

# EAST BEDLINGTON

## Parish Council



### **Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 2 April 2019, at East Bedlington Community Centre.**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Steve Aynsley  
Councillor John Batey  
Councillor Keith Grimes  
Councillor Paul Hedley  
Councillor Lynda Mason  
Councillor Allan Stewart  
Councillor Mike Trimming  
Councillor Alex Wallace

#### **In attendance:**

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk) County Councillors Jeff Gobin and Bill Crosby, Russ Wallace 2 members of the public

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Councillor Crosby enquired as to the progress with the Speed Indicator Devices. It was reported that there had been a delay in the supply of information from the utility companies. A full report had been expected from NCC but had yet to be received. Intervention to speed up the process from NCC Councillors Gobin and Crosby was welcomed.

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>CO1/19</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> An apology for absence was noted from Councillors Andy Allman, Jane Greensitt (work commitments) and Councillor Allan Douglas (home emergency) <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the apologies be accepted.</b>	
<b>CO2/19</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> Minutes of the meeting of 5 March 2019  <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the minutes be signed as a correct record.</b>	

<p><b>CO3/19</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p><b>CO4/19</b></p>	<p><b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS &amp; REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b></p> <p><b>There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.</b></p>	
<p><b>CO5/19</b></p>	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b>  <b>PCSO Bev Sellars reported that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) There had been a stabbing incident in Bedlington Station, 3 people were in custody and enquiries are ongoing.</li> <li>(ii) Youth disorder continues to be an issue. The NPT are under resourced to deal with such incidents and have little support from parents when returning children home.</li> <li>(iii) Specific problems are experienced with children from residential homes who have no curfews, or holding areas.</li> <li>(iv) Public perception of the number of officers available is still inaccurate. Any major incident in neighbouring Towns removes all the resource from Bedlington.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>That the Police report be noted.</b></p>	
<p><b>CO6/19</b></p>	<p><b>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p> <p>Councillor Crosby reported that a fence has now been erected at the top of Dene View to help prevent fly tipping. He added that the clear up of the woodland may take a little longer, due to the location of the fly tipping.</p>	
<p><b>CO7/19</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>That correspondence be noted.</b></p>	
<p><b>CO8/19</b></p>	<p><b>CLERKS REPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Housing Needs Survey will be issued on Thursday 4 April.</li> </ul>	

	<p>(ii) The first Parish defibrillator has been installed at EBCC and an external unit will be fixed to the Bedlington Station Library subject to licence agreement.</p> <p>(iii) The Parish Council has organised a jobs fair in partnership with EBCC and DWP for 14 May 2019.</p> <p>(iv) Half term activities will take place during the Easter break and the spring bank holiday and a summer programme has also been confirmed.</p> <p>(v) Headline act "The South" has been released today. The Clerk has written to WBTC to formally thank them for their contribution. The Chairman also offered his thanks for the support.</p>	
<b>CO9/19</b>	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the schedule of receipts be approved.</p>	
<b>CO10/19</b>	<p><b>INVOICE &amp; PAYMENT VOUCHERS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the schedule of expenditure be approved.</p>	
<b>CO11/19</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL POSITION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the cleared balance as at 28 March of £182,577.69 be noted.</p>	
<b>CO12/19</b>	<p><b>REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Council has an effective system of internal control</p>	
<b>CO13/19</b>	<p><b>WRITE OFF OF ASSETS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Council approves the write off of assets.</p>	
<b>CO14/19</b>	<p><b>PROVISIONAL FINAL ACCOUNTS 2018-2019</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that he required notification from the PWLB before he could complete the accounts.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Council notes the Provisional Statement of Accounts</p>	
<b>CO15/19</b>	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p>	

	<p>(i) That determination 19/00164/FUL be noted</p> <p>(ii) That the notification of appeal 18/02506/FUL be noted</p>	
<b>CO16/19</b>	<p><b>WORKING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The minutes of the Services Working group held on 19 March and the Finance &amp; General Purposes Working Group held on 27 March were presented. Councillor Batey referred to 4.2 Services Working Group and the outstanding proof of birthplace to allow a Blue Plaque to be erected. He advised that he will request a copy certificate should there be no response by the end of the month.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the minutes of the Working Groups be received.</b></p>	<b>Councillor Batey</b>
<b>CO17/19</b>	<p><b>OUTSIDE BODIES</b></p> <p>The written delegate report from the NALC Working Group and the NALC County Committee were circulated to members.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the delegate reports be received</b></p>	
<b>CO18/19</b>	<p><b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That the Council declines the invitation to fund additional play equipment in NCC strategic park.</p> <p>(ii) That a Staffing Committee be formed. That the Terms of Reference as presented to members be adopted and that Councillors Douglas; Mason and Trimming preside, Chair and Vice-Chair ex Officio.</p> <p>(iii) That the Council enters into a licence agreement with NCC for the installation of a community defibrillator, Bedlington Station Library, at a cost of £24 per annum.</p> <p>(iv) That the Council signs up to the DWP Disability Confident Scheme</p> <p>(v) That the Council approves the delivery of a Spring Bank Holiday Fun Fair in Gallagher Park on 24 to 27 May 2019.</p>	

<b>CO19/19</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>(i) Dogs on leads – Councillor Mason enquired as to the NCC position on dogs on leads in public spaces as she had experienced to attacks while horse riding. In particular she requested lamppost stickers to inform dog owners of their responsibilities.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>(i) NCC Animal Welfare Policy to be consulted.</b></p>	
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>Annual Assembly - Tuesday 23 April 2019, 6:00pm, Platform 1; East Bedlington Community Centre</b></p>		<p><b>Deputy Clerk</b></p>

Signed as a true record

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Chairman

Date: .....

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