

EAST BEDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2015, 6:00pm at East Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

J Dobie

D Graham

P Hedley

N Hogarth

A Innes

C Parker

A Stewart (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Clerk; Assistant Clerk, County Councillor Jeff Gobin and 3 members of the public.

OPEN SESSION

The Chair welcomed all present and introduced Lesley Strickland from Active Northumberland who was the Co-ordinator for the Tall Ships Regatta in Blyth 2016.

Lesley gave an informative and exiting presentation providing details of the programme of events that would take place in Blyth over the 4 days when the ships are in port, the corporate sponsorship packages available and opportunities to sponsor individuals to take part. She provided details of some of the ships that would be taking part including the Lord Nelson that was equipped for disabled and able bodied trainees.

The Chair thanked Lesley for her presentation and gave an indication that the Council would like to get involved. He then proceeded to the open session of the agenda.

Malcolm Robinson enquired as to how the Council had been made aware of the Gallagher Park planning application, the clerk advising that it had been officially notified as a statutory consultee.

CO85/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillors Eddie Dickson (sickness) and Alex Wallace (leave), Andy Watson (work commitments).

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence be accepted.

CO86/15 2.MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st September 2015 be agreed as a true record.

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CO87/15 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

CO88/15 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

CO89/15 5. POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

CO90/15 6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLVED

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

CO91/15 7. CLERKS REPORT

The clerk provided a brief update advising as follows;

- That work on emergency repairs to fencing at Cambois allotments had been completed.
- The wreaths and crosses for remembrance day had been ordered
- The rose beds at East Sleekburn and Tomlea Avenue were to be removed

The clerk also advised that he had prepared a report for the Staffing Committee in connection with the annual staffing review and the impact of Statutory Work Place Pensions and he went on to provide some brief details. The clerk also reminded the meeting of the forthcoming SENRUG event that was to take place in the Community Centre on Tuesday 13th October 7:00 – 9:15pm.

RESOLVED

That the Clerks report be noted.

CO92/15 8. INVOICES & PAYMENT VOUCHERS

PAYMENT REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT £
V70	Total Business Group Ltd	7.62
V71	Northumberland County Council - payroll August	4622.22
V72	Marty's	25.00
DBB	Bank Charges	12.20
V73	J A Tindale	40.90
V74	Hartford catering	60.00
V75	Friends of East Meets West Black Belt Academy	300.00
V76	Bedlington United Juniors FC	50.00
DBB	BT	109.00
V77	R & L Keenleyside Ltd	10.63

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V78	Northumberland County Council - payroll August	4622.22
V79	Andrew Thornton - mileage exp	146.25
DBB	Bank Charges	17.10
V80	Total Business Group Ltd	7.27
V81	East Bedlington Community Centre	1300.00
V82	SLCC	187.00
V83	Northumberland County Council	555.66
V84	R & L Keenleyside Ltd	5.40

RESOLVED

That the schedule of invoices and payment Vouchers be approved.

CO93/15 9. FINANCIAL POSITION

RESOLVED

That the Council notes the cleared balance as at 31 August 2015 of £179,544.15

CO94/15 10. BANK RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED

That the bank reconciliation statement for the period ending 31 August 2015 be approved.

CO95/15 11. BUDGET REPORT

The clerk referred to the budget report attached at Appendix D. He advised that the Council's balances would be affected by financing arrangements for East Bedlington Community Centre and that the projected balances were based on the most likely outcome but could change.

RESOLVED

That the budget report be noted.

CO96/15 12. PLANNING APPLICATION - PAVILLION GALLAGHER PARK

The Council reviewed the material planning considerations for NCC's proposed development. It was noted that there was to be no parking provision or proposals to widen and upgrade the existing cycle path. It was therefore to be assumed that there will be no vehicular access at the present time, had this not been the case then the Council would have serious concerns regarding the health and safety of pedestrians and cyclists and adequacy of parking including arrangements for disabled users.

It was also noted that the hours of opening have not been specified and it was the Council's opinion that conditions should be applied to the hours of opening in the interests of noise and light nuisance which may affect neighbouring residents.

RESOLVED

(1) That the Council supports the application and acknowledges NCC's investment in Ch'n initials...

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- (2) That the Council's observations as statutory consultees are lodged with Northumberland County Council.

CO97/15 13. SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS

Member's considered the following small grant applications;

- 13.1 Burnside Estate Resident's Group
- 13.2 Friends of Cambois Primary School

RESOLVED

That;

- (1) A grant of £250 be awarded to Burnside Estate Resident's Group.
- (2) The Council donate 2 bags of play bark to the Friends of Cambois Primary School.

CO98/15 14. MATTERS FOR DECISION

- 14.1 Support for 2 young residents of East Bedlington to participate in the Tall Ships Regatta 2016.

RESOLVED – That the Council approves £3000 to allow 2 young residents to participate in the event subject to a commitment on the individuals to share their experiences with other parishioners through various feedback mechanisms yet to be determined.

- 14.2 Attendance at Remembrance services

RESOLVED – That the Chair of the Council lay wreaths at Bedlington and Cambois on behalf of the Parish.

- 14.3 Attendance at Northumberland Children's University Graduation Ceremony – Tuesday 13 October 2015 at St James Park, Newcastle

RESOLVED – That any members wishing to attend contact the clerk and that in the event of more than 2 members wishing to attend then names to be randomly drawn.

CO99/15 15. WORKING GROUPS

- 15.1 Planning & Corporate Strategy 26th August 2015.

RESOLVED

To defer to the next meeting.

CO100/15 16. OUTSIDE BODIES

(15.1) **Friends of Gallagher Park** – Councillor Graham advised that a meeting had taken place on Monday 5th October but the FOGP had been unaware that a planning application had been submitted and that there were no other developments to report.

(15.2) **NALC** – No report, however, it was noted that the AGM was scheduled for Saturday 17 October at Storey Park, Morpeth.

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(15.3) East Bedlington Community Centre – The clerk provided an update; he advised that the All England Lottery Committee had met on 23rd September 2015 but due to the length of the agenda a final decision had been deferred to October.

(15.4) Bedlington Forum – The Chair invited Brian Oliver (Chair of Bedlington Forum) to give a report. Brian advised that the group continued to challenge the status of the front street as a conservation area and that he would be meeting with the head of planning to address the outcome of a legal meeting.

(15.5) Parish Liaison Working Group – Councillor Hedley provided a written report.

RESOLVED

That the delegate's reports be noted.

CO101/15 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 3rd November 2015 at East Bedlington Community Centre.

Meeting Closed 7.24 pm.

Signed by the Chairman: Date:

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