**EAST BEDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014, 6:00pm at East Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors:

Alex Wallace

P Hedley

J Dobie

1. Watson

E. Dickson

D Graham

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Parish Clerk, Assistant Parish Clerk and 3 members.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chair welcomed all present. He explained that the open session was their opportunity to raise questions and make comments in connection with the business to be conducted as they were excluded from doing so once the business had commenced.

There were no questions raised however, Councillors Stewart and Parker expressed their gratitude for the Council’s cards and messages of support.

Before moving on to the business the Chair thanked all concerned with the organisation and running of the Christmas Switch On” event that had been a great success. In particular he thanked Councillor Paul Hedley for the part he had played in making the event memorable to the younger members of our community.

**CO120/14 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor Nichola Hogarth.

**Resolved**

**That the apology for absence be accepted.**

**CO121/14 2.MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th November 2014 be agreed as a true record.

**CO122/14 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Joe Dobie referred to minute CO107/14 and commented on how honoured he was to have laid the remembrance wreath on behalf of the Council.

**CO123/14 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS**

No declarations applicable to the business to be conducted.

**CO124/14 5. POLICE REPORT**

**A written report was circulated.**

**RESOLVED**

**That the police report be noted.**

**CO125/14 6. CORRESPONDANCE**

**RESOLVED**

**That the correspondence be noted.**

**CO126/14 7. CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk provided an update on significant issues and advised the following;

* The new seats at Cambois War Memorial had been well received by the public and thanked Councillor Gobin for his contribution.
* A new play area seat was on order and would be installed shortly and once again expressed the Council’s gratitude to Councillor Gobin
* Following on from the chairs opening remarks he reported that there had been no seasonal display provided by the traders and that it had been necessary for the Council to take the initiative at a late stage. However, the initial feedback from the public was encouraging.
* Of significance he advised that the consultation dates for the draft core strategy had been notified and circulated to members
* Referring to minute Co097/14 he advised that a replacement bin to replace that outside 14, Glassey Terrace and been received and would soon be installed.

**RESOLVED**

**That the clerks report be noted.**

**CO127/14 8. INVOICES AND PAYMENT VOUCHERS**

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| **Payment reference** | **Details** | **amount £** |
| V95 | M Whitfield Building Services - install seats | 138.00 |
| V96 | M W Design Ltd - Newsletters | 1356.00 |
| V97 | Royal British Legion - The Poppy Appeal | 175.00 |
| DBB | BT | 105.37 |
| V98 | BDN Limited - structural Engineering - EBCC | 4680.00 |
| V99 | R Thornton (Clerks Expenses) | 138.81 |
| V100 | Birch Landscapes – Play Areas | 762.00 |
| V101 | R & L Keenleyside Ltd - Electricity recharge | 373.72 |
| V102 | ThruYourDoor – Newsletter delivery | 188.65 |
| V103 | ABS Ltd - stationery | 91.00 |
| V104 | Northumberland County Council - payroll November | 3659.47 |
| DBB | Bank Charges | 16.05 |
| V105 | R & L Keenleysides – water recharge | 67.76 |
| V106 | Glasdon – free standing bin | 154.47 |

**RESOLVED**

**That the schedule of invoices and payment vouchers be approved.**

**CO128/14 9. INCOME**

**The Clerk reported income received of £5,736.20 House Builder Grant and £2,000 contribution to War Memorial from County Councillor Jeff Gobin.**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council notes income received.**

**CO129/14 10. FINANCIAL POSITION**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council notes the cleared balance at 25th November 2014 of £95,693.12.**

**CO130/14 11. BANK RECONCILIATION**

**RESOLVED**

**That the bank reconciliation up to 31st October 2014 be approved.**

**CO131/14 12. BUDGET REPORT**

The clerk provided an update on the probable outturn for 2014/15 and advised that the Council would need to set its annual precept on the 6th January 2015 or organise an additional council meeting in order to comply with NCC’s deadline.

**RESOLVED**

1. **That the clerk’s budget report be noted.**
2. **That a budget working group be convened at the earliest opportunity and its recommendations be submitted to a special Council meeting (date and time to be determined) in January with a review to setting the parish precept.**

**CO132/14 13. MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**13.1 Attendance at Choysez open evening.**

**RESOLVED**

**That that members wishing to attend should advise the clerk.**

**CO133/14 14. OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Delegates Reports**

15.1 NALC – No report.

15.2 East Bedlington Community Centre – the Clerk in his capacity as trustee provided an update. He advised that the trustees had been successful in progressing to stage 3 and that a decision from Garfield Weston was expected in January.

15.3 Friends of Gallagher Park – Councillor David Graham provided an update on a Steering Group Meeting held on 26 November and a subsequent site visit both of which had been attended by the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that he had reservations regarding the proposed location of a new pavilion that was to cost an estimated £475,000. His concerns included the following;

* The proposed location took up potential car parking space that would be required when the new facilities were available
* The Location hampered further development of the Park
* The location prevented viewing of the sporting attractions
* The location would prevent a marquee being attached when holding larger sports / Community events
* The location could be subject to flooding.

The Clerk also advised that the design of the pavilion was such that the toilet facilities would not be open to the public unless sporting activities were taking place.

The Clerk added that many of his concerns were shared by Bedlington Forum and Bedlingtonshire Development Trust

**RESOLVED**

**That the delegate’s reports are noted.**

**CO134/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

With no other urgent business the Chair invited all present to joint he for seasonal hospitality after the meeting and wish all present a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council will be 6pm Tuesday 6th January 2015 at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Meeting Closed 7.25 pm.

Signed by the Chairman: ……………………… Date: ………………………………………...................