Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 6.30pm.





	Interests.	
	In Attendance	Councillors Henderson, Hogg (Chair), and Thompson.  0 (zero) member of the public in attendance.
a.	<ul> <li>Apologies for Absence.</li> <li>i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors.</li> <li>ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.</li> </ul>	i. Apologies for absence from Councillor Hedley and Taylor were <b>NOTED</b> .      ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
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.	i. There were no Declarations of Interest for this meeting.   ii. No dispensations for this meeting.
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## **PART B - MATTERS FOR DECISION**

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

		Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions	Determination
S23/211	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the West Bedlington
		the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services	Town Council Services Committee held on 28th
		Committee Meeting held on 28th September 2023.	September 2023 are <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.
S23/212	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of	There were no matters arising from the minutes of the
		the last meeting that are not included as agenda	meeting held on 28th September 2023.
		items	

## 2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
		Front Street Flower Pots, Troughs and Planters.	<b>Deferred</b> until a budget for the project(s) has been
S23/213	a.	Deferred from meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	agreed by full Council.
		The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon	
		future strategy for the planting of flower pots, troughs	Agreed that any provision of new containers and feature
		and planter on Front Street, Bedlington. To include	shrubs should be met from Reserves and any costs
		<ul> <li>Provision of new containers</li> </ul>	associated with annual planting should be included with
		<ul> <li>Planting Strategy and number of seasonal</li> </ul>	the Councils ongoing budget provision.
		plantings	
		<ul> <li>Supplier / Planter options.</li> </ul>	Clerk to include these items on the next Council meeting
		<ul> <li>Plans for gravel area (site of old public</li> </ul>	agenda.
		toilets).	

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			ould need to seek forma		
		-	if any spending plans are	not within	
		the Committees b			
S23/214	b.	Front Street Cast			
		-	uotes for the following se	ervices in	
			Street Cast Iron Bins.	O for all 21	ADDROVED on initial "groose up" at a cost of C70 for
		bins.	all hinges and locks - £70	o for all 21	i. APPROVED an initial "grease up" at a cost of £70 for all 21 bins.
		li To "free up" stiff bin doors, remove old and install a			ii. APPROVED to "free up" the 5 (five) bins that are
			d washer (to prevent rec		extremely stiff at a cost of £180 per bin.
		£180 per bin including materials. Currently there are 5			·
			ed as been extremely stif		
S23/215	c.		ions – Where Comment	s Have Been	
		Requested.			
			sked to discuss and decide ments in relation to the		
		applications recei		riaiiiiiig	
			ved for comment.		
		Ref.	Description	Response	Determination
			L. LAL	Due Date	
			Internal Alterations, Conversion of Garage		
			to form Kitchen and		
			Utility and single	30th	
			storey side extension	October	No Comment
		23/03688/FUL	to form bathroom	2023.	
			and en-		
			Suite Location 41		
			Glebe Mews The Chesters		
			Northumberland		
			NE22 6LJ		
			Advertisement		
			Consent For: 1no.		
		 	Marketing Suite		
			Fascia with LED		
			illumination; 1no. Large "Welcome"		
			Monolith; 1no.		
			Availability		
			Totem ("Availability	26th	
		23/03470/ADE	Monolith"); 5no.	October	
			Medium Monolith	2023.	No Comment
			"Visitor		
			Parking"; 1no. Small		
			Monolith "Opening Times"; 2no. Small		
			Monolith		
			"Housetype"; and		
			6no. Branded Flags.		
			Location Land South		
			West Of Glebe Farm		
			Choppington Road		
			Bedlington		
			Northumberland.		
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## PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

			Ma	tters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)		
S23/216	a.	a. Bus Shelters				
			Work In Progress / Recently Completed	Nothing for this meeting.		
		2	Any member updates.	<ul> <li>Councillor reported that the repainting of the "older style" shelters was almost complete with only one shelter to be repainted.</li> </ul>		
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S23/217	b. Defibrillators					
			Work In Progress /	Nothing for this meeting.		
			Recently Completed			
		2	Any Member Updates.	O Nothing for this meeting.		
S23/218	C.	CCTV				
323/210	C.	I	Work In Progress /	Site visit to a service provider on 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 deferred to future date.		
			Recently Completed	o site visit to a service provider on 13 out 2023 deterred to ratare date.		
			Any member updates	Councillor Thompson to arrange a new date for a site visit to potential		
				supplier for herself and Councillor Taylor.		
				o Clerk to reply to Police enquiry re location of existing units and potential to		
				relocate.		
S23/219	d.	Enviro	onmental			
323/219	u.	I — —	Work In Progress /	Front Street Planters etc. on current agenda.		
			Recently Completed	o Tront Street Flanters etc. On current agenua.		
			Any member updates	Councillor Henderson noted that the trees removed thr green beside Ridge		
			,	Villas had note been replaced by Northumberland County Council.		
S23/220	e.	Litter	Bins			
		1	Work In Progress /	Nothing for this meeting.		
			Recently Completed			
		2	Any member updates	o Councillor Henderson reported that generally (and specifically in relation to		
				bins along the Black Path) overgrown grass was obstructing the litter bin		
				doors. The Clerk will contact NCC Neighbourhood Services team.		
S23/221	f.	. Play Areas				
323/221	١.	I	Work In Progress /	Safety signs at Meadowdale Play Area fixed in place (update to be fixed)		
			Recently Completed	imminently).		
			Any member updates	Councillor Henderson reported that some of the information signs at		
				Meadowdale Play Area had been tampered with. Clerk to review the signs		
				condition.		
				Councillor Thompson reported that the zipwire at West Lea play area was		
				very stiff and needed adjusting. Clerk to arrange an inspection.		
S23/222	g.	Public	Seats			
	٥.	I	Work In Progress /	Nothing for this meeting.		
			Recently Completed			
			Any member updates	Nothing for this meeting.		
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S23/223	h.	I	Art in Bus	Clarity and an artist of the state of the st		
			Work In Progress /	o Clerk to collect art work from all four schools on 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.		
		1	Recently Completed Any Member Updates.	Nothing For This Meeting		
			Any Member Opuates.	O Motiming For This Miceting		
S23/224	i.	Speed	Reduction Signs.			
		I -	Work In Progress /	o A resident reported one of the signs at Nedderton Village was out of action		
			Recently Completed	<ul> <li>Clerk has arranged an engineer to visit and repair.</li> </ul>		
				Requested NCC to cut back growth above solar panel on sign near High		
				Ewart Hartford Road Bedlington.		

		2	Any Member Updates.	<ul> <li>Councillor Thompson asked about retrieving data from the Speed Signs on Church Lane, Bedlington. Clerk will resend the previously distributed manual for the speed signs for members to decide how best to do this or if a cost could be obtained from the speed sign provider.</li> </ul>		
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S23/225	j.	War I	Memorial.	<u>,                                      </u>		
			Work In Progress / Recently Completed	New names have now been added		
		2	Any Member Updates.	Councillor Thompson suggested this would be a good article for a future     Town Council newsletter etc.		
S23/226	k.	Bedlington Community Centre.				
		1	Work In Progress / Recently	Nothing For This Meeting		
			Completed			
		2	Any Member Updates.	Nothing For This Meeting.		
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S23/227		Items a. to k - All updates NOTED				
S23/228	I.	RESOLVED				
		The n	ext scheduled meeting of the	Services Committee is on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 6.30pm in Bedlington		
		Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington.				
		Please note the agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023.				
S23/229		The C	Chair closed the meeting at 7.4	12pm		

## 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
S23/230	Nothing For This Meeting	

## **WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:**

Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson.

Signed by Chair	Date	е