

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



**Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting,
held on Tuesday 5th September 2017, at East Bedlington Community Centre.**

Present:

Councillor Andy Allman
Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Allan Douglas
Councillor Jane Greensitt
Councillor Keith Grimes
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Allan Stewart (Vice Chair)
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace (Chairman)

In attendance:

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Assistant Clerk), County Councillor Bill Crosby, County Councillor Russ Wallace and 5 members of the public.

Open Session

A member of the Friends of Gallagher Park apologised to the Parish representative as he had inadvertently issued an incorrect constitution. He also advised that the membership was now reconsidering section 5 of the document.

The Chairman of Burnside Estate Residents Group requested that the Parish Council consider submitting the resurfacing of a section of the Burnside Road along with completing the metal fencing along the A1147. It was stated that both matters were currently a risk to health and safety.

CO44/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Councillor Lynda Mason (Work Commitments)

Resolved:

That the apologies be accepted.

CO45/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Councillor Allman requested that typographical error on page 5 be amended to read Bedlingtonshire.

Resolved:

That the amendment be made and that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6th June 2017 be signed as a true record.

CO46/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

With reference to minute CO32/17 Councillor Batey enquired as to whether any progress had been made in relation to realigning the Local Area Committees to unite the Bedlington wards in one LAC. The meeting was suspended at 18:10 to allow Councillor Crosby to respond. He advised that both himself and Councillor Russ Wallace had met with the Business Chair and it was the administration's intention to review the LAC's in six months. The review is expected to take place in December 2017. The meeting was resumed at 18:14. The Chairman thanked Councillor Crosby for his update.

Resolved:

That the updates be noted.

CO47/17 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.

CO48/17 POLICE REPORT

Bedlington Neighbourhood Team had issued apologies for non-attendance which was due to operational constraints. The assistant clerk relayed their verbal report. It was reported that there had been a rise in vehicle crime and burglary OTD (other than dwellings). The Neighbourhood Team urged residents to be vigilant and to ensure that property was adequately secured.

Resolved:

That the verbal report be noted.

CO49/17 NCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

A written report from Councillor Crosby had been circulated prior to the meeting. Some members questioned the absence of a report from Councillor Gobin and enquired as to whether he had been made aware of the revised arrangements. The Clerk advised that Councillor Gobin had been made aware by the Chair and that he had notified him that he would not be submitting written reports but would relay his report through the Chairman. Councillor Wallace indicated that there was no report on this occasion as Councillor Gobin was not been involved in any work relating to or affecting the Parish.

Councillor Stewart advised that NCC Councillors are not obligated to provide reports but referring to Standing Orders, advised that the correct protocol for submitting reports is through the Clerk.

Members acknowledged that NCC members are not obligated to provide reports in any prescribed format, however, it was proposed that the current position did not reflect well on Councillor Gobin and 6 Councillors present requested that their dissatisfaction be recorded.

Resolved:

That the submitted report be noted and that members dissatisfaction be recorded.

CO50/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved:

That the correspondence be noted

CO51/17 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk provided details of upcoming parish events, all of which had been achieved within budget, he advised;

- Awards night – Tuesday 12th September which included entertainment and a buffet.
- Sound of the Station Music Festival – Friday 29 September to Sunday 1st October 2017
- Adult Halloween Party and Disco – Jo James 27th October
- Christmas switch on – Friday 1st December at 4.00pm – followed by a children's party for under 12-year old's
- Parish Christmas Party – 15 December – Smokin Spitfires £5.00 per ticket which includes a complimentary drink.
- Christmas Youth disco 13-18-year old's – Monday 18th December 7:00 to 10:30 pm.
- Christmas Pantomime [Aladdin] – 3rd January 2018 at 6:00pm.

He reported that the loss of records caused by an IT failure had now been reconstructed. Unfortunately, the Council had not been long listed for the Star Council Awards.

The Clerk advised that a further tranche of 15 new bins were on order and that a selection of Christmas lighting motifs had been identified for consideration of the A& E working group along with the locating of the bins. He reported that NCC had not yet decided regards funding for the Jennings field project, however, Councillor Glen Sanderson had agreed to meet with the Parish in early October.

The Clerk provided details of the costs and constraints of providing a Community Transport Scheme that would operate on a Friday evening and which would allow residents living in outlying areas of the parish to access facilities in Bedlington Station and beyond.

Finally, the clerk advised that a letter of thanks had been received for inspector Trevor Oakley who was relocating following the merger of the Bedlington and Ashington Neighborhood Teams.

Resolved:
That the Clerks report be noted

C052/17 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS

Councillor Batey requested more information on this matter. The Clerk advised that this amount was an allotment rent.

Resolved:
That the schedule of receipts be approved.

C053/17 SCHEDULE OF INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Resolved:
That the schedule of Invoice & Payment Vouchers be approved.

C054/17 FINANCIAL POSITION

Resolved:
That the cleared balances as of 31 August of £156,698.05 be noted.

C055/17 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Resolved:
To accept the Budget Monitoring Report.

C056/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved:
Planning Application 17/01563/SN to object to the suggested names and offer Longridge Lane and Gooch Grove as preferred alternatives.
Planning Application 17/02716/FUL – to support the application

C057/17 MATTERS FOR DECISION

Resolved.

- (i) That 2 delegates to attend the 4th Town & Parish Conference and that available Councillors contact the Clerk.**

- (ii) That a delegate represents the Parish at the Northern Region Allotment Officers Forum.**
- (iii) That the Parish Wards of both Sleekburn and Bedlington East be represented at the respected LAC's meeting with officers.**
- (iv) That the Terms of Reference for the East Bedlington Active Citizens be adopted.**
- (v) That consideration of the Terms of Reference for the Review of the Parish Plan be deferred to the next meeting**
- (vi) That the Parish Council contribute £5,000 to the cost of delivering Northumberland Live 2018 in Gallagher Park.**
- (vii) That consideration of NCC's final offer be deferred pending further dialogue with the Regeneration Team and the Business Chair.**

CO58/17 SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £300 be awarded to the Friends of East Meets West Black Belt Academy

CO59/17 WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED:

- (i) To accept the minutes and recommendations of the Communities & Communications Working Group 18 July & 23 August**
- (ii) To accept the minutes and recommendations of the Corporate, Statutory & Democratic Process Working Group 19 July & 15 August**
- (iii) To accept the minutes and recommendations of the Allotment & Environment Working Group 20 July**

CO60/17 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

Resolved:

To submit the following parish priorities:

- (i) resurfacing of a section of Burnside Estate & continuation of safety barriers along A1147**
- (ii) Improvements to car parking arrangements and restriction of goods vehicles St Johns Estate.**

CO61/17 OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) NALC**
- (ii) Town & Parish Council Liaison Working Group**
- (iii) Friends of Gallagher Park**

Resolved:
That the delegate reports be noted.

CO62/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd October 2017, 6pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.

Signed as a true record
Chairman

Date: