

**Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at
Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington.
on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 6.30pm.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
S22/96		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed, Todd, D Wallace, and R Wallace. 2 (Two) members of the public.
S22/97	a.	Apologies for Absence. i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.	i. Apologies for absence were NOTED for Councillors Taylor, and Thompson. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
S22/98	b.	Declaration of Interests. i. Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 12th July 2012. ii. To consider any requests for dispensations.	i. There were no Declarations of Interest for this meeting. ii. No dispensations for this meeting.

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS / SUMMARY OF DELEGATED DECISIONS

		Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions	Determination
S22/99	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Meeting held on 28 th April 2022.	RESOLVED (subject to correction one typing error) that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee held on 28 th April 2022 are APPROVED as a true record.
S22/100	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items	There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 28 th April 2022.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

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S22/101	a.	<p>Meadowdale Play Area Gates This matter was deferred from the Services Committee held on 24th March 2022 to obtain advice from The Councils insurers (distributed to members). The Committee are asked to provide a response to Northumberland County Councils request for advice in relation to the closing of Meadowdale Play Area Gates as follows "If when the park is to be locked any users refuse to leave the play area should they still lock the park (as they are currently doing) or leave it open?" Copy of request distributed to members.</p>	RESOLVED to close the play area with immediate effect. Also RESOLVED to appoint Reay Security (one month trial basis) to lock the gates on an evening and ask them to commence the service without delay. Morning opening of the gates to be carried out by volunteers.												
S22/102	b.	<p>Litter Bin Removal Request The Committee are requested to discuss and decide upon a request from Northumberland County Councils Neighbourhood Services Team to remove the litter bin located opposite number 38 Hartlands, Bedlington (request distributed to members).</p>	RESOLVED to fulfil the request and have the litter bin removed.												
S22/103	c.	<p>Market Place Seats – Quotes for Installation The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon quotes received for the installation of the new public seats in Bedlington Market Place. (Quotes received to date distributed to members).</p>	RESOLVED to ACCEPT and APPROVE the quote from Spring View Landscaping for the installation of the new public seats in Bedlington Market Place												
S22/104	d.	<p>Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested. The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the Planning applications received for comment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="295 913 1023 1765"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>22/01515/FELTPO</td> <td>Tree preservation order : T1 - Spruce (fell due to instability of tree and risk of falling onto adjacent buildings) Location 9 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BG</td> <td>1st June 2022.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22/01585/FUL</td> <td>Retrospective: Change of use from Public House (use class Sui Generis) into mixed use as Bar/Restaurant. Front and rear outdoor terrace with 1.0M high timber pillar box and timber inset and conversion of outbuilding into ancillary food serving building. Location Mood Hospitality 8 Market Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TN</td> <td>8th June 2022.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	22/01515/FELTPO	Tree preservation order : T1 - Spruce (fell due to instability of tree and risk of falling onto adjacent buildings) Location 9 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BG	1st June 2022.	22/01585/FUL	Retrospective: Change of use from Public House (use class Sui Generis) into mixed use as Bar/Restaurant. Front and rear outdoor terrace with 1.0M high timber pillar box and timber inset and conversion of outbuilding into ancillary food serving building. Location Mood Hospitality 8 Market Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TN	8th June 2022.	<table border="1" data-bbox="1050 913 1501 1765"> <thead> <tr> <th>Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>No Comment</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>RESOLVED to submit a neutral comment – neither for nor against the application.</p> <p>Councillor R Wallace Requested that the vote upon the neutral comment be recorded as follows For a neutral comment – Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed and D Wallace. Against a neutral comment – Councillor R Wallace Councillor Todd abstained from the vote.</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	No Comment	<p>RESOLVED to submit a neutral comment – neither for nor against the application.</p> <p>Councillor R Wallace Requested that the vote upon the neutral comment be recorded as follows For a neutral comment – Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed and D Wallace. Against a neutral comment – Councillor R Wallace Councillor Todd abstained from the vote.</p>
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PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)		
S22/105	a.	Bus Shelters
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ No further update for this meeting.
		2 Any member updates. ○ Councillor Hogg reported the bus shelter at Ridge Villas had a loose panel and also the bus shelter at North Ridge had beading hanging down – Clerk to arrange a repairs.
S22/106	b.	Defibrillators
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ All installed and available for use. Monthly “health checks” to be commenced – need to advertise for “Guardians”.
		2 Any Member Updates. No members update.
S22/107	c.	CCTV
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ No further update for this meeting.
		2 Any member updates No members update.
S22/108	d.	Environmental
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ Awaiting quotes for Street Furniture painting. ○ Meeting with Communities Officer from The Great Northumberland Forest scheduled for 31 st May 2022 at 11am.
		2 Any member updates No members update.
S22/109	e.	Litter Bins
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ Awaiting quote for Front Street Litter Bins removal or repair and costs of replacement bins for comparison and decision. ○ Delay on delivery of bins for Whitsun Grove – delivery now expected to be end of June 2022.
		2 Any member updates The Clerk to contact NCC Neighbourhood Services re a capacity issue with the bin near The Green Letch.
S22/110	f.	Play Areas
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ No further update for this meeting.
		2 Any member updates Meadowdale Play Area on current agenda.
S22/111	g.	Public Seats
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ The Market Place, Bedlington new public seating installation quotes on agenda
		2 Any member updates No members update.
S22/112	h.	School Art in Bus Shelters.
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ Installation of artwork expected 23 rd – 24 th May 2022.
		2 Any Member Updates. No members update.
S22/113	i.	Speed Reduction Signs.
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ No further update for this meeting.
		2 Any Member Updates. No members update.
S22/114	j.	War Memorial.
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed ○ The “reset” of the surround plinths has been completed.
		2 Any Member Updates. No members update.

S22/115		Items a. to j - All updates NOTED
S22/116	k.	Any other information in relation to Services (not covered on agenda) Any matters that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only no proposals or voting on these matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Clerk apologised for not including the annual election of the Committee Chair within the current agenda – it is to be included on the next agenda.
S22/117	l.	Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED The next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 15 th June 2022.
S22/118		The Chair closed the meeting at 7.39pm

PART D – EXEMPT BUSINESS.

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
S22/119	a.	Bedlington Community Centre.	No further update for the meeting.

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Adam Hogg, Wendy Reed, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jayne Todd, Di Wallace, Russ Wallace.

Signed by Chair

Date