

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



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

Present:

Councillor Andy Allman
Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Keith Grimes
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Lynda Mason
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Alex Wallace

In attendance:

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Assistant Clerk), County Councillor Bill Crosby, County Councillor Jeff Gobin, County Councillor Malcolm Robinson, NBM Mark Adamson, PCSO David Johnson and 5 members of the public.

Open Session

Councillor Gobin offered his congratulations to the members and officers of the Council on delivering a well organised Christmas Light Switch On event. He referred to positive feedback from residents and applauded the activities arranged to meet the needs of families especially those with young children.

Keith Scantlebury, representing Burnside Estate Residents Group reported that the lighting issues recorded at the previous meeting had now been resolved and he offered thanks to Councillor Gobin and the Parish for their assistance in pursuing the matter.

CO101/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Councillor Jane Greensitt; Councillor Allan Douglas (illness), Councillor Mike Trimming (travel delay)

Resolved:

That the apologies be accepted.

CO102/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

CO85/17 - Councillor Batey requested that a minor adjustment be made to the minute to read "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."

Resolved:

That the amendment be made and that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7 November 2017 be signed as a true record.

CO103/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

- (i) **The community transport pilot had commenced, and initial feedback has been encouraging.**
- (ii) **That a letter has been sent to the allotment tenant reinstating his tenancy and advising him of his future conduct.**

CO104/17 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.

CO105/17 POLICE REPORT

NBM Mark Adamson reported that he was no longer the beat manager for Bedlington Station and apologised for non-attendance of officers at previous meetings. This had been due to operational constraints. It was reported that overall crime in the Bedlington Sector has increased on the previous year. However, some of this increase is attributed to the way in which crimes are now recorded. There had been a marked reduction in youth related ASB in East Bedlington which was welcomed. PCSO David Johnson gave an update on the work that had been undertaken in schools regarding road safety.

CO106/17 NCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

Written reports from Councillor Crosby and Councillor Gobin had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Crosby reiterated his support for the proposed Northumberland Live in Gallagher Park and apologised for any ambiguity in his announcement at the previous meeting. All NCC Councillors present at the meeting were invited to comment. It was suggested the best way forward to be a meeting of the partners (pledging funding) and NCC.

Resolved:

That the submitted and verbal reports be noted.

CO107/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Wallace referred to item 217 and welcomed the introduction of a 20mph zone following a combined approach to NCC from the parish, NCC Councillor and the community.

Councillor Grimes referred to item 218. The Clerk confirmed that the project has now been added for consideration in the NCC 2018/19 capital programme.

Resolved:

That the correspondence be noted

CO108/17 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk provided an update of recent parish events. He advised that following high demand for pantomime tickets that a second (matinee) performance had been arranged for 2:00 on 3rd January. The clerk also advised that the adults Christmas party to be held on 15th December had sold out. He referred to the comments of Councillor Gobin regarding the success of the Christmas switch on and added that the Council's gratitude to Reece Bosomworth (Mr. Britain) should be acknowledged in the minutes of the meeting.

The clerk referred to a meeting that had taken place earlier that day between NCC, Northumbria Police and the Parish which had reflected on road safety in the light of a fatal accident and had considered how the Parish could contribute positively following the tragedy. He also advised that a meeting had taken place with 2 second year politics undergraduates from Newcastle University, one of whom would be researching barriers to access of local services for residents living in East Sleekburn, Cambois and North Blyth.

The clerk also advised of the following;

- A new seat had been installed in Sleekburn Village and a memorial seat installed on Cambois links.
- Consultation would shortly take place regarding new play equipment to be installed at Selbourne Terrace play area.
- Routine cleaning of bus shelters was being pursued

Finally, he advised of the need to hold a budget working group meeting and proposed Wednesday 13th December.

Resolved

That:

- 1. The clerks report be noted.**
- 2. The Council's gratitude to Reece Bosomworth for performing the Christmas switch-on be noted.**
- 3. The Budget Working Group be held on 13th December at 10:00am.**

CO109/17 SCHEDULE OF INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Resolved:

That the schedule of Invoice & Payment Vouchers be approved.

CO110/17 FINANCIAL POSITION

Resolved:

That the cleared balances as of 29 November of 225,444.01 be noted.

CO111/17 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Clerk circulated a written report.

Resolved:

To accept the Budget Monitoring Report.

CO112/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that delegated response has been submitted with regards to 17/036478/REM & 17/040449/FUL

Resolved:

Planning Applications:

17/04051/FUL – Land adjacent to public convenience Station Road, Bedlington - no objections

17/04058/FUL – 4 Knox Close – no objections

17/04295/FUL – 6 Melrose Villas – no objections

CO113/17 MATTERS FOR DECISION

Resolved.

(i) That the Special Budget Working Group meeting be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 from 10am – 1pm.

CO114/17 WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED:

To accept the minutes and recommendations of:

(i) Communities & Communications working group held on 30 November

(ii) Corporate, Statutory & Democratic Process held on 9 November

CO115/17 OUTSIDE BODIES

(i) NALC – report circulated

(ii) Friends of Gallagher Park – report circulated

RESOLVED:

That the reports from the representatives on outside bodies be noted.

CO116/17 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.

CO117/17 TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Resolved:

- (i) That the Clerk be authorised to open discussions with Northumberland County Council in respect of asset transfers pursuant to the Council's future and external funding strategy.**

CO118/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to join him in the Buffet Car for festive hospitality.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9 January 2018, 6pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.

Signed as a true record

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Chairman

Date: