADI – to the effect that the suggested flag poles were excessive and to tall and would have a detrimental visual impact.**

**Resolved to enquire about farm access in relation to application 16/01785/REM.**

Through the Chair the Committee agreed to consider 2 (two) further planning items not on the agenda originally but which have been received and insufficient time is available to make a response of the next planned Council meeting.

**Resolved that Councillors Hedley and Robinson should represent the Council at both the site meeting (4<sup>th</sup> July) and planning committee meeting (5<sup>th</sup> July) in relation to application 16/00511/VARYCO.**

**Resolved to register an interest and provide comments in relation to pre planning application 16/00242PREAPP.**

**S103/16 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Defibrillators had been received and that any Council business in relation to the defibrillators in the future would be dealt with through the Services Committee portfolio.

**S104/16 – 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 23rd June 2016 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre.**

**Resolved that in the absence of the Clerk Councillor Robinson would record any decisions at the meeting in readiness for the Clerk preparing the minutes upon his return.**

Approved by the Chair .....

28 July 2016

Chairman's initials