

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2017, 6.00 pm at St Johns Parish Hall, North View, Bedlington

PRESENT

Councillors;

Andy Allman

Derek Burton

Eddie Dickson

Allan Douglas

Joe Dobie

David Graham

Allan Stewart (Vice Chair)

Alex Wallace (Chair)

Keith Grimes

IN ATTENDANCE

Parish Clerk, Assistant Parish Clerk, County Councillor Jeff Gobin, PCSO Bev Sellers and 8 members of the community.

PRESENTATION

North Sea Link – National Grid

The Chair welcomed 4 representatives of Grayling and North Sea interconnector who gave an update on the North Sea interconnector project. The team answered questions on ecology, replacement hedging, rain water dispersal and traffic management. Before concluding their presentation, the team advised that they would be carrying out regular consultation and information sessions during the project.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their informative presentation.

OPEN SESSION

Several members commented on the presentation given by the Gypsy Roma Officer at the previous meeting

CO130/16 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Lynda Mason and Councillor Nichola Hogarth (work commitments).

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence be accepted.

CO131/16 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2017 be signed as a true record.

CO132/16 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

CO133/16 4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no disclosures or requests for dispensation.

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CO134/16 5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Bev Sellers reported that there had been no significant rises in the level of crime but referred to a rise in youth related anti-social behaviour on the Clayton corner. She also referred to a further racially motivated incident at the Premier store to which there were ongoing enquiries. PCSO Sellers also referred to a 16-year-old who was driving around in uninsured vehicles.

RESOLVED

That the police report be noted.

CO135/16 6 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED

That the correspondence be noted.

CO136/16 7 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk provided a brief update on Significant events that had taken place since the last meeting. He advised that;

- Confirmation had been received regarding County Councillor Val Tyler’s £10,000 towards bus shelters
- An invitation had been received for the official opening of Gallagher Park Pavilion on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 2.00pm
- A meeting had taken place with Graham Harper (independent consultant for NCC / ARCH) to introduce each other and explore potential joint working opportunities.
- The bid to the Community Fund had not been successful but NCC wish to work with the Parish on certain elements of the bid
- Bin replaced at Bridge Terrace and a further relocated at heritage gardens
- CCTV provided to the police about a crash on Station Street
- The free-standing bin located at Bridge Terrace bus stop had been replaced and a further bin relocated from Queens Road to Heritage gardens.
- A letter of complaint in relation to fly tipping had been dealt with
- A request for funding for the redevelopment of Lairds House had been received, and finally
- An open invitation had been received from “The Mini Pony therapy Centre” to Councillors that may wish to get involved in the project.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the clerks report be noted.
- (ii) That Councillor Stewart and the Clerk represent the Council at the opening of Gallagher Park Pavilion

CO137/16 8 INVOICES & PAYMENT VOUCHERS

V139	Northumberland County Council	1265.50
DBB	BT	85.44
V140	Komplan Scotland Ltd	21690.00
V141	North Blyth Bar - (Parish Council Meeting)	20.00

V142	Bedlington Vipers - Small Grants	200.00
V143	Northumberland County Council - payroll January	6393.47
V144	NWA - Cambois Allotments	142.17
V144	NWA - East Sleekburn Allotments	69.00
V145	Signs Express	296.60
DBB	NEST - January	51.67
DBB	Bank Charges	17.10
V146	Blachere Illumination	525.78
V147	Komplan Scotland Ltd	300.00
V148	Total Business Group	22.11
V148	Total Business Group	10.56

RESOLVED

That the schedule of invoices and payment vouchers be approved.

CO138/16 9 FINANCIAL POSITION / BANK RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED

That the Council approves the bank reconciliation and notes the cleared balance at 31th January 2017 of £142812.79.

CO139/16 10 ANNUAL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2017/18

The Clerk presented a detailed annual budget report which had been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Special Budget Working Group. He referred to the detailed base budget (adjusted for salaries and inflation increases) and to proposed special non-recurring and capital items of expenditure which were itemised on separate appendices.

He commented that although there was no proposed growth to the base budget for 2017/18 the public would benefit from significant increases approved in 2016/17 which would come to fruition when East Bedlington Community Centre opened.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Annual Budget requirement be approved in the sum of £264,255.**
- 2) That £14,477 be allocated from balances to offset the Annual Budget requirement.**
- 3) That the Parish Precept for 2017/18 be set at £249,778 (equivalent to £127.00 for a Band D property) and representing a £10.00 [8.5%] increase on the Council Tax.**

CO140/16 11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The assistant clerk referred to appendix D. The clerks delegated responses were noted. Members considers application 17/00161/FUL referring to proposed extension to front of house, 2 Burnside, Bedlington.

RESOLVED

- 1) **That the Council support application 17/00161/FUL.**

CO141/16 12 MATTERS FOR DECISION

RESOLVED

There were no matters for decision

CO142/16 13 WORKING GROUPS

The minutes of the Special Budget working Group held on 26 January were attached for member's information.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the working group be noted.

CO143/16 14 OUTSIDE BODIES

14.1 East Bedlington Community Centre – report circulated

14.2 NALC – report circulated

RESOLVED

That the reports from delegates be noted.

CO144/16 15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council will be Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 6.00pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.