

EAST BEDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015, 6:00pm at East Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

E Dickson

J Dobie

D Graham

P Hedley

N Hogarth

A Innes

A Stewart

A Wallace (Chair)

A Watson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Clerk; Assistant Clerk, County Councillor Jeff Gobin, PC Neil Nevins, Dean Jackson NCC and 4 members of the public.

OPEN SESSION

The Chair welcomed all present and introduced Dean Jackson who was attending in his capacity of the Town Champion for Bedlington. Dean advised that his role was to act as a link between the Community and Northumberland County Council however, he did not have the authority to make any guarantees.

Before moving to open session the Chair announced the sad passing of Councillor Colin Parker and he and vice chairman Councillor Allan Stewart paid tribute to the passion and commitment that Councillor Parker had brought to his role. A period of 2 minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect.

There were no questions from the floor.

CO102/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor A Douglas (sickness).

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence be accepted.

CO103/15 2.MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th October 2015 be agreed as a true record.

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CO104/15 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Wallace referred to minute C098/15 seeking confirmation that two places had been reserved for young people from the parish. The clerk confirmed that he had written to Active Northumberland.

Councillor Stewart referred to minute C091/15 and confirmed that he and a number of councillors had attended the SENRUG event. The assistant clerk reported that it had been the best attended of all the locally arranged events.

Councillor Wallace referred to minute C092/15 and reported that he was proud the parish had supported young people from East Meets West Black Belt Academy to attend the world championships in the Midlands. Two members of the Academy had won gold medals having beaten off worldwide competition.

CO105/15 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

CO106/15 5. POLICE REPORT

PC Neil Nevins reported that crime overall in the locality had increased, however this was due to changes in the recording procedures and all crimes are now individually recorded. Over the last month there had been 9 crimes including 3 assaults, 3 car thefts, 1 case of arson and theft from a vehicle. Neil also referred to a spate of tyre slashing incidents in a neighbouring parishes. He relayed information relating to policing for bonfire night and Remembrance Sunday. He also raised awareness of the Community Speedwatch Scheme and invited anyone interested in volunteering to contact himself or PCSO Rob Thompson. Councillor Graham enquired as to whether the induction process for the scheme had been simplified. PC Nevins suggested that contact be made with PCSO Thompson who would explain what was required.

CO107/15 6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair referred to the schedule of correspondence and invited questions.

Councillor Stewart referred to item 722 – an invitation to Choysez open days. He suggested that the councillors co-ordinate their visits.

The chairman referred to item 723 – Local Plan Core Strategy and asked councillors to note the dates of the nearest public sessions where they can submit comments. It was noted that there is an error in the summary document which places employment land north of Brock Lane in Blyth rather than Bedlington (Sleekburn ward).

RESOLVED

(1) That the correspondence be noted and that the proposed actions be agreed.

CO108/15 7. CLERKS REPORT

The clerk provided a brief update advising as follows;

- The council's tax base for 2016/2017 has been received.
- Both he and the assistant clerk had attended training at the Maritime Centre in Newbiggin.
- A response had been sent re planning application for Gallagher Park.

He also referred to the Christmas arrangements and confirmed that the tree had been ordered. He reminded members that the Christmas switch on will be on Friday 27th November at 3.30pm when Ian Lavery MP will be in attendance.

RESOLVED

That the Clerks report be noted.

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CO109/15 8. INVOICES & PAYMENT VOUCHERS

PAYMENT REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT £
V81	East Bedlington Community Centre - rent	1300.00
V82	SLCC - subscriptions	187.00
V83	Northumberland County Council – plant & supply hanging baskets	555.66
V84	Keenleysides - hardware	5.40
DBB	BT	103.80
V85	Total Business Group Ltd – photo copying	13.09
V86	Burnside Estate Residents Group – small grant	250.00
V87	The Royal British Legion – wreaths & Crosses	190.00
V88	Birch Landscapes – Grounds maintenance	1380.00
V89	Birch Landscapes – grounds Maintenance	72.00
V90	Ian Balance – window cleaner	227.50
V91	Northumbrian Water – Cambois Allotments	116.23
V91	Northumbrian Water - East Sleekburn Allotments	92.72
V92	Northumberland County Council - payroll August	4622.22
V93	CLLR Allan Stewart - expenses	120.00
V94	R Thornton - clerk's expenses	87.55
V95	SLCC, Northumberland – training expenses	40.00
V96	Northumberland County Council	1613.94
V97	HFF Civil Engineering Ltd – fencing at allotments	1050.00
V98	MW Design - newsletter	1356.00
DBB	Bank Charges	16.40
V99	Alex Wallace - expenses	121.80
V100	Thruyoudoor – newsletter delivery	136.00
V101	East Bedlington Community Centre – room hire election day	160.00

RESOLVED

That the schedule of invoices and payment Vouchers be approved.

CO110/15 9. FINANCIAL POSITION

RESOLVED

That the Council notes the cleared balance as at 31 October 2015 of £169,450.06

CO111/15 10. BANK RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED

That the bank reconciliation statement for the period ending 30th September 2015 be approved.

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CO112/15 11. BUDGET REPORT

The clerk referred to the budget report attached at Appendix D. He advised that the projected outturn had been updated but there was no major change to that reported previously.

RESOLVED

That the budget report be noted.

CO113/15 12. MATTERS FOR DECISION

- 12.1 Councillor training
- 12.2 NAC AGM – Harrogate 27-29 November.

RESOLVED

That any members wishing to attend either event to contact the clerk.

CO114/15 13. OUTSIDE BODIES

(13.1) **Friends of Gallagher Park** – Councillor Graham advised that he had been unable to attend the meeting, Brian Oliver had attended and reported that the seat dedicated to George Webster had been destroyed by fire, the proposed signage was still not in place and that a replacement had been organised there were no other developments to report.

(13.2) **NALC** – the Chair submitted a written report to members.

(13.3) **East Bedlington Community Centre** – The clerk advised that a final decision from the Big Lottery could expected on 10th November 2015.

(13.4) **Bedlington Forum** – The Chair invited Brian Oliver (Chair of Bedlington Forum) to give a report. Brian advised that the group had been informed that there was not conservation order in place however he awaited a meeting with Geoff Paul, new head of planning on the matter. He also referred to what he felt was misleading information in the SHLAA giving an example of the open cast site at Shotton which had been reserved as housing land. He also reported on a visit to the former Earth Balance site which is planned to become the first specialist cancer treatment site in England.

(13.5) **Parish Liaison Working Group** – no meeting to report upon

RESOLVED

That the delegate’s reports be noted.

CO115/15 18. AOB - None

DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council will be a Parish Council Meeting to be held at 6.00pm Tuesday 1st December 2015 at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Meeting Closed 7. pm.

Signed by the Chairman: Date:

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