

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



**Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting,
held on Tuesday 7th November 2017, at East Bedlington Community Centre.**

Present:

Councillor Andy Allman
Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Allan Douglas
Councillor Keith Grimes
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Alex Wallace

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 representative from ABTRA enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be making funds available for maintenance of the Miners Wheel at Cambois. The chairman responded advising that the responsibility for maintenance lay with the Cambois Residents Association.

The Chairman of Burnside Estate Residents Group referred to a street lamp which had not functioned since being installed. A number of reports had been submitted to NCC over a 2 year period. He was advised that the matter had been reported on a number of occasions by the clerks and he should pursue the matter through the appropriate channels at NCC.

CO80/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Councillor Greensitt (holiday) **Resolved:**
That the apologies be accepted.

CO81/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 be signed as a true record.

CO82/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

In response to a number of questions the clerk responded that:

- (i) the community transport pilot had commenced and would run for a 13-week period.
- (ii) A letter outlining the new arrangements for allotments still needed to be sent out.

CO83/17 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.

CO84/17 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report

CO85/17 NCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

Written reports from Councillor Crosby and Councillor Gobin had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Crosby made a further two announcements

- (i) That Northumberland Live at Bedlington would be going ahead. In response to a question from the chair, Councillor Crosby confirmed that the event would take the same format as in previous years. He confirmed funding pledges have been received from Councillor Malcolm Robinson, West Bedlington Town Council, East Bedlington Parish Council and County Councillor Jeff Gobin. However, he confirmed that himself and Councillor Russ Wallace would not be contributing at this point, as they felt the small schemes money could be spent more effectively elsewhere. He added that private sponsorship was being sought and that the event would be underwritten by Northumberland County Council.
- (ii) That a t £200k scheme to improve parking at Foundry House would be going ahead. This scheme would significantly improve the current arrangements.

Resolved:

That the submitted and verbal reports be noted.

CO86/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved:

That the correspondence be noted

CO87/17 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk provided an update of recent parish events, He advised that;

- The pilot Community Transport Scheme had started on Friday 3rd November which would run for 13 weeks,
- The Christmas lights would be installed on Monday 27th November,
- The Inter-connector public enquiry would be held in the Community Centre on 28/29/30 November, and
- A Christmas fayre was to be held in the Centre on 24/11/2017

He also advised that arrangements would need to be made for the laying of the Parish Council Wreaths.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Clerks report be noted**
- (2) That the chair and Vice Chair lay wreaths at Cambois and Bedlington on behalf of the Parish Council.**

CO88/17 SCHEDULE OF INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Resolved:

That the schedule of Invoice & Payment Vouchers be approved.

CO89/17 FINANCIAL POSITION

Resolved:

That the cleared balances as of 30th October 2017 of £249,415.04 be noted.

CO90/17 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Clerk gave a verbal report advising that there was no change to the predicted yearend balances.

Resolved:

To accept the Budget Monitoring Report.

CO91/17 SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS

Resolved:

- (i) That a donation of £50 be awarded to the Great North Air Ambulance.**
- (ii) That an application from Contact Morpeth Mental Health be deferred to the Communities & Communications working group.**

CO92/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

With regards to application 17/03790/FUL Councillor Grimes requested that his disappointment at the loss of a grassed area be noted.

Resolved:

Planning Applications:

17/03770/FUL – 4 Cragside Gardens – no objections

17/03790/FUL – 4 Grange Park – no objections

CO93/17 MATTERS FOR DECISION

Resolved.

- (i) That the Glendale Development Trust be invited to make a presentation in the New Year and that neighbouring Town & Parish Councils be invited to attend.**
- (ii) To adopt the proposed roadmap for the review of the Parish Plan and that a budget of £3,000 be set aside to complete the process.**
- (iii) That the clerk arranges Parish Council business cards.**
- (iv) That the Parish supports the closure of a section of footpath adjacent to the former Ash Dock (majority vote 6 in favour, 2 Against, 1 abstention)**

CO94/17 WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED:

To accept the minutes and recommendations of:

- (i) Communities & Communications working group 4th October**
- (ii) Corporate, Statutory & Democratic Process 9th October.**
- (iii) Allotment & Environment Working Group 12th October**

CO95/17 OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) Bedlington Forum**
- (ii) Friends of Gallagher Park**

**No delegate in attendance at Bedlington Forum
Friends of Gallagher Park had not met.**

CO96/17 JENNINGS FIELD

Resolved:

- (i) To defer improvements to Jennings Field play area until 2018 pending a decision by NCC regarding infrastructure works.**
- (ii) To earmark the existing budget allocation for works to be carried out in 2018.**

CO97/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

Resolved:

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the business due to the commercial sensitivity of the subject matter.

CO98/17 TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Resolved:

- (i) That the proposals for Town Centre Improvements be approved.**
- (ii) To authorise the Clerk to progress proposals for Town centre Improvement Projects.**
- (iii) To utilize existing budget provision to develop funding applications.**

CO99/17 LETTER OF APPEAL FROM ALLOTMENT TENANT

The Clerk read out a letter of appeal from the tenant of plot 499. Following lengthy debate Councillor Douglas put forward the following motion.
 "That the tenants appeal be upheld, that his tenancy be reinstated and that a letter be sent to the tenant by the clerk emphasizing that that late payment would not be tolerated in the Future"

Resolved:

That the appeal be upheld and the tenancy re-instated.

CO100/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Stewart requested permission from the Council to engage in dialogue with ABTRA concerning the Miner’s Memorial Wheel at Cambois. There were no objections raised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th December 2017, 6pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.

Signed as a true record
Chairman

Date: