

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2017 at 6pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre

Present:

Councillors

Andy Allman
Eddie Dickson
Allan Douglas
Joe Dobie
David Graham
Keith Grimes
Nichola Hogarth
Allan Stewart (Vice Chair)
Alex Wallace (Chair)

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, Assistant Parish Clerk, Sgt Paul Melrose, PCSO Wayne Turnbull, PC Mark Adamson, and 5 members of the public.

Open Session

A resident of Burnside Estate, raised a concern regarding parking issues, congestion and damage to green space areas caused by negligent drivers. The matter had been reported to NCC and Councillor Jeff Gobin. The resident had been advised to contact the Parish Council for assistance. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council did not have any powers to take action on highways or NCC land. The Assistant Clerk offered to contact NCC Highways, raise awareness of the issues and feedback to the resident.

A resident raised several concerns regarding dangerous parking, ASB and improper trading to the rear of his property in Glassy Terrace, emanating in his opinion from a nearby garage premises. He had maintained a log and taken a number of photographs as evidence. The Chairman confirmed that this matter was also outside the remit of the Parish Council, however the Assistant Clerk would meet with the resident outside the meeting to direct him to the appropriate agencies.

CO140/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Derek Burton (work commitments)

RESOLVED:

That the apologies be accepted

CO141/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 7th February be signed as a true record.

CO142/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Regarding CO136/16 Councillor Stewart confirmed that both the Clerk and he had attended the official opening of the Gallagher Park Pavilion.

CO143/16 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no disclosures or requests.

CO144/16 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Wayne Turnbull introduced the new Neighbourhood Sergeant Paul Melrose. He then delivered a report on the previous month's crime statistics and commented on a successful outcome regarding recent burglaries with the offender in custody awaiting trial. He also commented on renewed disturbances on Station Street and reported that officers would be maintaining a presence in the area.

CO145/16 CORRESPONDENCE

- (I) Councillor Grimes asked for clarification on 1050. The Clerk confirmed that this was the land transfer of the Cambois Links Play Area.
- (II) Councillor Dickson requested more information on 1042 and 1048. The Clerk advised that the matter had now been resolved using the Council's complaints procedure and that the complainant had decided not to pursue the matter further with NCC's monitoring officer.
- (III) Councillor Graham requested further information on 1044. The assistant clerk advised that it was a notification of sentencing of a minor.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.

CO146/16 CLERKS REPORT

- (I) Further comment was made on the opening of the Gallagher Park Pavilion.
- (II) Clerk referred to a meeting he and the assistant Clerk attended with NCC Officers from Regeneration, Neighbourhood Services and Highways. The issues raised included Jennings Field and the desire from traders and residents for additional parking. He has since been advised that the suggestions raised regarding the former Railway Tavern site were positively received and work will commence shortly on removing the hoardings and applying a tarmac base. Greater detail on the matter was confirmed by the chair.
- (III) Clerk reported that the new bus shelter hard standings would be installed in the next two weeks and the remainder of shelters replacement /refurbishment work is expected to be completed by the end of March.
- (IV) It was reported that the parish notice board in Cambois Allotments had been stolen. The matter would be reported to the police and CCTV footage would be viewed to establish how and when it was removed.
- (V) It was reported that further graffiti has been left on the new bus shelters in Cambois.
- (VI) It was reported that a meeting had taken place with Graeme Harper with the Clerks and the Chairman in attendance. A bid to the coastal communities and potential partnership working were discussed. It was agreed further meetings would be arranged following the Parish Council's consideration of the Coastal Community opportunity.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerks report be noted.

CO147/16 INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS

PAYMENT REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT £
DBB	BT	85.44
V149	East Bedlington Community Centre	6890.00
V151	Northumberland County Council - payroll February	6393.47
V150	Mick Whitfield	130.00
BACS	Northumberland County Council (Bus Shelters)	0.00

RESOLVED:

That the schedule of invoices and payments be approved

CO148/16 FINANCIAL POSITION / BANK RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED:

That the Council approved the bank reconciliation and notes the cleared balance at 28 February 2017.

CO149/16 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

RESOLVED:

That the Council note the budget monitoring report

CO150/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning application for consideration

CO151/16 MATTERS FOR DECISION

12.1 To agree in principle the formation of a Coastal Communities Team and to develop a bid for submission to the 2017 Coastal Communities Fund

The assistant clerk outlined the background to the formation of a team and the deadlines in relation to previous bids. There appeared to be an appetite to support a bid along the south-east coast potentially linked in with Newbiggin and Lynemouth,.however, firm proposals from NCC and ARCH had yet to be received. Councillor Grimes expressed an interest in being involved in the project.

12.2 To consider participation in the Northumbrian Water Ltd Rainwise Project (Flood Prevention).

The assistant clerk referred to information previously circulated to Councillors. The project co-ordinator had requested a meeting with the Environmental Working Group in the first instance.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council gives approval for the Clerks to commence negotiations to develop a Coastal Communities Team in partnership with NCC and others.
- (ii) That the Council gives approval for a bid to be submitted to the Coastal Communities Fund.
- (iii) That a meeting be arranged between Northumbrian Water Ltd Rainwise Project and the Allotment & Environmental Working Group.

CO152/16 WORKING GROUPS

There had been no working group meetings.

CO153/16 OUTSIDE BODIES

14.1 East Bedlington Community Centre – report circulated

14.2 Parish & Town Council Liaison Working Group – The Chairman gave a verbal report.

RESOLVED:

That the reports from delegates be noted.

CO154/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Assistant Clerk reported that Councillor Allman had set up a Youth Parish Council. The young people had met with the Clerks and expressed an interest in planting up the small planters in the main shopping area as an initial project. The parish would supply the plants. They would also be consulting with fellow students on future play equipment and activities to be delivered from the Community Centre.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council will be Tuesday 4th April at 6pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.