

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



**Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting,
held on Tuesday 9th January 2018, 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 Allan Stewart
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace

In attendance:

Jenny Tindale (Assistant Clerk), County Councillor Bill Crosby, County Councillor Jeff Gobin and 5 members of the public.

Open Session

A member of the public commented on the proposed extension to the Indian Restaurant on Clayton Street, and the potentially detrimental effect to the business caused by the current condition of Jakes Bar.

The assistant clerk advised that the owner had confirmed that work to convert the building to flats is scheduled to commence on 15th January. NCC Enforcement will monitor the situation and should there be any non-compliance a 28-day order will be issued. Failure to comply will result in further action being taken by NCC.

CO119/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Councillor Lynda Mason (work commitments); Jane Greensitt (illness); Clerk Ron Thornton (illness)

Resolved:

That the apologies be accepted.

CO120/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Attendees – members noted that Councillor Greensitt had not attended the meeting and had indeed submitted apologies.

Resolved:

That the amendment be made and that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 5 December 2017 be signed as a true record.

CO121/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (i) Councillor Batey commented on the success of the pantomime commissioned by the Parish Council, reflecting on the professionalism of the actors and the audience interaction. He added the positive feedback from attendees young and old, some of whom were attending a live performance for the first time indicated that the event had been well worthwhile.
- (ii) Councillor Aynsley considered the wording of CO106/17. It was recognised that the minute had been altered to the full agreement of the Council and Councillor Crosby and that matters had now somewhat moved on.

CO122/17 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.

CO123/17 POLICE REPORT

Apologies had been submitted from the PCSO team
Councillor Wallace raised a matter where he had made comment on a social media site, replying to a resident complaining of youth disorder causing distress and criminal damage to property and bus shelters following Friday youth clubs. The assistant clerk advised that the clerks had been made aware of a minor disturbance caused by some youths visiting the area from Blyth, however they were not connected to the youth club and no such report had been submitted to by the Police to the meeting.

Resolved:

No Police report submitted.

CO124/17 NCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Crosby had no pertinent matters to report over the festive period. Councillor Batey offered his congratulations on Councillor Crosby's success in locating a Yurt in the grounds of Stead Lane School. Councillor Gobin reported on continuing issues with street lighting problems rectified by the intervention of NCC leadership. He advised all further street lighting problems should be reported to Lynsey Sawyer in the first instance.

Resolved:

That the verbal reports be noted.

CO125/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved:
That the correspondence be noted

CO126/17 CLERKS REPORT

In the absence of the Clerk the assistant clerk reported:

- (i) 80 people attended the matinee performance of the Pantomime and a further 160 attended the evening performance. As reported earlier in the meeting it had been very well received.
- (ii) A meeting has been arranged by Nigel Walsh, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Officer (NCC) with regards to the proposed Northumberland Live event in Gallagher Park. The meeting will be attended by Clerks of both councils, County Councillors Gobin, Robinson, Crosby and Wallace. A brief had been prepared by NCC and the meeting would clarify the position of all parties.
- (iii) Further to the Parish Council's asset transfer enquiries, NCC Green Spaced Officer Mike Jeffrey has requested a meeting with the Clerk regarding the Council's plans for Jennings Field and Gallagher Park.
- (iv) Bins damaged at the Bank Top and Jennings Field play area over the festive period have been replaced.

Resolved
That:
The clerks report be noted.

CO127/17 SCHEDULE OF INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS

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

CO128/17 FINANCIAL POSITION

Resolved:
That the cleared balances as of 31 December of £212,472.41 be noted.

CO129/17 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The assistant clerk circulated a written report.

Resolved:
To accept the Budget Monitoring Report.

CO130/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) It was reported that 17/04188/ADE referred to the new funeral director signage.
- (ii) The council recognised the Developers willingness to engage with regards to street naming of the Orchards Development

Resolved:

No further comment be passed in relation to the planning matters presented.

CO131/17 MATTERS FOR DECISION

Resolved.

- (i) That the assistant clerk circulate the links to the Pharmacy Needs Assessment Consultation.**
- (ii) That the Parish do take part in the consultation**
- (iii) That members submit comments to the clerk for submission**
- (iv) That the matter be discussed in depth and referred to the Corporate, Statutory and Democratic Process Working Group.**

CO132/17 WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED:

To accept the minutes and recommendations of:

- (i) Communities & Communications working group held on 19 December**
- (ii) Budget Working Group held on 13 December.**

CO133/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**There was no other business.
Meeting closed at 18:45**

Open Session end of meeting:

A member of Bedlington Forum commented on the Pharmacy Needs Assessment Consultation and referred to a pilot scheme being conducted in Blyth. He urged the Council to give the matter serious consideration.

Councillor Gobin enquire as to why a meeting concerning Gallagher Park had been called at West Bedlington – it was reported that this was a decision made by NCC and took into consideration the capacity of the West Bedlington Town Clerk.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6 February 2018, 6pm, Platform 1, East Bedlington Community Centre.

Signed as a true record
Chairman

Date: